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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 6 Swimming 6P - Wednesday 11th and 6B - Friday 20th September 2019.

We are offering the Year 6 children the exciting opportunity to perform self rescue in an outdoor lake at Box End Bromham for the Drowning prevention week activity this year.

The campaign, created by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) aims to reduce the number of drowning and non-fatal drowning incidences that occur in the UK every year, by showing people how to be safe and have fun near water.

Facts:

Over 700 people drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injury, some life-changing, through non-fatal drowning experiences.

Drowning is a leading cause of child accidental death.

You are more likely to die from drowning than by being hit by a car or in a fire.

Year 6 will travel by bus to Box End where they will be given a wetsuit to wear over their swimwear, Box End will then give a safety talk about swimming in the lake and playing on the inflatables, the children will swim in the lake for up to 45 minutes, in this time they will perform personal survival skills they have learnt in the swimming lessons at Trinity. They will get a feel of performing them in a real life situation not in the pool, they will also have 45 minutes to enjoy the inflatables and the children will all have life jackets to wear whilst playing on the equipment.

The children must bring a swimming costume or trunks, a swimming hat and a towel. All jewellery must be removed.

The cost of this exciting trip is £ 25-00 which has been subsidised by the PE budget.

Please log into your parentpay account to give permission and payment for the trip. If you have any questions about the activities or payment please contact the school office.

We do ask parents to contribute to the cost of the trip, but inability to pay the full amount does not prevent children from participating.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Whitehead
Headteacher