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Dear Parents,

We are writing to let you know that the Year 3 and 4 children will be starting swimming lessons at Drayton Junior School this term. The lessons take place on a Wednesday afternoon and the children will be swimming as a class group. Class 3/4L (Miss Greenwood's class) will start first on Wednesday 3rd May and continue until half-term, followed by Mr Armstrong's class and finally Mr Endall's class.

The children must wear a swimming hat, with the girls wearing a one-piece swimming costume and the boys wearing swimming trunks (not Bermuda shorts style please!) We are told that lost jewellery, nail varnish and talcum powder are two major risks for pool filtration equipment. So we do ask that talcum powder is not used and all nail varnish is removed before swimming. Earrings will need to be removed prior to leaving school and it is recommended that the children bring a small box to put them in, which they can leave in their desk. We do have a few swimming hats available to buy for a £1. ***We must apologise for this information being sent so late (the letter should have been sent home last week!!) and will understand if your child does not have a swimming kit ready for tomorrow.***

Children with verrucas need not miss swimming, providing treatment has started. Apparently it is the same virus as any wart and does not prohibit participation. Those children with asthma, also need to ensure they have their inhaler at school on a Wednesday.

Due to the nature of the activity, Mrs Boyce, the swimming teacher does expect a high standard of self-discipline and behaviour from all the children.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to an aspect which does worry children. A swimming pool is a noisy place (a combination of splashing and acoustics) and it helps if children are expecting an 'active' noise from the pool and a loud voice from whoever are the instructors.

Yours sincerely,

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