



Swimbridge CE Primary School

Inspire, Enable and Educate for 'Life in all its Fullness'.



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 16th to Fri 20th Sep)

Mon: Yr 2 orienteering at SMCC

Tue: Guitars/Flutes

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri: Explorers swimming



What an enjoyable and purposeful first full week back we've all had! I feel immensely proud of our children, who have launched themselves into their learning with positivity and enthusiasm. I would like to take this opportunity to share a picture of our new Reception children, who have settled wonderfully into Swimbridge life.



I would also like to share a photograph of our new year six 'Marvellous Mentors', who have shown maturity and responsibility in abundance this week; modelling our values, guiding younger pupils and assisting staff, to ensure the smooth running of lunchtimes in our school. They truly are a credit to themselves. Thank you and well done to you all!

The PE rolling programme is now in place and I would like to thank all parents for helping us by returning the annual 'parental consent for local off-site activities' forms so efficiently. The Jubilee Hall was available for gymnastics use this afternoon and so we took advantage, with the Discoverers enjoying their lesson in the village instead of at the Dojo. Unfortunately, due to a technical error, the coach company did not send a coach for our swimmers and so the Explorers will start swimming next week, with an extra session being provided towards the end of term so no children miss out.

A number of children had their ears pierced over the summer break and we would therefore like to remind parents that earrings need to be removed for PE wherever possible. If you are unable to remove your child's earrings, then please tape your child's ears with micropore tape before school, or provide tape for your child to tape their own ears. For health and safety reasons, Staff are unable to accept responsibility for taping ears.

Important curriculum and behavior for learning information was emailed to all parents today, please take the time to read this information.

There will be an informative Skern Lodge meeting straight after school on 4th Oct, where Inventors children and parents will be provided with the programme for the trip, together with a kit list and any other essential information.

Merit Stamp Card
Congratulations

Mason, Travis, Abbie,
Ebony, Lillah-Mai

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 16th Sept, Year2 Orienteering at SMCC
- Thurs 10th Oct, Whole and individual school photos
- Thurs 26th Sept, 3.15–4pm—Reception parents open session with Mrs Jeffery. Mon 30th Sept, KS2 High Five Netball (team tbc)
- Fri 11th Oct, PTFA Autumn children's disco
- Fri 4th Oct, Skern Lodge final parents meeting from 3.20-4.00pm
- Mon 14th Oct, 9.30am—Harvest Service at St James Church, Swimbridge
- Tues 8th Oct, 3pm—All parents invited into school to view their child/ren's DT projects before taking them home.
- Tues 15th—Fri 18th Oct—Inventors Skern Lodge Residential
- Fri 18th Oct, Break up for half term. Please note there is no school on Mon 28th Oct, school starts back on Tues 29th Oct.

Our school vision is to embrace the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of all. We strive for educational excellence by supporting and developing the following values:

Wisdom

Hope

Community

Dignity

Love

Could I thank those parents who are assisting us by consistently keeping their ParentPay accounts in credit; this makes a huge difference to Mrs Bull's workload. On the subject of ParentPay, any outstanding payments must be cleared immediately, as we are only two weeks into the term and there are already a large number of lunch and Cool Kids debts outstanding. If your child is an Inventor, please also check that all Skern Lodge Residential payments have now been made.

School Office Opening Times:

A reminder to parents that the school office hours are Mon—Fri from 8.30am—12pm and then 1pm—4.30pm. At other times, please leave a short message on the answerphone or email Mrs Bull on admin@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk and someone will get back to you at the earliest convenience.

Glidden & Squire:

We are delighted to be entering Swimbridge School in the Glidden & Squire North Devon X-Country League this again year. If you would like your child to enter, please go to the office and fill in the application form and pay the £10 entry fee. Closing date for applications is **Monday 23rd September**. Children of all abilities can enter and take part in these races. Parents are responsible for taking children to these events and are responsible for them at the races.

Age categories:

U9 (typically year 3/4) Distance approx 1250m

U11 (year 5/6) Distance approx 1750m

If athletes complete 5 of the 7 races they will receive a medal at the end of the season.

DATES FOR THE 2019-20 SEASON

Sunday 29th September - Kingsley School, Bideford - First Race 10am

Sunday 13th October - Shebbear College, Beaworthy - First Race 10am

Sunday 3rd November - Coxleigh Barton Equestrian Centre, Shirwell - First Race 10am

Sunday 24th November - West Buckland School - First Race 10am

Sunday 15th December - Northam Burrows (inc. Westward League) - First Race 11:30am

Sunday 12th January - Venue TBC - First Race 10am

Sunday 2nd February - Finals Day at West Buckland School - First Race 10am

If you have any questions you can ask Victoria O'Connor (Aoife & Jack's mum) or Miss Morris how the events work or visit <https://northdevonxcleague.weebly.com/>

Year 6 Secondary School Open Days:

We would like to inform parents of Year 6 pupils that secondary school open days and evenings are upon us already. If you would like to take your child to visit any of the school listed below during the school day, please inform Mrs Bull in the office of the day your child be will absent from school and if they will require a cooked meal upon their return.

- ◆ **Chumleigh Community College** open evening from 4.30-7.00pm on Tue 17th Sept. Open morning from 9.00-10.45am on Wed 25th Sept.
- ◆ **The Park Community School** open evening from 5.45pm on Thurs 19th Sept. Open mornings from 9.05-11.20am on Mon 23rd, Tue 24th, Wed 25th and Thurs 26th Sept.
- ◆ **Pilton Community College** open evening from 6.00pm on Mon 23rd. Open mornings from 9.00-11.00am on Wed 25th, Thurs 26th and Fri 27th Sept.

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: *Daily reading, literacy and maths in home work books please.*

Discoverers: *Maths, spellings and daily reading please.*

Explorers: *Daily reading, timestables and spellings. (see home learning folder)*

Inventors: *Daily reading and spellings ready for a test on Monday.*

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Dates for your diary

Friday 11th October: Autumn Disco, see details below
Monday 14th October: PTFA AGM 6-7pm

Children's Autumn Disco **(Fancy dress optional)**

Friday 11th October in Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

£3 on the door (price includes unlimited squash and a packet of crisps)
Sweets will be available to buy on the night

- EYFS and KS1 (years R,1 & 2) from 6pm—7pm (parents stay to supervise their own children)
- KS2 (years 3,4,5 & 6) from 7.15—8.15pm (parents may stay or drop and collect)

'Helping Hands'

A sign-up sheet is in the office if you are able to help on the night: tickets, refreshments, sweet stall, set up/clear away.

Please bring any cake donations to the school office on the day of the disco, many thanks.