



# Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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## Swimbridge News

### The Week Ahead

(Mon 7th Oct to Fri 11th Oct)

#### Mon:

Whole school DT day

#### Tue:

Guitars/Flutes,  
open classrooms from 3pm,  
for all parents

#### Wed:

Yr2 Tennis Competition  
(select children)

#### Thurs:

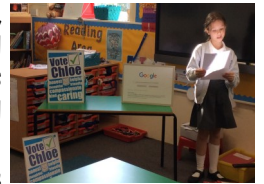
Individual school photos,  
Inventors meet the author

#### Fri:

Explorers swimming,  
Autumn Disco, see PTFA  
page for full details

This week we have been celebrating our British Values and in particular, democracy, whilst holding our annual School Council Elections. It was wonderful to see so many children nominating themselves to represent their year groups and confident to deliver speeches to their peers. Our new school council representatives are as follows:

YrR Rory & Arya, Yr1 Mason & Amelia, Yr2 William V & Tina, Yr3 Josh & Honey N, Yr4 Sammy N & Chloe, Yr5 Rupert & Beth, Yr6 Joseph N & Bronte.



On Mon (7th) we will be embracing the world of Design & Technology, with a whole school fun-packed day of DT. We would like to invite all parents to pop into school on Tues (8th) from 3pm to see the wonderful work on display throughout the school and the DT projects the children have made. Miss Long would be grateful of any cardboard donations towards the Inventors DT project.

Individual and sibling photos will be taking place next Thurs (10th). Please ensure your child is in clean, smart uniform with tidy, brushed hair. Our whole school photo has been rescheduled for Fri 22nd Nov. Our aim is to have orders placed, and photos delivered to you before the Christmas break.

All parents and grandparents are invited to join us on Mon 14th Oct from 9.30am in St James' Church, as we celebrate with Harvest songs, poems, prayers and art work. We will also be collecting donations to help raise much needed funds for our Action Aid sponsored child Mamadou. Next week, each child will be bringing home a small envelope for all contributions to this worthwhile charity and the children will then need to bring this envelope with them to school on the day of the service.

Next week, our PTFA are holding their Autumn Disco in the Jubilee Hall. Please see the attached PTFA page for full details of this event. Also, don't forget that everyone is invited to attend the AGM on Mon 14th Oct from 6-7pm where the new committee officers will be elected and there will be coffee and cake for all.

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our team of volunteer Governors. If you would like to find out more about what the role entails, you can email our Clerk to Governors, Natalie Stanbury, who will be able to answer any questions and provide more information: [govclerk@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:govclerk@swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Merit Stamp Cards &  
Learning Behaviour Awards  
**\*Congratulations\***  
Isla, Percy, Eva, Bear,  
Amelia, Eli, Anise,  
Tina, Jack D, George  
K, Jake, Archie M

### Some of our learning this week:

**Adventurers:** have been creating their own desert artwork using software on the computer.

**Discoverers:** have all worked well as a team to create information posters about desert animals. We hope you like them.

**Explorers:** have enjoyed a QR code fact hunt learning about earthquakes.

**Inventors:** have devised their own Narnia poetry competition this week.

### Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Tues 8th Oct, 3pm, All parents invited into school to view their child/ren's DT projects before taking them home.
- Thurs 10th Oct, individual school photos
- Fri 11th Oct, PTFA Autumn children's disco
- Mon 14th Oct, 9.30am, Harvest Service at St James' Church, Swimbridge. All parents and family members invited to attend
- Mon 14th Oct, PTFA AGM 6-7pm
- Tues 15th Oct, Yr1 & 2 visit to Croyde Beach, Yr R Forest School day
- 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

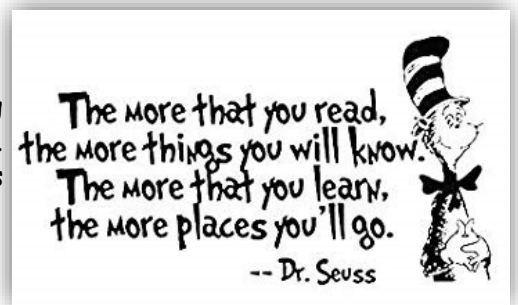
Community

Dignity

Love

### Summer Reading Challenge:

Over the summer break, over 911 children joined the Summer Reading Challenge run by local libraries with 606 managing to complete it. Congratulations to the 26 children from Swimbridge who took part in this challenge - What a fantastic achievement, well done to all!



### Headlice:

We have had a few cases of headlice confirmed in school. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Children may attend school as long as their hair is being treated.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal: we are still collecting

In a few weeks, we will be visited by a member of the Community Relations Team from Samaritan's Purse, who will be delivering an assembly about Operation Christmas Child. As we have done historically, we will once again be collecting, filling and sending shoeboxes across the globe to children less fortunate at the festive time of the year. If you have any medium size adult shoeboxes & spare Christmas wrapping paper (pre-wrapped boxes even better!) please drop them into the school office, together with any goodies you would like to donate:

- ~ Toothbrushes, soap, flannels, combs, brushes etc. no liquids please.
- ~ Hats, gloves and scarves - no camouflage or skeleton patterns please.
- ~ Pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, rubbers, sharpeners, note books, small cuddly toys.
- ~ Small toys e.g. tennis ball, skipping rope, cars (no war themed toys please).
- ~ Cash donations would also be welcomed.

We have just been informed that due to more stringent import/export regulations, we are no longer able to add sweets or toothpaste to the shoe boxes.

# MISSING

OUR CAT TODD HAS GONE MISSING FROM HANNAFORD SINCE 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. HE IS VERY INQUISITIVE AND IS LIKELY TO GO INTO OUT BUILDINGS, POTENTIALLY BECOMING SHUT IN, IF YOU COULD CHECK ANY SHEDS, GARAGES, GREENHOUSES ECT WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.



PLEASE CALL **07503731074** IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT TODD

## This Week's Home Learning

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| <b>Adventurers:</b> | <i>Year R - maths and phonics tasks, plus daily reading please.<br/>Year 1 - Spelling task, SPaG mat and daily reading please.</i> |
| <b>Discoverers:</b> | <i>SPaG/Maths mats, spellings and daily reading please, recording in your child's Reading Record.</i>                              |
| <b>Explorers:</b>   | <i>Daily reading, times tables and spellings. (see home learning folder)</i>   |
| <b>Inventors:</b>   | <i>Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets please.</i>   |

## PTFA News Page

**Our school desperately needs all our support!**

**Please join in and help the PTFA to keep going so that we can hold fun family events and raise valuable funds for all our children throughout the year. We cannot run without a small committee of volunteers and so a small amount of support really does go a long way.**

**Come along to our parent 'meet up' evening and AGM in the community room from 6pm on Monday 14th October.**

**There will be tea, coffee, cake and chat, together with a short AGM to see in the new academic year.**

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

A sign-up sheet is in the office if you are able to help on the night: on the doors, refreshment hatch, sweet stall, setting up/clearing away.

Pease also bring any cake or biscuit donations to the school office on the day of the disco, many thanks in advance for all your support.