



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

Next Week

(Mon 18th to Fri 22nd March)

Mon:

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

Tue:

Guitars & Flutes

Wed: *Before school skipping club from 8.20am,
 Park staff in with Yr6 pupils*

Thurs:

Fri: *PTFA Discoverers cake sale 3.15pm*

It has been a hugely enjoyable, fun packed week of learning here at Swimbridge once again! We started the week off on Monday with a themed assembly and an afternoon of science experiments in celebration of British Science Week and then the Explorers travelled to Bristol on Wednesday to 'We the Curious' - Bristol's fabulous Science museum, for an exciting day of experiments and investigation. Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Kwicksticks tournament at Park on Wednesday and then to round off the week, the whole school has enjoyed 'Comic Relief' fun and games this afternoon, raising over £175. Thank you to all who brought in a donation to support this worthwhile cause. Please see the attached pages of this newsletter for photos of some of these exciting activities.

Photograph to the right - our Kwicksticks hockey team who battled the wind at Park School during the Primary Kwicksticks tournament on Wednesday.

Match report below, by Joseph N:



'On 13th March, 8 pupils from years 5 and 6 went to The Park School Kwicksticks hockey tournament. We played very well and came 9th out of 15 schools. It was a very fun experience and I hope Swimbridge will compete again.'

Unfortunately due to the poor weather this week, the Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills Festival at SMCC was cancelled. We are liaising with the other schools to secure a new date and will provide parents with more information when it becomes available.

Unfortunately we have had two confirmed cases of head lice in school this week. Please could you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat accordingly. Many thanks.

Merit Stamp Card *Congratulations*

**Luke, Hope,
 Chloe, Percy**

Upcoming School Dates for your

- Wed 20th March, Park staff in to meet Yr6
- Fri 22nd March, PTFS Dic cake sale 3.15pm
- Mon 25th March, Kwicksticks at Park 3.30pm
- Tue 26th March, Exp exhibition afternoon 2.45pm onwards
- Thurs 28th March, Full Governors 4-5pm
- Thurs 28th March, girls football at Park 3.15pm
- Fri 29th March, progress reports issued to Yr 1-6 parents
- Fri 29th March, PTFA Easter Bingo
- Mon 1st April, Rainbow Theatre Company here
- Mon 1st April, Skern Lodge payments open
- Mon 1st April, Surfing payments open
- 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

Parking and waiting outside school:

We have received a number of complaints and concerns from members of the public, vehicle users and parents about the parking situation at drop off and collection from school. Due to the location of the school, parking and congestion has always been a health and safety challenge for us and we therefore rely heavily on our parents to be considerate and comply with the rules of the road. Although a short walk away, we encourage parents to consider parking in the village and walking up to the school, as this avoids unnecessary congestion and ensures everyone's safety. I would also like to draw your attention to the law as defined in the Highway Code:

Highway Code section 239:

If you have to stop on the roadside -

- *do not park facing against the traffic flow*
- *stop as close as you can to the side*
- *you **MUST** switch off the engine, headlights and fog lights*
- *you **MUST** apply the handbrake before leaving the vehicle*
- *you **MUST** ensure you do not hit anyone when you open your door. Check for cyclists, other traffic, or pedestrians*
- *it is safer for your passengers (especially children) to get out of the vehicle on the side next to the kerb.'*



Highway Code section 240:

*You **MUST NOT** stop or park on a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines.'*

Highway Code section 242

*You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.'*

Highway Code section 244

Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.'

Football

Is your child interested in football? Eastside Youth FC are now running an Under 8's training session. They are currently looking for players in Year 3 who would be keen to train on a Wednesday night. Boys & girls welcome. For more details, please contact Darran on 07557 675 330.

Forest School

During the Easter holiday, Hakeford Woods Forest School, near Chelfham and Stoke Rivers, Barnstaple, are running Forest School Days. These will take place on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April 2019, from 10 am to 3 pm, for children aged 5 to 11 years, at £20 per child. For more information and to book, please contact Louise on 01237 473719 or email: louiserandssilva@gmail.com.

This Week's Home learning

- Adventurers:** *Reception - Phonics, maths and daily reading please.
Year 1 - SPaG mat, spellings and daily reading please.*
- Discoverers:** *SPaG mat, spellings and daily reading please.*
- Explorers:** *Daily reading, spellings and timetables please.*
- Inventors:** *Reading, Spelling and maths booklets please.*

PTFA News Page

- ◆ **Discoverers Cake Sale:** Friday 22nd March from 3.15pm. If you are a Discoverer parent and are able to help from 3.00pm please pop into the school office. Cake donations are very welcome on the day.
- ◆ Our **Easter Bingo** is in two weeks! If you are able to help out at all on the night please pop into the office to add your name to the sign up sheet. We are also in need of Easter Egg donations and raffle prizes, these can also be dropped off at the office.
- ◆ 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.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 22nd March:

Discoverers Cake Sale from 3.15pm

Friday 29th March:

Family **Easter Bingo** Event 5.30pm
(see poster for details)

Friday 5th April:

Adventurers Cake Sale from 3.15pm

Thursday 2nd May:

Bags2School textiles collection
(collection bag & details to follow)

Swimbridge Primary School's PTFA "Fun" Family Easter Bingo



Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

Friday 29th March 2019

Doors open from 5.30pm
Eyes down at 6.00pm



Bingo Books - Full Book £5, Half a Book £2.50

Lots of Easter Eggs and various prizes to be won!!!!

Plus a Raffle to win a Easter Sunday Lunch Hamper

All welcome so it would be great to see you all there!!!

