Reception swimming

Dear Parents 25th May 2018

As most of you know St Mary's school is incredibly fortunate to have its own heated swimming pool and all the children in school use the pool very regularly in the summer term.

Reception class children are invited to swim on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons between 2.30pm & 3.15pm. Reception class children may be collected **from class** at 2.30 p.m. and taken to swimming by their parents/guardians who will need to **stay with them** at all times. *If you are unable to get here for 2.30 p.m. you may collect your **child at the end of afternoon play at 2.45 p.m.** and then take them swimming.* Miss Libby will remain in the classroom with the other children.

Swimming will start from Thursday 7th June 2018.

A few notes to help introduce you to our pool.

A maximum of 20 swimmers are allowed in the pool at any one time. If there are more than 20 children that wish to swim, the Lifeguards will operate a rotation of the children so that they all get to swim.

Children may only swim if a parent or named adult escorts them.

Swimming will not take place if the weather is not conducive! This responsibility lies with the pool attendants on duty not the school.

Please note that the swimming sessions can only operate if two lifeguards, who have undertaken the pool courses are available, so please **check the rota**, (on the Reception class door) before turning up to swim.

Swimming hats to be worn in the pool at all times - available for sale from the school office - they cost £2.50.

The pool is heated but little ones soon get cold drying, so towelling dressing robes are very useful.

No food or use of mobile phones is allowed in the pool area.

Please take the time to read the pool regulations before taking your child to swim.

Show your child how to enter the pool correctly by using the steps; they need to enter and leave the pool facing the steps.

Teach them that one blow of the pool attendants whistle means they have to stop still immediately & listen. Two blows of the whistle means you must remove your child from the pool immediately.

Armbands must be worn if your child cannot swim and you are not in the water with them.

N.B. CHILDREN REMAIN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES, NOT THE POOL ATTENDANTS.

After school swimming is very popular with the children, vouchers are available for £25 and will be available to buy after half term. This allows your family to swim after school from 3.30 – 4.30pm and in the summer holidays, Monday – Friday at 2.00 – 3.30pm.

ENJOY YOUR SWIMMING!

