

10<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Year 4 and Year 5 Parents

### School Swimming Lessons – 4 Pettet and 5 Sturgeon

As of September 2019, we have changed our focus towards swimming lessons in KS2. At Moulsham Juniors, we believe that every child should be able to swim and be safe around water by the time they leave primary school. Therefore, following guidance by Swim England and the Sports Premium initiative, we believe that the best chance of achieving this goal is to target children earlier. As a result, Year 4 and Year 5 children will access one half term's swimming lessons per class. This will be in place of one of their PE sessions during their designated half term. Lessons will commence on the **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of February** and will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please see the timetable below for your information.

Half Term:	Tuesday (1hr)	Wednesday (1hr)
Autumn 1	4 Hughes	5 Hughes
Autumn 2	4 Kemp	5 Kemp
Spring 1	4 King	5 King
<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>4 Pettet</b>	<b>5 Sturgeon</b>
Summer 1	4 Sturgeon	5 Pettet
Summer 2	4 White	Year 6 Non-Swimmers

This will provide us with an opportunity to enable those children who are not as confident in the water to have an additional opportunity to swim during the summer term. Whilst we appreciate that this is a change from previous years, we hope this will give the children greater opportunities to grow an enjoyment for swimming and practise before moving onto secondary school.

These sessions are only possible because of the generosity of Moulsham High School who let us use the pool free of charge. We do not, however, receive any allowance for the instructors who take the sessions. We use three instructors for each session and therefore make a charge of £12 for the half term. I am sure you will agree that this gives excellent value for money. In line with Government regulations, payment can only be asked for as a voluntary donation.



Consent / payment is required by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. We encourage all payments to be made via the online payment system but should this not be possible then payment can be made by cheque which should be payable to Moulsham Junior School and placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Swimming'. Consent for your child to take part in these swimming sessions and for the swimming instructors to enter the water to assist your child should your child require additional support can be confirmed via the online payment system. Unfortunately no child is able to attend without this consent. If you require any help with our online system please contact a member of the office staff.

We have been asked by the swimming instructors to stress that girls must wear a one piece swimming costume and that boys must wear trunks, not shorts. Earrings must be removed prior to swimming. Swimming is a statutory requirement of the curriculum therefore all children will be expected to swim. If your child cannot take part in a lesson for medical reasons, please inform the class teacher. Furthermore, some children may require additional guidance and it is helpful for the instructors to get into the water to assist. Please could you give your permission below in case this is required to support your child's progress.

If any swimming kits are forgotten the office staff will not be making calls for them to be brought in.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Nichols  
PE Co-ordinator

# YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS – SPRING 2 TERM 2019

**To: Moulsham Junior School**

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick box to indicate level of ability:

Non Swimmer

Up to 25 metres

Up to 50 metres

Up to 100 metres

Up to 250 metres

Up to 500 metres

Up to 750 metres

Over 750 metres

I confirm that I have made my payment of £12 on the online Tucasi payment system and given consent for the swimming instructors to enter the water to assist my child should my child require additional support.

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian

Dated .....