



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 9th to Fri 13th Sep)

Mon:
Tue: Guitars
Wed:
Thurs:
Fri: Explorers swimming wk1

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers:
 Have created their own textured desert scenes and have learnt facts about what you may find in a desert.

Discoverers:
 have created desert sunset artwork for our Desert Wow Day. Please pop in to see our topic board in the corridor.

Explorers:
 have experienced a 'wow week' introduction to our new theme, by creating working volcano models.

Inventors:
 Have begun their experimental work on material properties, showing a range of science skills.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families and say 'welcome back' to everyone following the summer break!

Over the summer, there has been some building work carried out to reconfigure and improve the office and staff working areas and to relocate some of our essential ICT infrastructure. Added to this, staff have given up their own time to further develop and improve our quality first learning environment throughout the school building and in a couple of weeks, when we have had a chance to put the children's new topic work up, we will be inviting you to pop in after school at pick up time and have a look around.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff from North Devon Homes and our Chair of Governors, who kindly volunteered their time clearing and developing our forest school area on 8th August. We now have a wonderful, safe environment for learning outside the classroom.



During the summer break, I received confirmation that we have been awarded our School Games Gold Award. This is an incredible achievement for our small rural primary school as this is a Nationally recognised award for excellence in sporting provision and education. This award supports our vision of 'Life in all its Fullness' and has been made possible through the hard work of Mrs Watts and Miss Morris, together with all staff, the determination of the children to develop within sport and the much needed support of parents providing transport to and from fixtures and events. Well done and thank you to all!

Just before the summer break, our Adventurers and Discoverers took part in Barnstaple's Fringe Theatrefest. I am so pleased to report that their fabulous pirate performances raised £65.52 for our school—what a bonus to this super experience for the children involved.

Credit must also go to our 2018-19 Inventors, who raised over £200 for the Over and Above Cancer Wellbeing Centre at North Devon District Hospital, at Tesco Rose Lane on our Values in Action Day during activities week in July. What a wonderful achievement!

Merit Stamp Card
 Congratulations

Molly K L, Charlie
 Tina, Evie

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Fri 13th Sept, Explorers 6 week swimming course starts
- Mon 16th Sept, Year2 Orienteering at SMCC
- Thurs 26th Sept, 3.15–4pm—Reception parents open session with Mrs Jeffery. Mon 30th Sept, KS2 High Five Netball (team tbc)
- Tues 8th Oct, 3pm—All parents invited into school to view their child/ren's DT projects before taking them home.
- Thurs 10th Oct, Whole and individual school photos
- Fri 11th Oct, PTFA Autumn children's disco
- Mon 14th Oct, 9.30am—Harvest Service at St James Church, Swimbridge
- 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.

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

On Wednesday, each child was given their own reading record, which needs to be looked after carefully and brought in each day. With their reading record was a letter explaining our exciting investment into reading at key stage 2 and our commitment to the continued development of our reading provision in school, we hope you found this information informative and are as excited as we are about all the fantastic new books that are now in school for the children.

Today your child will be bringing home a Key Dates Calendar, together with a copy of our PE/Games Rolling Provision for this academic year, to ensure you know where and when your child may be offsite.

Explorers class start their 6 week swimming course next Friday (13th Sept). Once again we have been fortunate enough to have received some funding towards our swimming provision and transport costs from the PTFA, however, we still ask that all parents log into their child's ParentPay account to make a voluntary contribution of just £17 to ensure that this provision is possible. We calculate this voluntary payment based on all parents contributing to the cost of the swimming and so would be grateful for payments to be made as soon as possible. Many thanks.

From next Friday (13th Sept), each Explorer will need to bring a named towel and swimming costume/shorts in a bag with them to school.

From next week most of our lunch time/after school clubs will be up and running - please see the timetable below.

Our after school club will start on Monday 16th Sept and you must inform Mrs Bull in the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Monday	Ball Skills	Years 1&2	Lunchtime	Mrs Watts
Monday	Football	Years 3—6	3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Watts
Tuesday	School Band	KS2 children	Lunchtime	Tim Parker
Tuesday	Skipping	All	Lunchtime	Mrs Gilbert
Wednesday	Netball	Years 5&6	Lunchtime	Mrs O'Connor
Wednesday	Choir	All	Lunchtime	Miss Long
Thursday	Netball	Years 3&4	Lunchtime	Mrs Watts
Friday	Yoga / relaxation	All	Lunchtime	Miss Long

Just a reminder that from this September, our school uniform policy stipulates that jumpers and cardigans are made of a sweatshirt material with a Swimbridge CE Primary School logo embroidered onto them and therefore plain woollen jumpers and cardigans are no longer to be worn by the children. Our PE kit is now blue and all children therefore need a blue Swimbridge logoed polo shirt and hoody as part of their PE kit in school with them each day. Please visit www.schoolthreads.org or see Mrs Bull in the office if you need to purchase uniform or PE kit items for your child/ren.

We would also like to remind parents that for health and safety reasons, due to the limited space in our corridors, children should not bring backpacks into school. A book bag and draw-string PE bag are all that bare needed.

Thank you so much for your support with this.

Year 6 Secondary School Open Days

We would like to inform parents of Year 6 pupils that secondary school open days and evenings are upon us already. If you would like to take your child to visit any of the school listed below during the school day, please inform Mrs Bull in the office of the day your child be will absent from school and if they will require a cooked meal upon their return.

- ◆ **South Molton Community College** open morning tours from 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, Tue 10th Sept. Open evening from 4.30-7.00pm on the same day.
- ◆ **Chumleigh Community College** open evening from 4.30-7.00pm on Tue 17th Sept. Open morning from 9.00-10.45am on Wed 25th Sept.
- ◆ **The Park Community School** open evening from 5.45pm on Thurs 19th Sept. Open mornings from 9.05-11.20am on Mon 23rd, Tue 24th, Wed 25th and Thurs 26th Sept.
- ◆ **Pilton Community College** open evening from 6.00pm on Mon 23rd. Open mornings from 9.00-11.00am on Wed 25th, Thurs 26th and Fri 27th Sept.

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: *Home learning will start next week, however, please read daily.*

Discoverers: *Maths, spellings and daily reading please.*

Explorers: *Daily reading and homework folders please.*

Inventors: *Daily reading and recording it in your new Reading Record please.*

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Dates for your diary

Friday 11th October: Autumn Disco, see details below

Monday 14th October: PTFA AGM 6-7pm

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 (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'

A sign-up sheet is in the office if you are able to help on the night: tickets, refreshments, sweet stall, set up/clear away.

Please bring any cake donations to the school office on the day of the disco, many thanks.