



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week ahead

(Mon 29th to Fri 3rd May)

Mon: School council 10am
 After School Tag Rugby
 3.15-4.15pm

Tue: PTFA meeting
 8.45am,

Flutes & Guitars,

Wed: 8.20am before
 school skipping club,
 Surfing week 2

Thurs: 9am Bags2Schools
 collection

Fri: Selected Yr4 pupils
 playing tennis offsite

Welcome back to the start of our Summer term. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful, warm Easter break. If you passed the school over the holidays, you may have noticed the building work taking place in the main playground. As you can see from the photos below, we now have a fantastic new relaxed seating area. Access to the upper playground has also been improved considerably and the play area around the playhouse has been extended. We are extremely fortunate, as this work was generously carried out by Winnie & Percy's dad's company. We would like to thank Will and his team for clearing and constructing this fabulous new space, which the children love!



Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers:

have created leaf mandala artwork for display, as we start our new topic 'The great Outdoors'.

Explorers: have started a very exciting topic this term called 'Ocean Planet'. They have been asking lots of questions and researching this topic. They have also been writing poems and weaving in art.

Inventors: have designed curious creatures to classify, with characteristics that fit lots of species of animals, making them capable of

The whole school topic this term is 'The Great Outdoors' and teachers will be sending home their curriculum overviews next week so that you can support your child's learning. Please don't forget that our website is regularly updated to provide parents with important information about school and services to support families.



To launch our whole school 'Great Outdoors' focus this week, the children took part in interactive sessions with the RNLI lifeguards today. The sessions were delivered at an age appropriate level to all children and was fun and informative.



Don't forget that as of this week we are running our new lunch menu, with the additional options of pasta pot Thursdays and take-away fish n' chip Fridays. If you require an extra copy of the new menu, please pop into the school office.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 29th April, after school KS2 Tag Rugby starts from 3.20-4.20pm
- Tues 30th April, flutes & guitars start again
- Wed 1st May, surfing week 2
- Thurs 2nd May, Bags2School collection, 9am
- Fri 3rd May, Yr4 Tennis afternoon, Bideford
- Mon 6th May, Bank Holiday NO school
- Wed 8th May, Yr3/4 tennis (names tbc)
- Wed 8th May, surfing week 3
- Thurs 9th May, Yr1/2 multi skills at SMCC

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

Childhood Mental Health Information:

A new website for parents on children's mental health problems has recently been launched. The site has been funded by Health Education England and it is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children. Please visit <https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>

Local Childminding Opportunities:

Have you ever thought about becoming a registered Childminder? Devon Early Years and Childcare Service are running free information sessions on Wednesday 1 May 2019. Pop along to find out more:

- **Ilfracombe** - Ilfracombe Children's Centre, Marlborough Road, Ilfracombe EX34 8JL between 10.30am - 11.30am
- **Barnstaple** - Taw View, North Walk, Barnstaple EX31 1ED between 1.30pm - 2.30pm.
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To express your interest in attending, please contact the Early Years Team: eycs@devon.gov.uk

If you have decided childminding is for you, what's next? Preparing to be a childminder course: This 2-day course covers all the training requirements to prepare you for Ofsted registration and only costs £50. The next course is taking place on 5th & 12th June 2019 (Barnstaple Library). To book a place please contact the Early Years Team on eycs@devon.gov.uk.

*You must also attend a Paediatric First Aid course (£65) and a Safeguarding Awareness course (fully funded). Dates are available from the DEL training website. If you already hold a current Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding Awareness certificate you do not need to undertake this training again.

Summer Term Extra Curricula Activity timetable

Day	Lunchtime Activity Club (12.30 - 1pm)	Lunchtime Sports Club (12.30 - 1pm)	Before / After School Sports Club (timings as stated below)
Monday			Key Stage 2 - Tag Rugby with Mrs Watts on the school field from 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday	KS2 - Band with Tim (guitar teacher), in the upstairs classroom	Year 5 & 6 - Cricket/Rounders with Mrs Watts on the school field	
Wednesday	All - Choir with Mrs King, in the Inventors classroom		All - Skipping with Mrs Watts on the top playground from 8.20am
Thursday		Year 1 & 2 - Cricket/Rounders with Mrs Watts on the school field	
Friday		Year 3 & 4 - Tennis with Mrs Friend, on the top playground KS2 - Girl's Football with Mrs King, on the school field	

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: *Daily reading please. Homework will start next week.*

Discoverers: *Daily reading please. Homework will start next week.*

Explorers: *Daily reading please. Homework will start next week.*

Inventors: *Spelling, reading, maths booklets.*

New interactive homework set this week, due in after half term (24th June).

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NEXT TUESDAY

Tuesday 30th April

8.45am

PTFA meeting in the Community Room

Everyone is welcome to attend

NEXT THURSDAY

Thursday 2nd May

9.00am (at the latest)

Our Bags2Schools collection is taking place on Thursday (2nd May), all bags to be dropped off by 9.00am please.

Please see the list below to ensure we are collecting the correct items. Extra bags are still available from the school office.

Bags2Schools will accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

We **DO NOT** accept: duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo, corporate clothing/workwear, textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

