



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

February 2019

Oyster Bay Nursery&Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents and Carers

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR PUPILS



We are pleased to inform you that children's swimming lessons for **Nursery, Years R, 1, 2, 3 and Oysters Provision** will commence after February half-term. Lessons are designed to promote enjoyment and confidence in the water, leading up to stroke technique and the learning of key skills (diving, jumping, treading water, sculling, turns, etc). Lessons are led by Mr Dowling and his team of fully qualified, experienced and dedicated swimming instructors. On swimming days, please can you ensure that your child has all the necessary kit (costume, towel, goggles). Swim hats will be provided by the school. To see what day your child is swimming, please refer to the swimming timetable. Our swimming program follows the STA School Swimming Academy which surrounds a scheme of 8 progressive awards designed to build water confidence, water safety skills and stroke development for pupils in Reception, Key Stages 1 and 2.

At Joy Lane Primary School we are extremely fortunate to have this wonderful resource on site and I am sure you will agree that the children benefit immensely from learning an essential life skill that will stay with them forever. The Governors and I feel the lessons offer extremely good value for money and therefore, we will continue to subsidise these to ensure the high quality teaching continues. Our first priority is keeping your child safe and therefore, as a school, we are committed to increasing the number of children who are able to confidently swim and see this as being particularly important given the school's location close to the sea.

The cost of swimming lessons per term is £15 (approximately £2 per lesson). We would like to continue to provide these for 3 terms for all of our pupils, thus making the total cost £45 (unlike the vast majority of primary schools, who only provide swimming lessons for 1 term). With ever increasing budget constraints placed upon schools to make savings and cut costs, it is imperative that all parents help contribute towards their child's swimming lessons. If only a small handful of parents pay their swimming fees, the school will consider reducing lessons to 2 terms (those who have paid the full amount will be refunded 1 term of lessons). Therefore, please ensure payment is made to ensure your child receives 3 terms worth of lessons.

There are various ways you can make payment. All payments must be made in advance of your child's swimming lesson either by card, or via our on-line payment system. If you would like to discuss swimming pool payments privately, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ashley-Jones, Head of School or either of our two Family Liaison Officers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that swimming is part of our school enrichment curriculum and is not optional; however, if your child has a medical reason for not attending swimming lessons, please contact the class teacher to discuss the issue.

As previously stated, your child's swimming lessons are heavily subsidised by the School and in order for this wonderful resource to remain sustainable, we will be closely monitoring the payments received for the lessons and would ask you to complete and return the attached slip to the School office.

Thank you once again for supporting your child's swimming lessons.

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Childs' Name:

Class:

Please tick your choice of payment method

On-line via Scopay

Card



Swimming Timetable Terms 4, 5 & 6

TERM	LESSONS COMMENCE	LESSONS FINISH
4	Monday 25 th February 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019
5	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
6	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 19 th July 2019

Please note that although we try and ensure the pool remains open and functioning throughout the year, due to incidents beyond our control, the pool is subject to closure for a period of time whilst the issue is solved. Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee catch-up sessions.

Day	Year / Class	Time
Monday	Year 1 – Vallotton	1-2pm
	Year 2 - Postgate	2-3pm
Tuesday	Nursery	9:30-11:30am
	Year 1 - Van Gogh	1-2pm
Wednesday	Year 2 – Picasso	2-3pm
	Year 3 – Riley	1-2pm
Thursday	Year 2 – Potter	2-3pm
	Reception (classes to rotate)	9-12am
Friday	Oysters: Group 2, term 4 Group 1, term 5 Group 2, term 6	1-2pm
	Year 3 – Renoir	2-3pm
Friday	Year 1 – Voysey	1-2pm
	Year 3 - Rousseau	2-3pm