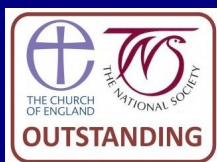




Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

Next Week

(Mon 3rd Dec to Fri 7th Dec)

Mon: Selected Yr5/6 children to SMCC-HATS Day, PTFA Christmas Market from 3.30pm

Tue:
Guitars and Flutes, 2.30-3.15pm SENDCo drop in session—open to all parents

Wed: 8.20am Skipping club, YrR & Yr6 height & weight check

Thurs: School Council meeting at 10am

Fri:

This week the children have been very busy as they start to prepare for the festivities planned for the end of term. Nativity characters have been cast and rehearsals are well underway as the Adventurers and Discoverers take on this year's nativity called 'The Inn-Spectors'. The sound of Christmas songs throughout the school is a joy to hear, so please encourage your children to practise their lines and/or song lyrics at home.

Adventurers and Discoverers children will need to bring their costume items in a named bag into school by Wed 5th Dec at the latest. Many thanks in advance.

Yesterday a group of our year 5/6 children attended an Indoor Athletics festival at SMCC, along side other local primary schools. The event was a great success and the children did themselves proud. Well done all who attended.

Huge congratulations to all the children who entered the book review competition this half term, I was so impressed with the quality of entries and this made judging very tricky indeed. All of the children received prizes and congratulations in assembly but a very special mention must go to Emily, Isabel and Carly in Inventors, Milly B in Explorers, Jake, Poppy and Eva in Discoverers and Amelia and Blythe in Adventurers.

During Family Groups this week the children have been making a wonderful selection of Christmas cards that will be hand delivered by the Adventurers to the Swimbridge Nursing Home residents on Mon 17th Dec.

Cool Kids Club children will be attending the PTFA Christmas Market on Monday (3rd), where they will be able to purchase small gifts for family members. If your child is attending Cool Kids on Monday, and you would like them to join in with the Christmas Market, please hand any spending money in to the school office in a named envelope.

Merit Stamp Card
Congratulations

Jack O' and Amelia T

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 3rd Dec, Yr5/6 HATS days at SMCC
- Wed 12th Dec, Adv & Dis Nativity (9.30am in the Jubilee Hall)
- Thurs 13th Dec, Inv trip to Barnstaple (details to follow)
- Mon 17th Dec, Adv visit to Swimbridge Nursing Home
- Tue 18th Dec, 9.30am Christmas Church Service
- Wed 19th Dec, whole school Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- Wed 19th Dec, Inventors Christmas Carols in the village 6-7pm
- Thurs 20th Dec, last day of term

Adventurers & Discoverers have been very busy writing letters and lists to Father Christmas, and are taking the Nativity rehearsals in their stride.

Explorers have been making ancient Greek fact files this week, and writing play scripts.

Inventors have been creating their very own themed school tour videos, evaluating them in preparation for their Barnstaple street tour in a couple of weeks.

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

Christmas Post

On Monday, our Christmas post box will be installed in the reflection area for children from all classes to post their Christmas cards to one another. We kindly request that this postal service is used for cards only and not for chocolate items inside the cards. Each year at Swimbridge, the yr R children take on the role of post men and women and so it is important that the envelopes are written clearly with the child's name and class name or abbreviation (*e.g. Archie T—Inv*)

Christmas Performances

The Adventurers and Discoverers Nativity performance will take place on Wed 12th Dec at 9.30am in the Jubilee Hall and all parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. No tickets are sold for this, we just ask for a contribution on the door to help with our hall hire costs.

Our whole school musical Christmas Service will be taking place at St James Church on Tues 18th Dec at 9.30am and all are welcome to attend.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

On Wed 19th Dec the children will be sitting down to enjoy our whole school Christmas lunch; a traditional roast with all the trimmings, together with Christmas crackers. As this is an extra special lunch, we are requesting an additional 25p per child to cover the costs. We will not be using ParentPay for this small amount and would therefore ask that you drop 25p, in a named envelope, into the school office on this occasion.

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 be given to the 'Care for Kids' charity, as chosen by our School Council.

Christmas Carol Singing

To round off this special festive day, we are also planning for Inventors Class and their parents to come carol singing with Mrs King and myself around Swimbridge Village from 6-7pm, ending with hot chocolate at The Jack Russell from 6.45pm. If any other children and parents would like to join in at The Jack Russell from 6.45pm, you would be most welcome.

Film Club

On Fri 7th Dec, Cool Kids Film Club will be showing 'The Muppets' Christmas Carol', this is a fun event, with refreshments and a raffle included in the price (£4.75). The film is due to finish at approx. 5.15pm so if you would like your child to attend, please pop into the school office to book a place.

National Online Safety:

This week you will have received an online safety leaflet link via ParentPay and a hard copy given to you by your child. Please take a few minutes to read through this as there are some great conversation starters for you and your children.

Data Collection Sheets:

The deadline to return your outstanding Data Collection Form is today. As it stands we are still waiting for 23 forms to be returned. Please sign and return your child's form to the school office on Monday.

Home learning

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| Adventurers: | <i>Yr R-Phonics, reading activity and maths subtraction task please.
Yr 1-Maths activity homework, spellings, random word activity & daily reading please.</i> |
| Discoverers: | <i>Maths activity homework, spelling, random word activity and daily reading please.</i> |
| Explorers: | <i>Spellings, daily reading and times tables please.</i> |
| Inventors: | <i>Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please. Continue to practise song lyrics for the Christmas Service.</i> |

PTFA News Page



Dates for your diary ~

- **Children's Christmas Market:** 3.30-4.30pm, Monday 3rd December
- **EYFS/KS1 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Friday 14th December
- **KS2 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Wednesday 19th December

Our Children's Christmas Market will take place on Monday (3rd). This is a very special event for the children, they love selecting gifts in secret to surprise mums & dads on Christmas morning. It's also a chance for you as parents to enjoy a festive refreshment whilst your children shop.

We are however, still in need of helpers for the stalls, refreshments, and wrapping. We are a little low on Christmas wrapping paper, sticky tape and gift tags for the wrapping stations so, any contributions you can make are very welcome. Donations of cakes and mince pies for the refreshment stall can be dropped into the school office on Monday morning.

If you have offered to help set up, please be at school by 3.00pm.

