



Friday 3rd February

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's class will be swimming for the second half of the year (a total of 17 weeks) starting from Monday 20th February.

Swimming Days

| Day | Class |
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| Monday | 5Mu |
| Tuesday | 5Ma, 3Ly & 3L |
| Wednesday | 3S |
| Thursday | 3H & 3E |

Your child will need a **swimming hat, one piece swimming costume / tight fitting trunks and a towel in a swimming bag**. Please ensure every item of clothing is clearly labelled. Please can you also make sure that your child has a brightly coloured hat (not red as these are for children with medical conditions). Your child's name should be clearly written on the outside of their hat. *Hats can be ordered via ParentPay at a cost of £2.50.*

We believe that swimming is an essential life skill and has many mental, physical and social benefits. It is important that all of our children learn to swim, particularly as we are lucky enough to live so close to open water.

The aim is for the children to complete one level of the *School Swimming and Water Safety Awards* each year. They will also work towards their distance badges of 5 metres, 10 metres, 15 metres, 20 metres and 25 metres. Further information can be found on [the school's website](#) and the Swim England website - www.swimming.org/schools.

Hamstel Schools are extremely fortunate to have their own pool. We do, however, rely on parental contributions to run the pool for the benefit of our children. The cost of swimming this year is **£25** which should be paid via [ParentPay](#) (*please note, it is possible to pay in instalments with a minimum payment of £12*). Thank you for your support.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Hamstel School Swim Staff