



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 22nd to Tue 23 July)

Mon: Non-uniform day for a donation of £2

Tue: Year 6 leavers assembly from 9.30am in the Jubilee Hall, Year 6 family and friends welcome.

PTFA Summer BBQ on the school field from 2.30pm onwards

Some of our learning this week:

We have all enjoyed a fantastically varied Activities Week this week, with lots of exciting experiences and learning beyond the classroom!

A Special Thank You!

Huge thanks go to the O'Connor family for securing a fantastic donation of £865 for our school from Ingredion.

This donation will go towards upgrading the early years outdoor learning provision to provide a purposeful environment to inspire and delight our youngest children.

Record Results for Swimbridge School!

Our school vision - To inspire, enable and educate for 'life in all its fullness', together with our focus on our Christian values and the development of the whole child, have ensured that all learners have made progress throughout this academic year. Since launching our new vision for education in September 2017, we have been clear that we do not limit the opportunity, breadth or creativity of our curriculum in order to 'teach to the test' or focus on skills linked purely to national test outcomes, but instead we inspire the children to want to learn and enable them to apply their skills in a range of situations and contexts, which ensures that their love of learning is life-long. With all this in mind, I am so proud to be able to share with you the exceptional achievement of our learners this year.

In our EYFS, 75% of our Reception children have achieved a 'Good level of Development', with 33% at 'Exceeding'. The National and local authority (LA) average sits at around 70% most years.

In Year 1, 90% of our children passed their phonics screening check, with the National and LA average sitting at around 83% last year.

Our year 2 children's KS1 Teacher Assessment SAT results were truly excellent -

- 75% achieved the 'Expected Level of Attainment' in reading, in line with the National and LA percentages, but most noticeably a whopping 42% of these children achieved 'Greater Depth', compared with just 26% at a National level last year.
- In maths we were also in line with National and LA percentages at 75% achieving the 'Expected Level of Attainment', but once again, most noticeably, 33% of these children achieved 'Greater Depth', compared with just 22% at a National level last year.
- In writing, our children achieved way above the National and LA percentages of 70%, with 75% of our children achieving the 'Expected Level of Attainment' and a staggering, 33% of these children achieving 'Greater Depth', compared with just 14% at a LA level and 16% Nationally last year.

Our year 6 KS2 SATs results were equally impressive; as follows:

- 80% of learners achieved the 'Expected Level of Attainment' in reading, with 30% of these children achieving 'Greater Depth'. This is well above the National percentage of 69% of children achieving the 'Expected Level of Attainment' in 2018.
- In maths we were in line with National percentages, with 70% achieving the 'Expected Level of Attainment', with 20% of these children achieving 'Greater Depth'.
- In writing, we were externally moderated this year and achieved our best ever results, with 80% of our children achieving the 'Expected Level of Attainment', way above the National percentage of 62% in 2018. Once again, 20% of our children achieved at 'Greater Depth'.

Added to the above raw data, of particular interest this year is that we have been able to accelerate the progress of children who were 'Working Towards the Expected Level of Attainment' at KS1 and who have now achieved the Expected Level of Attainment' at KS2 - this for me is the greatest indicator that the quality of our education and the learning behaviours of our children are proving extremely successful.

Key Information for Next Week:

- Mon 22nd is a non-uniform day (£2 donations to class teachers on the day please).
- Tues 23rd is our year 6 leavers assembly in the Jubilee Hall from 9.30am.
- Lunch on Tues will be fish & chips/veggie option take-away.

On Tues 23rd, the PTFA will be holding a summer barbeque on the field for all children and parents to celebrate the end of term. Class teachers will take the children to the field from 2pm and will hand them over to parents from 2.30pm onwards, supervising any children whose parents are unable to collect them until 3.15pm.

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

Final ParentPay Reminder

We still have a number of families who have not yet cleared their ParentPay accounts despite our repeated reminders. Please ensure all accounts are in credit before the close of Tues 23rd July. Any accounts with outstanding Cool Kids debts will result in children being refused a place at our before and after school provision from September and if dinner money debts remain, this may result in your child being refused lunch in school from the start of the autumn term. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is not a situation I am comfortable with enforcing, however polite and repeated requests do not seem to be having any impact. It is possible to set reminders, automatic payments and limits within your ParentPay accounts so please do use these features to help you or see Mrs Bull who will be happy to advise.

Reduced School Office Service

Please note that there will be an extremely limited service available from the school office on Monday and Tuesday of next week (22nd and 23rd July) and at times the office may be closed and the answerphone on. This is due to essential preparations for the building work that will be taking place over the summer holiday period. We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

From 11am–2pm on 8th Aug, parent volunteers are invited to join David Wyeth (our Chair of Governors) and staff from North Devon Homes, to help with a 'sort and tidy' of the school grounds. There is no need to confirm your attendance, just turn up on the day and join in!

This is the last newsletter for this academic year and so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and wish you all a wonderful and well-deserved summer break.

A reminder that the Autumn term starts for the children on Wed 4th September.



Girls football over the summer break

Bideford AFC Youth @ Bideford College
Braunton Wanderers Youth @ Lobb Sports Fields
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd July: Family BBQ
from 2.30pm on the school field
(weather permitting)



TODAY, Friday 19th July: Ice-lolly sale,
3.15pm

