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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In September, all the children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be going swimming on Thursday mornings at Westgate Leisure Centre – Everyone Active in Chichester. The sessions will commence on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September and will finish on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December (10 sessions in total). There will not be any swimming on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October as this is the Pheasant class residential trip and there will also not be any swimming on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October as it is half term.

Girls will need to bring a towel and swimming costume (a bikini is not practical) and the boys will need to bring a towel and swimming shorts or trunks (shorts below the knee are not practical as they inhibit swimming properly). Any long hair will need to be tied back for safety reasons. The children will need to ensure that they are not wearing any earrings, or if they do, that they are able to remove them themselves as Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not permitted to do this.

The children may bring swimming goggles, but will not need to bring any swimming aids (e.g. armbands) as they will be assessed during the first lesson by a swimming instructor (in the shallow end) and put in an appropriate group.

We strive very hard to keep all costs to a minimum but do need to ask for a voluntary contribution of  $\pm 56.00$  for the term. This contributes towards the cost of transport, swimming pool hire, the hire of swimming teachers and insurance. Payment will be via the Arbor Parent App. Once on the app, go to the main menu and select the 'Clubs' tab. Here you will be able to give consent and financial contribution of  $\pm 56.00$ . The link below explains how to book your child onto a club via Arbor:

 $\underline{https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008179494-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App}$ 

Please do speak to me in confidence if you have any problems.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

Adrian King

