



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 2nd to Fri 6th Dec)

Please note that choir is now on a Thursday lunch time

Mon:
Flu vaccinations

Tue:
Guitars

Wed:

Thurs:
Theatre Alibi 'I Believe in Unicorns' performance
3.30pm PTFA Children's Christmas Market

Fri:
Inv & Exp swimming

This week, some of the classes at Swimbridge have been taking part in assessment week and have shown great learning behaviours: being absorbed, managing their distractions and having a go at showing their knowledge and skills as a learner.

A selection of the Inventors children took part in a Tarka Tennis Tournament on Wednesday, showing tremendous determination against the other schools. Yesterday a team of 12 competed in a South Molton Community College athletics event coming 4th overall. A great effort all-round.

On Monday Virgin Care will be in school to deliver the children's annual Flu Vaccination. Only those children whose parents have consented to the vaccine will receive it. Each child will bring home a proof of vaccination certificate. There is still time make your voluntary contribution towards Theatre Alibi's production of 'I Believe in Unicorns', taking place next Thursday in the Jubilee Hall for the whole school. Thank you to those who have already paid. Any remaining payments are requested no later than Mon 2nd Dec.

A reminder that our Christmas post box will be located within the reflection area as of Monday, for children to post their Christmas cards to one another.

The Adventurers and Discoverers have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance, which will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 10am in the Jubilee Hall. All parents, grandparents and family friends of the children performing are welcome to attend. As we have to hire the hall for our rehearsals and performances, we ask for a contribution on the door from all who come to watch to help us meet the costs incurred. Our PTFA have arranged to provide refreshments in the hall from 8.40am, so you can have a brew and wait in the warm before the performance begins. After the Nativity 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 whole school Christmas Service will be taking place at St James Church on Friday 13th December at 2pm and all are welcome to attend. As the service is taking place in the afternoon, all children will be dismissed from the church. Your child will have all their belongings with them, so please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected from the church by 3.15pm. Many thanks in advance.

Don't forget that on Wednesday 18th December, the children will be sitting down to enjoy our whole school Christmas lunch. As this is an extra special lunch, we are requesting an additional 25p per child to cover the costs. We would therefore ask that you drop 25p in a named envelope, into the school office as soon as possible, so that numbers can be counted. To really get into the festive spirit, children 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 also 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.

At the start of term our Explorers missed one of their swimming sessions due to transport issues. To ensure they get the full 6 weeks, the Explorers will be joining the Inventors for the last swimming session of the term on Friday 6th December. Your child will need their swimming kit in school on this day please.

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards
Congratulations

Bronte, Amy, Humphrey,
 Jessica P, Chloe, Tom W
 & Hettie

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers: have started practising for our school Nativity this week. Very soon a letter will be going home about what costume items your child will need.

Explorers: have created extreme earth storyboards to plan their group animations which will be made next week.

Inventors: have thought about changes to every day life that can be positive to mental health and wellbeing.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Wed 11th Dec, EYFS/KS1 Nativity from 10.00am, PTFA refreshments will be on sale from 8.40am in the Jubilee Hall, with a cake sale afterwards. Cake donations and helpers welcome
- Wed 18th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Wed 18th Dec, 6-8pm Christmas Carol singing around the village
- Fri 13th Dec, Christmas Service from 2.00pm
- 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

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.

Thank you to those who have returned their Data Collection forms. The return deadline is today, so would those with outstanding forms please hand in as soon as possible. It is essential that all forms are checked, amended where necessary and returned (even if no amendments are needed). Many thanks.

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.



Job Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our Federation Catering Team as soon as possible (see dates below). Applicants should be good team players, flexible, reliable and committed to providing quality food and excellent customer service. The successful candidates will be based at one of our schools but will be part of the federation team and so may be required to work at both Berrynarbor and West Down Primary on occasion.

This position is to cover the period between 10th December – 21st January minimum

There are also opportunities to be employed as bank staff

Kitchen Manager – temporary cover and bank staff– based at Berrynarbor

Up to 22.5 hours a week term time only (38 weeks a year) over 3 or 5 days a week
C Grade - £9.55 per hour

Main duties:

Preparing and serving meals for children and staff. Maintaining kitchen hygiene to a high standard and completing all associated records. Ordering produce and managing stock to avoid waste. Contributing to the development of the menu and catering service at our schools.

West Berry Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the post.

How to apply:

Complete an application form (available from the school office) and return it to the head teacher by 12 noon on Monday 2nd December 2019 admin@westberryyfederation.org.uk

For more information about this post please speak to our Catering Manager – Mrs Diane Haines



Free Home Safety Visits

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are eligible for a FREE Home Safety Visit and it's easy to arrange.

What is a 'Home Safety Visit?'

- It's a FREE visit from a trained technician who will advise on any fire or safety risks in the home.
- FREE equipment may be provided. This can include: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, extension leads, fire retardant bedding, smoke alarm testers and more.
- It's a FREE advice service: Our technicians are trained to look for risks that you may not have thought of.
- It's available to any household with children.
- We will discuss electrical safety including the safe charging of phones and tablets.
- We will identify and advise on fire safety risks such as overloaded sockets to help prevent the chance of a fire starting in your home.
- We will discuss an escape plan for you and your family.

We want to help to keep your family safe from fire.

Contact us by phone or email:

Quote code **401**

Make the call!
0800 05 02 999
firekills@dsfire.gov.uk



This Week's Home Learning

- Adventurers:** Reception: phonics activity, maths task (from last week's sheet), and daily reading please.
Year 1: maths mat, spellings and daily reading please.
- Discoverers:** Maths and 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.

PTFA News Page

PTFA

It's not too late to sign up in the office to help out at the Children's Christmas Market next week, and please keep the donations coming; these can be dropped into the school office at any time and you can add your name to the 'helper' sign-up sheet too!

Don't forget, if you're a keen baker, cakes and mince pie contributions are also very welcome!

Next Thursday (5th) 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 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.

