

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming – Years 3 and 4

All children in Years 3 and 4 will soon be going swimming for 30 minutes per week, for the autumn and spring terms at Ulverston swimming pool. This will be two blocks of 10 weeks, with the first block for this term commencing on **Monday 12th September 2016**.

The children in these classes will gain so much from attending these sessions such as water confidence, development of strokes and basic water survival. The children will be in a safe environment with 2 members of staff with qualifications, a swimming instructor, lifeguard and helpers in the water for the least confident children. Some children will wear buoyancy aids as appropriate.

The children's ability will be assessed during the first week and they will be placed in groups accordingly, but it would be helpful if you gave a brief description of your child's ability with the reply slip at the end of this letter. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit every Monday – swimming costume (not bikini style), trunks, shorts, towel but not goggles (see attached information).

Please put the following dates on your calendar for future reference:

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 12 th September	HALF-TERM
Monday 19 th September	Monday 31 st October
Monday 26 th September	Monday 7 th November
Monday 3 rd October	Monday 14 th November
Monday 10 th October	Monday 21 st November
Monday 17 th October	

SPRING TERM

Monday 16 th January	Monday 27 th February
Monday 23 th January	Monday 6 th March
Monday 30 th January	Monday 13 th March
Monday 6 th February	Monday 20 th March
Monday 13 th February	Monday 27 th March
HALF-TERM	

SJB has increased its swimming provision for this academic year, offering lessons to all children in Year 1 through to Year 6. The government requirement is that all children by the end of KS2 are confident, competent and proficient over a distance of 25 metres using a range of strokes. Our aim is that the majority of our children end up being able to swim much further and are also taught vital safe self-rescue skills. This of course is extremely important and we hope you will support us to allow SJB to be a successful school in the delivery of swimming and sport/PE generally.

Finally, to help our students along their journey, their progress will be monitored carefully and all successes will be praised in the form of certificates and assemblies, to help your child further develop confidence and hopefully a lifelong love for swimming.

A voluntary contribution of **£25** per child/per 10 week term is required which covers some of the cost of the pool, instructor and transport to and from the pool. This equates to **£2.50** per lesson. Without these contributions it will be very difficult to take the children swimming for as many sessions as we do. Please place the consent form and money in the envelope provided and return to the 'Office Drop Box' located in the main entrance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Dearden & Mrs S Hartley

Reply Slip - Swimming – Years 3 and 4

I enclose a cheque/money for:

£_____ for 10 week block to cover autumn term (with spring term to be paid after Christmas – a reminder will be sent)

OR

£_____ for 2 x 10 week block to cover autumn and spring term

Assessment of your child's ability:

My child is unable to swim []

My child can swim 5 metres []

My child can swim more than 5 metres []

Any further information:
