



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 25th to Fri 29th Nov)

Please note that choir is now on a Thursday lunch time

Mon:

Tue: guitars & flutes

Wed: selected Yr5/6 at a tennis competition

Thurs: selected Yr5/6 to SMCC for athletics

Fri: Inv. swimming

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Children in Need 'spotty day'. I am delighted to announce that we made a grand total of £248.

Today Tempest Photography came to school for our whole school photograph. Order forms and a proof will be sent home shortly. To ensure these arrive in time for Christmas we recommend that you follow the online ordering process.



On Monday evening, our year 5/6 girl's netball team went to Park School to play against Kingsacre Primary School. These girls have been attending the lunchtime netball clubs and have shown a real interest and improvement in their game. 'Swimbridge Skylarks' won both their matches, with Ruby C and Hettie being awarded 'player of the match'. The 'Swimbridge Swallows' had very close games, drawing and then missing out 1-0 in their second match. The whole team played so well that the player of the match was awarded to every player on the team. Well done everyone. And many thanks to Mrs O'Connor for her support coaching the teams this term.



If any girls are interested in playing more netball, Carol Anne Junior Netball Club always welcome new players. They train every other Tuesday evening, depending on age group (U9s Year 3/4 and U11s Year 5/6).

Also on Monday, a group of year 3/4 children attended an indoor athletics event at SMCC alongside children from other local primary schools. The children represented our school with pride and athletic ability, and we are most grateful to Mrs Wade who assisted with this event.

Please remember to return your annual data collection form to the school office by Friday 29th November. It is essential that all forms are checked, amended where necessary and returned (even if no amendments are needed). Many thanks.

Thank you to those who have already paid the voluntary contribution towards the Theatre Alibi performance taking place on 5th December. If you have yet to pay, please log in to your ParentPay account before Monday 2nd December.

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards

Congratulations

Ebony, Rhys, Zack, Amy, Sam W, Tilly C, Esme, Blossom, Jack B, Tina & Hollie

Skern Residential Photo CD

From Monday 25th November, our Skern Lodge residential photo CD will be available to purchase from the school office at just £3. The CD is a wonderful keepsake for the children of their adventures during the week and they would also make a great Christmas gift. To order you copy please pop into the school office with £3 in cash.



Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers:

are all very excited to have been given their parts in our Prickly Hay Nativity performance for this year. Practise starts next week, with lines going home for those with a speaking part.

Explorers:

have been very busy creating their avalanche display this week-please pop in after school to have a look.

Inventors:

have researched and presented about different classical composers - taking inspiration for their own ensembles.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 2nd Dec, Flu vaccinations
- Thurs 5th Dec, Theatre Alibi performance
- Thurs 5th Dec, PTFA children's Christmas Market from 3.15pm in school
- Fri 6th Dec, Joint Inventors and Explorers swimming session
- Fri 6th Dec, Progress reports to parents
- Wed 11th Dec, EYFS/KS1 Nativity from 9.30am,
- PTFA refreshments will be on sale from 8.40am in the Jubilee Hall, with a cake sale afterwards. Cake donations and helpers welcome
- Fri 13th Dec, Christmas Service from 2.00pm
- Wed 18th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Wed 18th Dec, 6-8pm Christmas Carol singing around the village
- Thurs 19th Dec, Last day of the autumn 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

Christmas is coming...

On Monday 2nd December, our beautifully decorated Christmas post box will be located pride of place within the reflection area for children to post their Christmas cards to one another. Each year at Swimbridge, the year R children take on the role of post men and women; collecting, sorting and delivering all our Christmas post.

The Adventurers and Discoverers Nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am in the Jubilee Hall. All parents, grandparents and family friends of the children performing are welcome to attend. As we have to hire the hall for our rehearsals and performances, we ask for a contribution on the door from all who come to watch to help us meet the costs incurred. Our PTFA have arranged to provide refreshments in the hall from 8.40am, so you can have a brew and wait in the warm before the performance begins. After the Nativity there will be a cake sale, for friends and family as well as the children, so we welcome any cake contributions on the day.

Our whole school Christmas Service will be taking place at St James Church on Friday 13th December at 2pm and all are welcome to attend. This is a special celebration of all things musical, with festive songs, music pieces performed by our flute and guitar students, as well as the school band and choir. As the service is taking place in the afternoon, all children will be dismissed from the church. Your child will have all their belongings with them, so please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected from the church by 3.15pm. Many thanks in advance.

On Wednesday 18th December, the children will be sitting down to enjoy our whole school Christmas lunch; traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, together with Christmas crackers. As this is an extra special lunch, we are requesting an additional 25p per child to cover the costs. We will not be using ParentPay for this small amount and would therefore ask that you drop 25p in a named envelope, into the school office as soon as possible. To really get into the festive spirit, children can choose to come into school in a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas hat, for a donation of £1 which will go towards our sponsorship of Mamadou - our Action Aid child.

To round off this special festive day, we are also going to be carol singing around Swimbridge Village from 6-8pm, ending with hot chocolate at The Jack Russell from 7.45pm. All are welcome to join us, however, we do ask that parents accompany their own children. Please meet at school, wrapped up warm, no later than 5.50pm, ready to start promptly at 6pm.

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers:	<i>Home learning will be sent on Monday, however, please read daily—recording in your child's Reading Record.</i>
Discoverers:	<i>Home learning will be sent on Monday, however, please read daily—recording in your child's Reading Record.</i>
Explorers:	<i>Times tables, spellings and daily reading please.</i>
Inventors:	<i>Daily reading, spellings (new ones) and maths booklets please. You will also need to start making your Christmas decorations.</i>

PTFA News Page

PTFA

A huge thank you to those who have already volunteered to help out at the Children's Christmas Market, we can't do it without you, however, we still need a few more pairs of hands. If you are able to offer just half an hour of your time at the end of the day it would be much appreciated.

Keep the donations coming: these can be dropped into the school office at any time and you can add your name to the 'helper' sign-up sheet too!

Don't forget, if you're a keen baker, cakes and mince pie contributions are also very welcome!

On Thurs 5th Dec we are holding our annual children's Christmas market. Children are invited to purchase small items for family and friends, with them being wrapped and labelled as part of the price. Parents are welcome to grab a coffee and mince pie, whilst the children shop. For this to take place we are in need of small Christmas gift items to sell. These can be any small item that a child, mum, dad, grandparent etc. would like to receive at Christmas; hair accessories, toiletries, chocolates, socks, colouring books, pens, small toys, games etc. Please drop your donations into the school office. To make this special event happen, we also need a number of stall sellers and gift wrappers, as well as donations of wrapping paper. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the children to 'shop alone', to manage their pennies and to select items they know family members will like. If you are able to give an hour of your time to help set up, clear away, serve teas, coffees, or wrap, please pop to the school office where you will find a sign-up sheet for helpers. Many thanks in advance.



Dates for your diary.....

- **Thursday 5th December** - from 3.15pm in school, will be our Children's Christmas Market and refreshments
- **Wednesday 11th December** - from 8.40am we will be providing morning refreshment before the lower school Nativity performance in the Jubilee Hall. There will also be a cake sale after the performance
- **Friday 17th January** - 8.45am PTFA meeting, all welcome