



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The week ahead

(Mon 21st to Fri 25th Jan)

Mon: KS2 Hockey club
3.15-4.15pm

Tue: Guitars & Flutes

Wed: Before school
skipping club 8.20am,
School Council meeting at
10.30am

Thurs:

Fri:

This week the children have been deciding their new Behaviour for Learning Targets with a particular focus on collaboration. I am in the very privileged position of being able to spend time in each class and it is wonderful to see the children throughout school working together with independence and enthusiasm. When asked, the children are always proud to talk about their learning and are able to confidently explain their understanding to me, regardless of whether they are at the start of their learning journey at Swimbridge in reception, or nearer the end of their time here in year 6. Seeing the progress made by each individual child is such a joy and I am lucky to be able to see this first-hand on a daily basis.

From Monday (21st Jan), the reception children can be dropped off in the large playground from 8.30am along with all the other children. Parents are therefore no longer required to wait until 8.45am or drop them at the Adventurers entrance.

Each child should have received their 'Sugar Smart World' booklet this week. It has been reported that children are eating more than double the recommended amount of sugar, that's a staggering 2,800 extra sugar cubes a year! The booklets include fun games and stickers to help children learn about how much sugar is in their food and drink, together with their whole family.

Often parents can be confused about how much screen time is too much. Parentzone have put together some really sensible evidence-based ways to think about screen time limits. Please click on this link for more information if you are interested <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time?>

Thank you to the vast majority of our parents and carers who arrive promptly for pick up at the end of each day. Please remember that the school day finishes at 3.15pm and we therefore expect all parents and carers to be on site ready to collect their children at this time. Many thanks for your support with this matter, it assists us enormously in keeping the children safe.

Yesterday was the first of our themed lunches. Mary Poppins proved very popular. The children who found stickers on the bottom of their lunch trays won a small prize, well done to Percy, Tom W, Jack D and Yasmin.

**Merit Stamp Card
*Congratulations***

**Hollie, Maisie, Jack B,
Alice, Winnie, Archie T**

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers have been researching dinosaur diets and sorting the dinosaurs into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Discoverers have been busy learning lots of facts about different dinosaurs and they have created a range of landscape pictures.

Explorers had a fantastic time this week geocaching. They found items from the past and guessed the decade they had come from.

Inventors have designed their Mayan masks: some opting for battle masks, some rainforest animal masks and even masks to represent ancient gods.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Wed 23rd Jan, School Council meeting
- Mon 28th Jan, KS2 football at SMCC (9 children)
- Tues 29th Jan, KS2 Robotics Day at West Buckland (8 children)
- Fri 1st Feb, PTFA Inventors cake sale
- Mon 4th Feb, Adv & Dis DT Day
- Mon 4th Feb, Yr 6 Maths Booster starts
- Fri 8th Feb, Computing Club's Online Safety assembly
- Mon 11th Feb, Full Governors, 7pm
- Fri 15th Feb, break up for half 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

We are currently looking to further develop our Forest School area. If you are, or know of, a 'green-fingered' parent or grandparent who would be interested in running a weekly lunchtime club, and/or possibly an after school club when the evenings get a bit lighter, please see Mrs Bull in the school office.

The children in KS2 enjoyed an informative music assembly from SMART, the organisation who run a Music Centre for the North Devon Music Hub from 4.30-6pm on Thursdays each week at South Molton United C of E Primary School. The sessions they run are fantastic value at just £20 for the whole 10 week term and parents can learn alongside the children if they wish. The Spring term has just started this week and places remain available. If you or your child are interested, please email csms2s@outlook.com.

Exeter City FC Academy are looking to recruit talented young players from the North Devon area for their Advanced Development Centre. They are looking for boys and girls aged 6–15 who have the potential to progress through the ranks of the Exeter City FC Academy pathway. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions, please email trials@ecfc.co.uk or sam.beck@ecf.co.uk

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy so please pop into the school office or speak to Mrs Tibbles if you would be interested in finding out more. Anyone with children currently attending Swimbridge School is eligible to become a parent governor, so if you can spare a little of your time and are interested in how the school runs, then please don't hesitate to put yourself forward as it can be extremely rewarding to become part of the Governing Body.

School Site Manager Vacancy

We are hoping to recruit a School Site Manager to work part time at Swimbridge School. If you are interested in more information about this post, please contact Mrs Bull in the office for an application pack.

Home learning

- Adventurers:** *Reception ~ Maths and phonics activity, plus daily reading please.
Year 1 ~ Maths mat, spellings and daily reading please.*
- Discoverers:** *Maths homework, spellings and daily reading please.*
- Explorers:** *Spellings, times tables and daily reading please.*
- Inventors:** *Daily reading, spellings, maths booklets and to continue with your ongoing topic homework tasks.*

PTFA News Page

Thank you to those who attended the first PTFA meeting of 2019.

Lots of exciting events are in the pipe-line! Our class cake competition is up n' running once again: which class will raise the most? All cake donations and parent help to sell are welcomed.

We are still happy to take your unwanted Christmas gifts off your hands so that we can recycle them for future fundraising events. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office.
Many thanks.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 1st February:	Inventors class cake sale from 3.15pm
Fri 1st March:	Children's spring disco-details to follow
Fri 29th March:	Family Easter Bingo Event-details to follow