



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Pupils in Years 4, 5, 6 and Oysters SRP

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR PUPILS



We are delighted to inform you that children's swimming lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 6th September 2021. Following the latest advice from the STA (Swimming Teachers Association) and with the Government's activation of Phase 4 of the COVID Recovery Plan, lessons will be structured in their usual pre-COVID setup. However, there will still be an emphasis on enhanced hygiene and cleanliness to maintain a healthy pool environment.

The cost for swimming lessons for the term will be £15 (approximately £2 per lesson). This equates to £45 for three terms worth of swimming. Now more than ever, there are increasing budget constraints placed upon schools to make savings and cut costs. It is imperative that all parents contribute towards their child's lessons. Please ensure that payment is made in advance of this term's swimming lessons (£15 per term). This can be made either by card, or via ParentMail. If you are in credit with your child's swimming lessons, this will automatically be carried over to the forthcoming academic year. 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.

Swimming 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). The 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 / swim shorts, towel, goggles, swim hat for long hair). Please refer to the timetable on the next page to see when your child's class is swimming in 2021/22.**

Our swimming program follows the STA School Swimming Academy programme. This encompasses a scheme of 8 progressive awards designed to build water confidence, water safety skills and stroke development for pupils in Reception and 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 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, which is extremely important, given the location of our school by the sea.

If you have any concerns regarding your child taking part in swimming lessons, please contact either Mr Dowling or Mr Ashley-Jones via the school office.

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

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Please note that although we try to ensure the pool remains open and functioning throughout the year, there are times, due to incidents beyond our control, when we have to close the pool. Unfortunately, we cannot always guarantee catch-up sessions.

TERM	LESSONS COMMENCE	LESSONS FINISH
1	Monday 6 th September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021
2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021
3	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Friday 11 th February 2022

Swimming Timetable Terms 1, 2 & 3

Day	Year / Class	Time
Monday	Oysters Group KS2 <small>(KS2 and KS1 to alternate swimming each term)</small>	1-2 pm
	Year 4 - Hepworth	2-3 pm
Tuesday	Nursery	9:30-11:30
	Year 4 – Hockney	1-2pm
	Year 4 – Heron	2-3pm
Wednesday	Year 6 - Banksy	1-2pm
	Year 6 – Bailey	2-3pm
Thursday	Year 5 - Dali	1-2pm
	Year 6 – Barnard	2-3pm
Friday	Year 5 - Degas	1-2pm
	Year 5 – DaVinci	2-3pm