



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 4th to Fri 8th Nov)

Mon: Churches Together assembly

Tue: Guitars/Flutes

Wed: Tarka Tennis (selected yr 3/4 children)

Thurs:

Fri: Shoebox assembly, Inventors swimming

Welcome back, I do hope you all had a restful half term break.

I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking Mr O'Connor for helping the school to secure a donation of £865 from Ingridion, to support improvements to our EYFS outdoor learning and play provision. We have purchased some new and exciting equipment and resources, which will enable the Adventurers to make the most of their outdoor space. Having taken delivery of a number of items, we would love to know if there are any 'handy-helpers' out there, who would be willing to give up an afternoon to help construct and move these wonderful new items. If you have any spare time, please let Mrs. Bull know.

This week you will have received letters and nominations slips for our Parent Governor Election. Please drop your nominations slips into the ballot box outside the school office by 12noon on 7th November. Many thanks.



Next week (Fri 8th) during assembly, the children will be shown a short video about Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox Appeal and how we, as a school, support this charity each year. It is wonderful that we have over 20 shoeboxes already donated, however, as it stands currently, we will be unable to send them as we are in need of items to fill them. It's not too late to donate goodies from the list below (new items only please). Items needed are:

- ~ Hats, gloves and scarves - no camouflage or skeleton patterns please.
- ~ Pens, pencils, small note books, colouring books.
- ~ Small cuddly toys, small dolls.
- ~ Face cloths, sponges, soap, combs, hair brushes, hair bands/clips, tooth brushes.
- ~ Small toys e.g. tennis balls, skipping ropes, cars, (no war themed toys please).
- ~ Cash donations of £5 per shoe box would also be welcomed.

On Monday 11th November our Inventors children and I will be laying a wreath on the memorial at St James' Church to mark Remembrance. The whole school will also be observing a minute's silence at 11am on this day. We have a range of 'Poppy Appeal' items for children and parents to purchase. Please pop in to see Mrs. Bull in the school office.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Week commencing Mon 11th Nov, Whole school parent consultation week
- Mon 11th Nov, Remembrance
- Tue 12th Nov, Charity shoebox filling
- Thurs 14th Nov, Inventors 'contraptions' open parent afternoon from 2.30pm
- Fri 15th Nov, Children In Need, dress-up in spots, cake competition and after school cake sale
- Fri 22nd Nov, Whole school photo
- 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
- Fri 13th Dec, Christmas Service from 2.00pm
- Wed 18th Dec, Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Thurs 19th Dec, Last day of the autumn term

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards

Congratulations

Lin-Li and Jessica W

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers: have started their new topic focus on Polar Deserts and learnt about the Antarctic.

Discoverers: had a Polar Desert WOW day this week, completing polar desert scenes and colourful penguins for display.

Explorers: have been exploring tsunamis this week, writing Kenning poetry and creating Hokusai related works of art.

Inventors: have been creating 'Cracking Contraptions' this week, to start our Wallace and Gromit themed unit. Detailed designs and model prototypes are on display in the Inventors classroom, please feel free to pop in and have a look.

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 Card Competition

Exeter Diocese's Education Team are running their annual Christmas card competition and they are inviting children to send in a design linked to the Biblical Christmas Story. The deadline date for entering the competition is 15th November, therefore all entries must be handed into our school office by November 11th at 9.00am so that we can forward them on your behalf. Good luck!

ParentPay Update:

Mrs Bull is now in the process of phoning parents who continue to consistently accumulate debts through ParentPay. This is an avoidable and embarrassing situation for all parties concerned and so I would be grateful if you could check your ParentPay balances regularly to avoid any future embarrassment. Unfortunately, persistent non-payment and debts will now result in school lunches and Cool Kids Club attendance privileges being withdrawn. The school had always hoped that a gentle approach to debts would be sufficient, however, polite requests and personal letters sent have not had the desired effect and so we are left with no other option. Please do see Mrs Bull or Mrs Tibbles if you need any support or wish to discuss any aspect of ParentPay as we are always happy to help wherever we can.

Children In Need

On Friday 15th November, we will be fundraising for Children in Need and Action Aid. Children are invited to come into school dressed in spots for a donation of just £1. We are also holding a Cake Competition, with the winning cake maker receiving a prize. To enter, you will need to take your cake to the school office with £1 entry fee. The winner will be announced at the end of the day with all cake entries being sold off at the cake sale from 3.15pm. All other cake contributions welcome.

Reading for Pleasure Competition Time!

- Do you enjoy reading stories?
- Are you someone who loves to lose yourself in a good book?
- Do you have a favourite character, book or series of books that you like to read?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, then you are just like all your teachers and this could be the competition for you!

On a piece of A3 paper...
(come and get one from the school office if you need to)

create a story mountain, story map or comic strip to represent your favourite story.

Try to make your map, mountain or comic strip colourful and include the plot, key characters and actions from the story.

All entries must be handed into the school office by Friday 22nd November – Good luck!

WE'RE RAISING MONEY

FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



WHAT?

Dress in Spots
Donation £1.
Competition
(Prize for the winner)
Bake and Decorate
a cake £1 to enter
All cakes will be
Sliced and Sold
at a cake sale
after school.

WHEN & WHERE?

FRIDAY 15th
NOVEMBER
cake sale
Playground
after school

CONTACT:



This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers:	Year R - phonics, maths activity, plus daily reading please—recording in your child's Reading Record. Year 1 - Spelling task, maths task and daily reading please.
Discoverers:	Maths activity, spellings, plus daily reading please—recording in your child's Reading Record.
Explorers:	Times tables, spellings and daily reading please.
Inventors:	Daily reading, spellings and maths booklets. Please also read and begin planning for project homework due in during the last week of term.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

**School Admission Arrangements
and Education Transport Policy**

2021-22

Opens on
1 November
2019



Closes on
3 January
2020

You are invited to review the proposed admission arrangements for state-funded schools in Devon and the home-to-school transport policy for Devon County Council for the academic year 2021-22**

To view the policies, visit

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper copy

****and the following Plymouth academies:** Old Priory Junior Academy, Oreston Community Academy, Plympton St Mary's CofE Infant School, St Edward's CofE Primary, St George's CofE Primary, St Matthew's CofE Primary & Nursery **and in Torbay:** All Saints, Babbacombe, CofE Primary, Collaton St Mary CofE Primary, Ellacombe Academy, Galmpton CofE Primary, Ilsham CofE Academy, Oldway Primary, Roselands Primary, Shiphay Learning Academy, St Marychurch CofE Primary, St Michael's CofE Academy, Upton St James CofE Primary, Warberry CofE Academy

Devon
School
Admissions
Service

Parson Jack's Studio

In the Old School Room
Swimbridge

Coffee and Cake

10.00am – 12.00pm

Starting 7th November

First Thursday each month



With
Artist of the month
and
Our changing village life exhibits
Enjoy excellent coffee
plus free Wi-Fi



2019 Workshops in Barnstaple this Winter

Our courses for professionals and parents are back this winter, re-vamped with more content and with a new addition.

All courses take place at the Castle Centre, Barnstaple and run from 9:30am–3:30pm.

'The strategies discussed have been a game changer for us and have given me the confidence to parent in the way that is right for my child.' - Amy Flanagan

Understanding & Supporting an Autistic Young Person

2 Day Parent Ticket - £40 2 Day Professional Ticket - £70

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th November

Understanding Individuals with Autism & Demand Avoidance [PDA] and strategies to support them

2 Day Parent Ticket - £50 2 Day Professional Ticket - £100

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November

Autism & Anxiety

1 day parent ticket—£20 1 day Professional ticket £35

Monday 25th November

Understanding & Supporting Individuals with ADHD/ADD

1 day parent ticket—£20 1 day Professional ticket £35

Tuesday 26th November

'Learnt so much over just 2 days and already some of the tips and techniques are making a huge difference to our family.' - Lindsay Wait

To book online or find out more visit our website:

www.cedaonline.org.uk

or contact us directly at

info@cedaonline.org.uk

PTFA News Page

PTFA

Today saw our PTFA Annual General Meeting. Thank you to the Officers and non-official members for their time and effort over the last year. Our PTFA, with the help of our families and friends, have raised much needed extra funding for our children here at Swimbridge. It was great to see some new faces at today's meeting and we look forward to seeing more at our next meeting on Friday 17th January.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Rob and Kelly, who have been superb Treasurers but have now stepped down. Moving forward it is great to be able to announce that some of our committee officers have agreed to continue in their roles, and new parents and staff have agreed to step up - for this we are extremely grateful and formally welcome them to the Committee for a fun packed 2019/2020 of fundraising events. Your PTFA Committee Officers are as follows:

Joint Chairpersons:	Amanda Britton (mum to Judha & Eli) Lissa Kennedy-Brown (mum to Bear)
Vice Chairperson:	Georgie Sinclair (mum to Seth & Molly)
Joint Treasurers:	Charlotte Barrow (mum to George & Alfie) Danielle Brown (mum to Alex)
External Fundraiser:	Debbie Elliott (Staff member)

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
- **Thursday 17th January** - 8.45am PTFA meeting, all welcome