



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Nov)

Please note that choir is now on a Thursday lunch time

Mon:

Yr3/4 (certain children)
 Athletics at SMCC,
 Yr 5/6 girls netball at Park

Tue:

Guitars
 Flutes

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri:

Whole school photo
 Inventors swimming



Monday saw our Inventors take part in an act of remembrance at St James Church. The class shared poetry and prayer and reflected during a 2 minute silence, before laying a wreath from all at Swimbridge School. Thank you to parents and pupils for supporting the Poppy Appeal, our school collection raised £75.07 for the Royal British Legion.

It has truly been a week of celebrating our values and giving hope and support to others this week. On Tuesday, it was wonderful to welcome back our much loved Mrs Beechey, who came in to help the children pack their shoeboxes full of gifts for our Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. We successfully delivered 26 completed shoeboxes to Grosvenor Church, along with cash donations of £22.50, which will go towards the £5 per box postage fee. Well done and a huge thank you to everyone!



Today we have celebrated Children in Need and all things spotty. It was fantastic to see the children all dressed in Pudsey attire and various bright and spotty outfits as they came in this morning. We had 11 fabulous entries for the cake competition with the winner being announced at the end of the day. We hope you are able to join us at 3.15pm for our cake sale, where the cake entries and cake donations will be available to purchase. Our fundraising total will be announced next week.



Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers:

have been experimenting with different balance activities in the Dojo this week.

Discoverers:

have been writing non chronological reports and learning about penguins this week.

Explorers:

have been creating zentangle snow scenes, linked to their avalanche learning this week.

Inventors:

have worked on how to organise historical information, creating personal and early technology timelines.

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to attend our parent/teacher consultation sessions this week. We hope you found them helpful and informative. Please remember that you can always book via the office at any time if you would like to meet with your child's class teacher about any aspect of their education.

Here at Swimbridge we are extremely grateful to our small group of willing volunteer parents who regularly help out with transport for our many sporting events and fixtures. Without this invaluable support, it would simply not be possible for our children to take part so thank you so much! We are always looking for extra volunteers to help with sporting events and school visits so if you have a little spare time, whether occasionally or regularly and would like to help the school, please pop into the school office to let Mrs Bull know and she will guide you through the DBS process.

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards

Congratulations

Mason, Annabel, Esme, William A, Barnaby, Alex S, Alice, Maisie, Lin-Li, Daisy S-W, Joseph

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Fri 22nd Nov, Whole school photo
- Mon 2nd Dec, Flu vaccinations
- Thurs 5th Dec, Theatre Alibi performance
- Thurs 5th Dec, PTFA children's Christmas Market from 3.15pm in school
- Fri 6th Dec, Joint Inventors and Explorers swimming session
- Fri 6th Dec, Progress reports to parents
- Wed 11th Dec, EYFS/KS1 Nativity from 9.30am, PTFA refreshments will be on sale from 8.40am in the Jubilee Hall, with a cake sale afterwards. Cake donations and helpers welcome
- Fri 13th Dec, Christmas Service from 2.00pm
- Wed 18th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Thurs 19th Dec, Last day of the autumn term

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

Reading for Pleasure Competition

A reminder that it is still time to enter Mrs Tibbles reading competition. If you would like to enter, please create a story map, story mountain or comic strip to represent your favourite book and take it to the school office. The closing date for any entries is 22nd November—Good luck!

School Photo

Next Friday (22nd Nov) we will be walking to the Jubilee Hall for our annual whole school photograph. Children must come into school in full, smart school uniform, wearing their Swimbridge School logoed jumper or cardigan. A reminder that full uniform at this time of year is as follows:

Girls - Grey school logoed cardigan or jumper, white polo shirt or blouse, grey skirt or pinafore dress, grey tights or white socks and black shoes.

Boys - Grey school logoed jumper, white polo shirt or shirt, grey trousers, black socks and black shoes.

If you need to purchase a school logo jumper or cardigan, please see Mrs Bull in the school office.

Data collection form

Every child will be bringing home a data collection form next week. This is an annual check of your details and it is essential that these are checked, amended where necessary and returned (even if no amendments are needed) to the school office no later than Fri 29th Nov. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Theatre Alibi Performance

A reminder that on Thurs 5th Dec, Theatre Alibi will be performing 'I Believe in Unicorns', to the whole school. To enable this wonderful, professional theatre production to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution payment of £5 per child, to be paid via ParentPay. Many thanks.



Book Club

Do you like to read? At Book Club from 12.30 every Friday lunchtime in the library you can...

- Take part in a guided read;
- Share a book you are reading;
- Find a new story to read;
- Listen to a story being read to you;
- Read a story to someone else;
- Have quiet reading time alone.

Just walk in and join in!

Remember -

If you read every day you can be an amazing reader

Today a reader - tomorrow a leader!



With huge thanks to Coen for designing the poster and helping to run the club

Santas on the beach

Woolacombe Beach
SUN 8 DEC
STROLL OR RUN ALONG THE BEACH
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
INCLUDING YOUR DOG!

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Early Bird Offer until 22/11: Adults £10/Children £5
Adults £15/Children £7/Dogs £5

RED BARN QUEEN'S THEATRE WOOLACOMBE BAY MARSDEN'S

being there for all the family registered charity no.284

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: Year R - maths mat, spellings, plus daily reading please—recording in your child's Reading Record.

Year 1 - phonics task, maths activity and daily reading please.

Discoverers: Maths activity, spellings, plus daily reading please—recording in your child's Reading Record.

Explorers: Times tables, spellings and daily reading please.

Inventors: Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please. Don't forget designs for Christmas decorations are due by Monday 18th.

PTFA News Page

PTFA

So far, we have had NO response to our sign-up sheet for the Children's Christmas Market. This can not run with out stall holders/item sellers or wrappers. If you are able to offer just half an hour of your time at the end of the day it would be much appreciated.

Don't forget we are still receiving donations of items to sell, which can be dropped into the school office at any time and you can add your name to the 'helper' sign-up sheet too!

On Thurs 5th Dec we are holding our annual children's Christmas market. Children are invited to purchase small items for family and friends, with them being wrapped and labelled as part of the price. Parents are welcome to grab a coffee and mince pie, whilst the children shop. For this to take place we are in need of small Christmas gift items to sell. These can be any small item that a child, mum, dad, grandparent etc. would like to receive at Christmas; hair accessories, toiletries, chocolates, socks, colouring books, pens, small toys, games etc. Please drop your donations into the school office. To make this special event happen, we also need a number of stall sellers and gift wrappers, as well as donations of wrapping paper. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to 'shop alone', to manage their pennies and to select items they know family members will like. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help set up, clear away, serve teas, coffees, or wrap, please pop to the school office where you will find a sign-up sheet for helpers. Many thanks in advance.



Dates for your diary.....

- **Thursday 5th December** - from 3.15pm in school, will be our Children's Christmas Market and refreshments
- **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 17th January** - 8.45am PTFA meeting, all welcome