



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News



The Week Ahead

(Mon 9th to Fri 13th Dec)

Mon:

Tue:
Guitars

Wed:
PTFA refreshments from 8.40am Adv & Dis Nativity 10am, followed by a cake sale, all taking place in the Jubilee Hall

Thurs:
HATs at SMCC (selected children)

Fri:
Whole school Christmas Service in St James Church from 2pm. Please collect your child from church at 3.15pm

Christmas has arrived at Swimbridge this week. Some of our children spent Monday afternoon decorating the school to make it look ready for the festive season. Don't forget we have our Christmas post box in the reflection area, with the Adventurers delivering post throughout the week. It has been wonderful to hear the children practicing their Christmas songs this week, with the Adventurers and Discoverers rehearsing for their Nativity production at every opportunity.



Yesterday, the whole school spent the afternoon in the Jubilee Hall as they watched Theatre Alibi perform an adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's book- 'I Believe in Unicorns', an amazing production which celebrated the power of reading. The children were in awe of the performers and the live accordion player. Thank you to all those who have paid the voluntary contribution of £5 towards this amazing production, any remaining payments should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible.

On Wednesday (11th) in the Jubilee Hall, parents, grandparents and family friends of the children performing in our Nativity are invited to join us for the morning. From 8.40am, our PTFA will be selling refreshments in the hall, so you can have a brew and wait in the warm before the nativity beings at 10am. After the performance there will be a cake sale for friends and family as well as the children so we welcome any cake contributions on the day.



Our Christmas Service will start at 2pm in St James Church on Friday 13th. We very much hope you will come along and join us for an afternoon of Christmas celebrations. At the end of the service, all the children will be dismissed from the church and they will have all their belongings with them. Please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected from the church by 3.15pm. Many thanks in advance.

There is still time to pop an extra 25p into the office to cover the cost of the 'all-trimmings-Christmas lunch' taking place on Wednesday 18th. To encourage the children to get into the festive spirit, they can choose to come into school in a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas hat, for a donation of £1 which will go towards our sponsorship of Mamadou - our Action Aid child.

To round off this special festive day, we are going to be carol singing around Swimbridge Village from 6-8pm, ending with hot chocolate at The Jack Russell from 7.45pm. All are welcome to join us, however, we do ask that parents accompany their own children. Please meet at school, wrapped up warm, no later than 5.50pm ready to start promptly at 6pm.

Is your child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and are they interested in learning the guitar? Tim Parker, our guitar tutor has a few spaces available. Please pop into the school office for more information.

The deadline to return your Data Form was last Friday. Sadly we still have over 30 forms un-returned. It is essential that all forms are checked, amended where necessary and returned (even if no amendments are needed).

As we head towards the end of another term, may we kindly remind parents that all dinner, Cool Kids and breakfast club debts are to be cleared before the end of the school term. To sustain a quality service we rely on parents keeping accounts clear or in credit. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Wed 18th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Wed 18th Dec, 6-8pm Christmas Carol singing around the village
- Thurs 19th Dec, Last day of the autumn term

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards
Congratulations

Abbie, Harry, Daisy S-W,
 Jessica W, Aoife, Bella,
 Leoni, George S, Theo,
 Mason, Molly-May

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers:
 We are nearly ready for the Nativity Performance next week! Please make sure you practise your lines and bring costumes in ready for Monday, in a named bag please.

Explorers:
 have started to create their very own extreme earth animations.

Inventors:
 have created diary entries this week, for 'World Changing Woman in Science'. Display to follow—please come in and take a look.

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

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: *Reception: phonics activity, and daily reading please.
Year 1: SPaG, spellings and daily reading please.*

Discoverers: *SPaG and spellings due on Thursday and daily reading please.*

Explorers: *Times tables, spellings and daily reading please.*

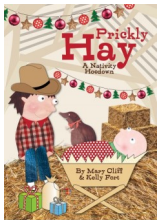
Inventors: *Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please. Don't forget to continue to work on your Christmas decorations.*

PTFA News Page

PTFA



Thank you to every who attended, donated and helped out at the children's Christmas market yesterday. It was wonderful to see the children shopping happily, pondering over what gifts to get for their loved ones. We hope you enjoy opening your surprises on Christmas morning.



If you are able to help out serving refreshments, or selling cakes next Wednesday (11th), in the Jubilee Hall before or after the EYFS/Key Stage 1 Nativity, we would be most grateful.

Please pop into the office and let Mrs Bull know.

We would also welcome any cake or mince pie donations.



Dates for your diary.....

- **Wednesday 11th December** - from 8.40am we will be providing morning refreshment before the lower school Nativity performance in the Jubilee Hall. There will also be a cake sale after the performance.
- **Thursday 16th January** - Bags2School collection from 9.00am
- **Friday 17th January** - 8.45am PTFA meeting, all welcome

We are pleased to announce that Swimbridge School PTFA have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bags2School on **Thursday 16th January**. Please look out for a letter and collection bag that will be sent home soon.

