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Swimming Lessons for children in Farah Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Farah class will be starting swimming lessons each week after half term on a Thursday from the 22nd February to 23rd May – 12 weeks in total. In the first week your child will have a swimming assessment to see what stage they are currently at.

They will have a 30 minute swimming lesson in the afternoon at Bootham Swim School with fully qualified swimming teachers. We will walk there each week after lunch so please ensure your child has their coat and suitable footwear with them. Children are due to be back by the end of the school day but may be a few minutes late back due to the timing of their lessons.

The children will need a swimming costume (not bikinis), swimming shorts / trunks and a towel. They may also wish to bring goggles. There is no need for shower gel, deodorant or money for lockers etc.

The cost of the swimming lessons will impact the school finances so we are asking for a parental contribution of £18. This works out at £1.50 per swimming lesson which is significantly less than the actual cost of the lesson. We are asking this to be paid by Monday 18th March on Parent Pay.

The children benefit greatly from these swimming lessons and it is such an important skill to have, especially living in this area, close to the river.

Children are also required to have swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum. Therefore, please encourage children to remember their swimming kits every week and inform the school office if your child is not able to go swimming.

We understand that some children may not be able to swim and may be nervous about having lessons. Please be assured that lessons include teaching for total beginners as well as more advanced swimmers. The teachers are very supportive and encouraging. One of the teachers is Mr Scaling, our PE teacher and he knows the children very well. Mrs Bellinger and Miss Johnson will be accompanying the children as well.

Please speak to Mrs Bellinger or me if you have any questions.

With best wishes



Karen Boardman

Headteacher

Barnabas the Encourager