



Tattershall Primary School
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KS2 Swimming Lessons

Dear parents & carers,

We have secured swimming lessons for all children in **Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6** at Jubilee Park outdoor swimming pool, starting on Wednesday 17th April. At Tattershall Primary School we strongly believe that swimming is an important life skill and therefore as a school we go above and beyond the national curriculum requirements. Swimming lessons incorporate water safety and provide our children with the knowledge on how to be safe around water.

This year our year 3s and 4s will go swimming for 6 weeks whilst our Year 5 and 6 children will swim for 12 weeks to help them achieve the national curriculum for a Year 6 to leave primary school being able to swim 25 m and be competent and safe around the water. All lessons are part of the National P.E Curriculum and will be taught by qualified swimming teachers following the Swim England Scheme. Details about this can be found on www.swimming.org/learntoswim. Children will have a 30-minute lesson each week and they will progress through the seven Swim Award stages.

Lessons will take place on:

Term 5	Term 6
17 th April - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	5 TH June - Yr 5 & 6
24 th April - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	12 th June - Yr 5 & 6
1 st May - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	19 th June - Yr 5 & 6
8 th May - Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6	26 th June - Yr 5 & 6
15 th May - Yr 3 & 5 ONLY 1 HOUR LESSON	3 rd July - Yr 5 & 6
22 nd May - Yr 4 & 6 ONLY 1 HOUR LESSON	10 th July - Yr 5 & 6

Please note: due to administration of the SATS on Wednesday 10th May year 3 and 5 children will receive a one hour swim lesson. Year 4 and 6 will receive an hour swim lesson the following week.

Health and Safety

Swimming lessons will run each Wednesday, between 9 and 10:30am. Children will travel to Jubilee Park swimming pool on a coach fitted with seat belts. Our children, at no time, will be with members of the public in the pool as it will be open solely for our use during those times.

Donation requests

The requested donation for each lesson, for each child per week is **£4.30** this can be paid weekly.

The total requested donation for all of the swimming sessions for a Year 3 and 4 will be **£25.80**

The total requested donation for all of the swimming sessions for a Year 5 and 6 will be **£51.60**
All donations will be gratefully received.

How to pay

All donations should be made online using School Money so an accurate record can be kept of payments made should we need to make any refunds. Donations can be made weekly or for longer intervals.

What to wear

All children require a named towel and appropriate swim wear. Boys are to wear swimming trunks or shorts but must be no longer than knee length as this can significantly impede swimming ability. Girls are to wear a one-piece swimsuit. These should be sufficiently tight fitting to allow freedom of limb movement without causing unsafe water resistance. All jewellery must be removed before children swim, including earrings and long hair needs to be tied back securely so that their vision is not affected.

Verrucas

If your child has a verruca on their foot, the policy at Jubilee Park is for your child to wear either a swim sock or an ordinary sock to reduce the infection risk while at the pool. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child will need to be reminded to wear a sock or drop a message to enquiries@tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk. Please ensure your choice of sock is with your child each Wednesday morning.

What to bring

Towels must be in a bag which can be easily hung on a peg and they may also have a comb or brush with them. Shower gel and shampoo are not allowed as there is insufficient time after a lesson for each child to wash but an opportunity to rinse under the showers will be provided once the children are out of the pool.

Beach Ready

Children need to arrive in school each Wednesday morning, 'beach ready'. This means that they need to be wearing their swimming kit under their uniform as this will reduce the infection risk by minimising the use of the changing rooms. Don't forget underwear! If your child has goggles they may bring them but they must be named. Swimming teachers may ask the children to remove them for some of the swimming activities.

Outer layers

Children must come to school with their school jumper/cardigan and coat as it is often cool at the start of the summer term when getting out of the pool and the children will need layers to keep them warm after their swim.

Non-swimmers

If your child is not able to join their swimming lesson a letter must be sent to their class teacher so that they are aware of the reason. Your child will still travel to the pool so that they remain supervised with their class. The water is heated to 30 degrees and a child is likely to be warmer in the pool than sitting alongside the pool watching the lesson.

Year 4 and 6 children

Year 4s and Year 6s will be going to Jubilee Park first each week for their swimming lesson. This means that the coach is booked to board at school at 8:40. So that the children get their lesson at the planned time we need to have them in school early each Wednesday morning at 8.35am. This is so they can hang their school bags in the cloakroom so they are not taking unnecessary items with them on the coach, visit the toilet before the journey if necessary and be registered.

We are going to unlock the gate by the school cycle shelter at 8.35am to allow Year 4 and 6 children ONLY to enter their classroom and be registered before getting on the coach. If they have siblings these children must remain with an adult, either outside the gates or on the playground before going to their class when the gates are opened for all children to enter at 8.50am.

Out of school activity permission

Our annual educational visit consent form covers these lessons at the swimming pool. If we do not have a current signed consent form we will ensure that we send one home with your child. Please return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mr Hoodless