

# St John's Church of England Primary School

JOY of the Lord is Your Strength (Nehemiah 8:10)

Headteacher: Mr Phil Thomson



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

## Year 3 Swimming

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Year 3 will be starting swimming on Thursdays starting: **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Year 3 will be travelling by coach to and from the swimming baths at Dunes.

The swimming session is within the school day and makes up part of their PE curriculum which is a statutory requirement. This means that children cannot be withdrawn unless there is a medical reason. Please let a member of school leadership know if your child is unable to swim due to medical reasons so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Mrs Patterson and Mrs Comstive will take the class each week along with a qualified swimming teacher from Sefton Aquatics.

Please make sure that your child brings his/her swimming kit to school on Thursdays. Boys are only permitted to swim in trunks and not shorts and girls should swim in full costumes. Children can swim in goggles but please make sure they fit correctly.

Please ensure you read the following National Guidance from Sefton regarding earrings and swimming shorts:

- No earrings under any circumstances – Jewellery constitutes an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. Most ear lobe piercings can take up to 6 weeks to heal, please be aware that regardless of when your child has had their ears pierced, we will still require them to be completely removed, or your child will not be allowed take part. (6 weeks holidays are the perfect opportunity for new piercing's to heal). Failure to comply with the guidance surrounding jewellery may render the Council liable to enforcement action from either the HSE or Environmental Health Inspectors and/or Civil Action for Damages should a jewellery related incident/injury occur. OFSTED Inspectors may also check for compliance with the above procedures during their school inspections. Please bear in mind that year 4 swim first in the new academic year so year 3 will therefore be continuing after the summer holidays.
- Taping over ear studs, bracelets etc is not acceptable as exposure to water can easily dislodge the tape.
- No Baggy shorts - National guidance states that fitted lycra shorts are made of the correct swimming material that minimises drag which prevents anything from catching, falling or dragging.

If your child has their ears pierced, **please remove earrings at home.** We are unable to do this in school. If earrings are not removed, your child will not be able to swim.

All children are required to wear a swimming hat; these are available in school for £2.00.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Willmott  
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