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Headteacher: Mrs T Price BA (Hons) MA Ed

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 6 Swimming Festival

As you will appreciate, water safety is an important life skill for our children to learn, to help develop the swimming skills we are running a Fun Swimming Festival at Biddulph Leisure Centre for Year 6 on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Pupils will have an assembly On Thursday 9th October which will explain in detail how the festival will work and will give students the opportunity to ask questions.

Students will participate in small groups within their house, and play fun games such as balancing floats on their heads whilst walking or swimming as a relay, retrieving floating objects as part of a team, a noodle race where floats are used to keep them afloat as they travel across the pool, etc. Your child will participate at a water depth that they are comfortable with and will choose which activities they wish to be a part of.

Students will be taken to and from Biddulph Leisure Centre by coach, accompanied by James Bateman staff and they will need to bring the following items with them:

- PE kit to school
- Swimming costume
- Swimming hat
- Underwear if wearing their costume to school
- Long or short sleeved t-shirt to wear when not in pool
- 2 Towels, one to keep warm when on side
- Any normal medication or inhalers

If your child is apprehensive, we ask that you also stress to them the importance of being confident around water, to help keep them safe. If required we can find a sports leadership role for your child, but it would be lovely to get everyone involved. We understand that some students can worry when in water, so if they are still worried following the assembly, please feel free to contact Mrs Montifroy by email cmontifroy@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk to share any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Montifroy
(Head of Physical Education)

Mr A Walton
(Boys PE and Assistant Head)