

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Swimming – Years 5 and 6

All children in Years 5 and 6 will soon be going swimming for 30 minutes per week, for the summer term at Ulverston swimming pool. This will be a block of 9 weeks, commencing on **Thursday 27th April 2017**

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 Thursday – 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:

SUMMER TERM

Thursday 27 th April	Thursday 8 th June
Thursday 4 th May	Thursday 15 th June
Thursday 11 th May – NO SWIMMING (Robinwood/SATs week)	Thursday 22 nd June
Thursday 18 th May	Thursday 29 th June – NO SWIMMING (KS2 Sports Day)
Thursday 25 th May	Thursday 6 th July
Thursday 1 st June – NO SWIMMING (HALF TERM)	Thursday 13 th July

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 **£13.50** per child/per 9 week term is required which covers some of the cost of the pool and instructor. This equates to **£1.50** per lesson. (The Year 5 and 6 children will walk to and from the pool with members of staff). 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 5 and 6

I enclose a cheque/money for:

£_____ for 9 week block to cover Summer 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:

Signed: Date:

Parent/Carer of: Class:

