

December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we have managed to secure swimming sessions in the afternoon for all the Year 3 and Year 4 children for the Spring Term.

This will be part of our planned PE curriculum for the term and all children will be expected to attend, as we feel it is really important to take this chance to develop such an important life skill.

We will be returning to the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry. The benefits of using this centre means that we can take the whole year group together and children will be allocated dedicated class changing rooms.

The children will be grouped according to ability and taught by trained swimming teachers who will follow a structured scheme. At the end of the ten-week programme, children will be awarded certificates and badges.

Please see below for the Y4 afternoon swimming lesson dates:

Year 4	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight	Nine	Ten
Thursday	16/1/25	23/1/25	30/1/25	6/2/25	13/2/25	27/2/25	6/3/25	13/3/25	20/3/25	27/3/25

The children will need to bring a towel and swimwear. Swimming hats should be worn and these can be purchased via the school office for £2.50.

The Alan Higgs Centre pool regulations stipulate that:

- All children must have their hair tied up if long
- All children must wear full swimming costumes or swimming shorts. (no bikini's, tankini's or long shorts during lessons)
- All jewellery should be removed (anyone with new piercings must have waterproof plasters or a water headband to cover the ears).

It would be easier if children with earrings don't wear them to school that day. Teaching staff are not allowed to assist with removing them or putting them back in!

Telford Junior School has insurance for all offsite activities and all relevant risk assessments have been completed. Transport will be provided by Catteralls Coaches who will supply a coach with seatbelts.

To cover the cost of the activity we would be grateful for a contribution of £60. Payment & consent is due by **Tuesday 7th January 2025** on your ParentPay account. If any parents/carers have problems in paying, please speak to a member of the office staff.

Thank you,

Sarah Powell

Deputy Head Teacher