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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Chestnut Class Swimming

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**



As part of our P.E. Curriculum, Year 3 children begin their school swimming lessons next term (Term 4). These take place at the Bicester Leisure Centre, every Monday, starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April (5 sessions). There will be no session on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March due to our visit to Culmington Manor. We will therefore have one session after the Easter holidays (on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April).

Your child will be required to bring their swimming kit, a one-piece costume for girls and trunks or swimming shorts (not long shorts) for boys, towel, a swimming hat (the Sports Centre does not allow children in school parties to swim without one and we do not have any spares in school) and a suitable bag to carry everything in. Earrings must be completely covered or removed.

Goggles can only be worn with an accompanying note explaining a medical reason. Please note this **does not** have to come from your GP. Becoming safer in and around water is the main aim of swimming sessions and, as children would not necessarily have goggles in an emergency situation, it is preferable that they are able to swim safely without them.

We are keen for the pupils not to miss any swimming lessons if at all possible, and minor injuries or illnesses need not prevent your child taking part. However, if your child is unable to take part in a session, please inform their teacher either in person, with a written note or e-mail.

We ask you to make a contribution of £20.00 (£4 per session) towards the cost of transport. Please make this payment online via Scopay with your permission by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The children will be travelling to Bicester Leisure Centre by coach.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I Horner



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