



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

Next Week

(Mon 4th to Fri 8th March)

Mon:

Year 6 Maths Booster Club from 3.15pm-4.15pm,
 KS2 Hockey club 3.15-4.15pm

Tue: Year 5/6 netball team to Park for the netball final, Guitars but **NO** Flutes

Wed: Before school skipping club from 8.20am

Thurs: World Book Day and Café event for parents from 2.30pm

Fri:

Welcome back! What a pleasure it has been to see the children coming into school full of pride, with all their amazing pieces of topic work. Thank you for all your valuable support and the time spent on these home learning projects, it is so lovely to be able to include you in your child's learning in this way and the impact of your involvement in the topics and the interest and enthusiasm this creates for the children is immeasurable.

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March (next Thurs). Children are invited to come in dressed as book characters and will also need a shoebox (or shoebox lid) to create a story setting during the Art & DT project planned on this day. In the afternoon we are transforming all classrooms into 'Reading Cafés' for a relaxed free-flow experience. Parents are invited in from 2.30pm and there will be refreshments to purchase at the hatch. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to see all the work on display throughout the school so we would encourage you all to come along if you are available.

We have had a very quick uptake for our summer surfing programme, so have created a reserve list. We are looking into how we can accommodate the additional children but this will almost certainly depend on parent availability to assist with transport. If you are able to help out with transport to Westward Ho! please let Mrs Bull know as soon as possible. Many thanks.

As we approach the Easter period, we have invited Rainbow Theatre Company into school for the children. They will be performing a dramatic, moving and inspiring production, which re-tells the Easter story with gentle humour, songs, powerful acting and audience participation. Further information will be sent home via email in due course but the performance is due to take place on the afternoon of 1st April.

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and

Discoverers have enjoyed sharing their creative 'Back in Time' home learning projects. What hard work the children have all put into these!

Explorers have created some fantastic shared art work. They have also shared some brilliant time machines. Well done!

Inventors have made the most of the beautiful weather this week, with an outdoor maths mastery measuring investigation and a first attempt at field journals, studying nature around our school.

Merit Stamp Card
 Congratulations

Sammy

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Tue 5th March, Yr5/6 Netball team to Park
- Thurs 7th March, World Book Day. 2.30pm, parents invited to reading/café event
- Wed 13th March, Explorers trip to Bristol
- Wed 13th March, Quicksticks team to Park
- Thurs 14th March, Yr1/2 Multi-skills at SMCC
- Fri 15th March, Comic Relief—details to follow
- Mon 18th March, Yr 5/6 HATS day at SMCC
- Wed 27th March, Explorers 'Back in Time' afternoon, 2.40pm in Jubilee Hall
- Thurs 28th March, Full Governors 4-5pm
- Fri 29th March, progress reports issued to Yr 1-6 parents
- Mon 1st April, Rainbow Theatre Company here
- Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd April, parents evenings for all classes
- Thurs 4th April, Yr 5/6 golf at Saunton Sands
- Fri 5th April, 9.30am Easter Service at St James Church
- Fri 5th April, End of Spring 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

Swimbridge Explore, Climb and Play Project News

Behind the scenes, I am always looking at creative ways to bring funding into school to enhance and enrich what we are able to offer. Following discussions with the children about their ideas for more active play, we recently put in an application to National Lottery Awards, as part of their 'Funding for All' scheme. I am delighted to be able to inform you that our application was successful and we have been awarded a £10,000 grant for our 'Swimbridge Explore, Climb and Play Project'.

National Lottery do not issue grants to schools as part of the 'Funding for All' scheme and so this project was developed in collaboration with Cool Kids Club and with the Pre-School, local community and church groups also in mind. The grant was awarded to further enhance play provision within Swimbridge.

On the 25th March, we will begin the installation of our new 'Active Zone' in the EYFS/Cool Kids play area, with a brand new 'Bowfell Climber' with safety surfacing and astro turf (see picture).

We hope to be able to raise further funds to continue to develop zoned play and learning areas to enhance our EYFS provision, and I also have plans and actions in place for all our outdoor play areas over the next few years. Any fundraising initiatives or support from parents would be greatly appreciated, so do pop in if you hear of any projects, companies or charities offering support locally or Nationally.



Staff Vacancies

We currently have an administrative vacancy for Clerk to Governors here at Swimbridge School. This paid post is for 2 hours a week, term time only and would suit someone who has administrative skills or previous clerking experience. Please see Mrs Bull in the school if you are interested.

This Week's Home learning

- Adventurers:** *Maths, spellings and daily reading please.*
- Discoverers:** *SPaG, daily reading and spellings please.*
- Explorers:** *Spellings, times tables and daily reading please.*
- Inventors:** *Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please.*

PTFA News Page

Don't forget

Children's Spring Disco

TONIGHT in Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

£3 on the door (price includes unlimited squash and a packet of crisps)

Cakes, glow sticks & sweets will be available to buy at 50p each.

- EYFS and KS1 (years R, 1 & 2) from 6pm—7pm (parents stay to supervise their own children)
- KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) from 7.15—8.15pm (parents may stay or drop and collect)

'Helping Hands'

We are still in need of helpers at the KS2 disco. If you are able to help at all tonight, please let one of the PTFA committee members know or pop into the school office.

Cake donations can be taken straight to the Jubilee Hall, many thanks.

On Thursday 2nd May we are holding a **Bags2School** textiles collection. A letter with a list of items that can be included will be sent out shortly, along with a collection bag. In the meantime you can visit www.bags2school.com for more information.

As an incentive, for each bag brought into school, the children will receive a raffle ticket and then a draw will take place on 2nd May and prizes will be awarded.

Dates for your diary:

Fri 29th March: Family Easter Bingo Event - details to follow

Thurs 2nd May: Bags2School textiles collection - letter to follow