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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have two items that we would like to update you on.

Swimming

Before the Summer break we advised of the new swimming arrangements that would be effective from this September. It was decided that the initial focus for this half term would be the Year 5 children; all were to be assessed on their ability to swim 25 metres and once they can they will be moved to lifesaving activities. The Governing Body said that they would reassess this arrangement by half-term.

The Governing Body met last week and, using data provided by the Office Manager indicating the high level of payments made by parents (85%) and reflecting on feedback received from the teacher who takes the children to the lessons, it was agreed that the current arrangement is working successfully, is of benefit to all of the children and should remain in place until Christmas. This allows the Year 5s to continue to have time together as a cohort during the week, which in turn allows the Year 4s and Year 6s to complete specific tasks within the classroom, which the Governing Body also considers to be very important.

Hipsburn Primary does not send any children to swimming during the Spring term, but the Governing Body will use the time between Christmas and Easter to reflect on the provision and work with staff to reach an agreement on which year group(s) will swim in the Summer term and advise all parents accordingly.

Parent Pop-In 6/10/17

Representatives from the Governing Body were pleased to meet 8 parents face-to-face at the first Parent Pop-In session last Friday. We also received 3 written enquiries and we appreciate the time everyone took to convey their thoughts. The Governing Body is currently looking at the questions/comments/suggestions received and are extracting common themes and allocating action points to individuals on the Governing Body and staffing team to seek responses as soon as possible. The individuals who contacted us will be responded to directly and we then plan to summarise and anonymise the key themes and share with all parents.

We plan to hold these sessions termly, so will advise in due course of the date of the next session in the New Year. Please remember if you have a concern around Safeguarding or Health and Safety you should raise this with Mr Moloney immediately.

Regards,

Governing Body, Hipsburn Primary School

