



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 30th Sep to Fri 4th Oct)

Mon:

Tue: Guitars/Flutes

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri: Explorers swimming,
Skern Lodge meeting from
3.20pm

This week, we have looked at giving hope to others around the world by focusing on our sponsorship of Mamadou through Action Aid. The children have considered why and how we raise awareness and fundraise for those less fortunate than ourselves. In class, we have explored our school value 'Community' and how collaboration can help us in our learning.

Yesterday, our year 1 & 2 children enjoyed orienteering activities at South Molton Community College. Despite the rain, they took part with enthusiasm and were able to navigate the apparatus and problem solve in order to successfully work as a team.

We would like to thank The Rotary Club of Barnstaple and The Lion's Club of South Molton for the generous financial support they have provided to enable all of our children to access valuable extra curricular activities.

During June, the Swimbridge community enjoyed a 'Scarecrow Festival', with valuable funds being raised for the Pre-School and the School. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped to organize the event, and who attended on the day. Our school has received £75.66 from this wonderful event and this money will go towards lunchtime play equipment for the children to enjoy.

A reminder that on Friday 4th October, from 3.20pm, Miss Long is holding an important Skern Lodge meeting for all year 5 and 6 children and their parents to attend. At this meeting, we will be going through the kit list and the activities planned for the week and will endeavor to answer any questions or queries you may have. Every parent will also need to complete a SOE3 form specific to this residential and so we look forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs. Bull has now replenished the school's stock of uniform, PE kits and bookbags. Please pop into the office if you would like to purchase anything.

Advanced Notice: Please note that our Sports Day date has had to be changed due to a clash with other external sporting fixtures. It will now take place on Thursday 18th June (not 11th as stated in the parent calendar).

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 30th Sept, KS2 High Five Netball (team tbc)
- Fri 4th Oct, Skern Lodge parents meeting from 3.20-4pm
- Tues 8th Oct, 3pm, All parents invited into school to view their child/ren's DT projects before taking them home.
- Thurs 10th Oct, individual school photos
- Fri 11th Oct, PTFA Autumn children's disco
- Mon 14th Oct, 9.30am, Harvest Service at St James Church, Swimbridge. All parents and family members invited to attend
- 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.

Merit Stamp Cards
& Learning Behaviour Awards

Congratulations

Rory, Niroshini,
Isla, Hope,
Bronte

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers:
have created their own desert paintings using real life images.

Discoverers:
made their very own Deadly 60 videos this week, answering the question 'What is dangerous about the desert?'

Explorers:
have created Kandinsky inspired Earthquake sounds pictures this week.

Inventors:
have researched cosmology and evolution, to consider the creation of the world.

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

A huge **thank you** to all those parents who, despite their hectic lives, work in partnership with us and find the time to read with their children at home. We cannot stress enough how invaluable this is - reading develops vocabulary and vocabulary opens up the world of education for each child.

The image below clearly illustrates the benefit of reading beyond the school day.

Why is it so important that my child reads at home each evening when they are at school all day?

<i>Child "A"</i>	<i>Child "B"</i>	<i>Child "C"</i>
reads 20 minutes	reads 5 minutes	reads 1 minute
Each evening	Each evening	Each evening
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



282,000 words



8,000 words



By the end of year 6, child "A" will have read for the equivalent of **60** whole school days. Child "B" will have read for only **12** school days.

**Which child will have a better vocabulary?
Which child will be able to access and understand what they are learning more?**

Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

In a few weeks, we will be visited by a member of the Community Relations Team from Samaritan's Purse, who will be delivering an assembly about Operation Christmas Child. As we have done historically, we will once again be collecting, filling and sending shoeboxes across the globe to children less fortunate at the festive time of the year. If you have any medium size adult shoeboxes & spare Christmas wrapping paper (pre-wrapped boxes even better!) please drop them into the school office, together with any goodies you would like to donate:

- ~ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannels, combs, brushes etc. no liquids please.
- ~ Hats, gloves and scarves - no camouflage or skeleton patterns please.
- ~ Pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, rubbers, sharpeners, note books, small cuddly toys.
- ~ Small toys e.g. tennis ball, skipping rope, cars (no war themed toys please).
- ~ Sweets with a sell by date after March 2019 (no chocolate please).
- ~ Cash donations would also be welcomed.

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers:	<i>Year R - Phonics activities and daily reading please. Year 1 Spelling task, maths mat and daily reading please.</i>
Discoverers:	<i>SPaG mats, spellings and daily reading please, recording in your child's Reading Record.</i>
Explorers:	<i>Daily reading, times tables and spellings. (see home learning folder)</i>
Inventors:	<i>Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please.</i>

PTFA News Page

Our school desperately needs all our support!

Please join in and help the PTFA to keep going so that we can hold fun family events and raise valuable funds for all our children throughout the year. We cannot run without a small committee of volunteers and so a small amount of support really does go a long way.

Come along to our parent 'meet up' evening and AGM in the community room from 6pm on Monday 14th October.

There will be tea, coffee, cake and chat, together with a short AGM to see in the new academic year.

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

A sign-up sheet is in the office if you are able to help on the night: on the doors, refreshment hatch, sweet stall, setting up/clearing away.

Pease also bring any cake or biscuit donations to the school office on the day of the disco, many thanks in advance for all your support.