

Dear parents and carers,

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT





Wow! What a fantastic effort from our choir- so many positive comments...

We're very proud of you all



SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS

50% of 11-year-olds in England leave primary school unable to swim, a representative sample of 1,000 parents of Year 6 pupils suggests.

And two-thirds of the parents, surveyed for Swim England, feared their child could not save themselves in water.

"Hundreds of people drown every year," warned Steve Parry, a former Olympic swimmer and chairman of a report urging an overhaul of school swimming.

Ministers agreed "more must be done" to improve school swimming.

According to the survey, published alongside the report, an overwhelming 94% of parents believe it is important for their child to be able to swim competently by the end of primary school.

"Water safety is the only part of the national curriculum that will save children's lives, it can't be treated as an optional extra," said Mr Parry.

The report, compiled after eight months of research, points out that the National Curriculum requires all children to be able to swim 82ft (25m) by the age of 11 - but says that too many schools miss the target.

It draws on figures compiled by Swim England, formerly the Amateur Swimming Association, which show that only 36% of primary schools reach all the national curriculum swimming and water safety standards.

And worryingly, the same set of figures show that more than a quarter of schools are not providing adequate swimming lessons.

The situation in our school is very different; 100% of our 11 year olds will leave our school being able to swim at least 25m, many of them capable of swimming distances far in excess of this basic requirement. This has been the case for many years, the result of regular weekly swimming sessions and our total commitment to ensuring that every child learns this lifeskill before leaving primary school.

The cost of pool hire and specialist teaching will continue to be met by the school however the voluntary parental contribution towards providing transport to the pool will increase to £2 from the start of next half term.



SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Our revised Summer Menu for next half term is now available to view on the website; please look for the Parents drop down menu to find School Meals. With ever increasing food costs it has become necessary to increase the cost of our school meals to £2.20/day after half term which is still less than other schools and remains good value for money when compared to the cost of preparing a packed lunch. <u>Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to FREE school meals</u> through the Government's Universal Free School Meal Initiative, a scheme which could <u>save parents over £437</u>

Next week's menu: WEEK 1, see w/s, PARENTS, School Meals

Extra-Curricular Activities; Breakfast Club from 8am all week-last food orders 8.40am

Monday- Athletics Club (Y1-6) until 4.15pm, <u>No Construction Club this week</u> <u>due to Staff Training</u>

Tuesday- Gardening Club (Y3-6, please bring wellies and suitable clothing for the garden) until 4.15pm, Musical Theatre (Y5-6) until 4.15pm Wednesday-Maths Club (Y1-2) until 4pm, Cricket Club (Y3-6) until 4.15pm Thursday- Crochet Club, Rounders Club (Y3-6) both until 4.15pm

Activities R Us – Short Stay Session to 4.15pm only £2.00 full session until 5.30pm £4.00- Weather Permitting- Outside Play is encouraged every day Monday- Tie Dye Activity- 1 item/child- old T Shirts, pillow cases etc. Tuesday-Gift Making for Father's Day/Special Person Wednesday- Make a Snack for Snack-time Thursday- Outdoor Sports and Activities Friday- Crafting with Mrs Ginty

HALF TERM BREAK: 28th May- 1st June 2018















Important Notice to all Parents/Carers

Your child will be bringing home a letter today which outlines arrangements concerning Class Structures/Staff Arrangements