FAIR OAK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A requirement of the National Curriculum is that as many children as possible leave primary school able to swim at least 25 metres unaided and are knowledgeable and safe around water.

This year, due to pool availability, swimming will take place in the Spring Term; we will be able to offer a course of 10 swimming sessions, at Places Leisure (formerly Fleming Park) for all children. Lessons will be tailored to each child's swimming ability, with beginners building confidence and skills in the water and more advanced swimmers refining their techniques and learning essential life-saving skills. Qualified staff conduct the swimming sessions. 'Places Leisure' have advised 45-minute-long sessions, which will allow for greater development, which means each class will be assigned one day a week for 10 weeks. Their swimming day will not change.

We will be transporting the children to the pool using the school mini buses which means there will not be any cost to you. The sizeable cost of the hire of the pool and the payment for instructors will be made by the school, as it is a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum.

The weeks when we will be swimming are:

w/c 11th January 2027
w/c 18th January 2027
w/c 25th January 2027
w/c 1st February 2027
w/c 8th February 2027
HALF TERM
w/c 22nd February 2027
w/c 1st March 2027
w/c 8th March 2027
w/c 15th March 2027
w/c 22nd March 2027

Thursday 25th March is an inset day and **Friday 26th March** is a public holiday so there will be no swimming on these days.

Each class will have a specific swimming day within these weeks as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Panda	Rhino	Turtle	Jaguar	Koala

Please click here to let us know your child's swimming ability by **Monday 7th December** so that we can begin to sort out groupings**.** Should there be any queries regarding the swimming programme, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Darby
Year 4 Leader