



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week ahead

(Mon 2nd to Fri 6th March)

Mon:

After school hockey

Tue:

High Five Netball
 (selected children)
 Flutes & Guitars
 Yr6 Maths booster

Wed:

Inv to West Buckland
 school: Robotics Day

Thurs:

World Book Day

Fri:

Kwicksticks at SMCC
 (selected children)

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. This week the classrooms have seen an array of the most amazing half term home learning projects which celebrate our whole school 'Time Travellers'. What a wonderful selection of iconic London landmarks from Adventurers and Discoverers, such as the London Eye, Big Ben, and the Tower of London. As you move through the school there are Roman colosseums, a selection of Roman helmets and even a model viaduct! Well done for all your creative efforts.

Our girls football team went to SMCC yesterday to take part in the local schools competition. They came an amazing second place, amongst seven other schools, not conceding even one goal or losing a match. The team will now go forward and play in the North Devon Schools' Tournament later on in the year. Very well done to everyone who took part.



Next week the Inventors have been invited to West Buckland School for a day of Lego robotics and programming. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are very fortunate that a number of parents have agreed to help with transport to enable to this to take place. Please see the letter sent home this week with all the details.

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers:

have been learning about London landmarks and comparing modern London to what it was like in 1666.

Discoverers:

have been showing their home learning projects to each other, as well as designing postcards of London.

Explorers:

have carried out a science experiment this week, exploring how toothpaste protects teeth, using eggs, vinegar and toothpaste!

Inventors:

Have been looking at the human body and how it changes during puberty.

On Thursday (5th) we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character or they can bring in one of their favourite books to share. Each child will be given a book token which can be used in the majority of the high street retailers to buy a book.

Thank you to all those who have returned their Summer Surfing consent forms. If you have yet to return this form, please ensure it is handed into the school office as soon as possible. If your child no longer requires their place, please inform Mrs. Bull so that their place can be offered to those on the waiting list.

Could you spare an afternoon a week to come in and read 1:1 with the children? We are looking for some enthusiastic parents or grandparents to come in and read with our younger children in class. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Bull in the office for further information.

Congratulations to all stamp card and Behaviour for Learning award winners this week.

Stamp Cards ~ Lochlann, Leoni

Behaviour for Learning ~ Rory, Tilly, Molly S, Millie D, Tom W, Dylan, Leoni

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 3rd March, High 5 Netball (selected team)
- Tuesday 10th March NO Maths Booster
- Wednesday 4th March, Inv to West Buckland for a Robotics Lego day; parents to collect from West Buckland
- Wednesday 11th March Whole school science day
- Thursday 5th March, World Book Day
- Thursday 12th March Yr1 & 2 to SMCC Multiskills event
- Friday 6th March Kwicksticks at SMCC (selected team)
- Friday 13th March Sports Relief
- Friday 6th March surfing confirmation deadline
- Friday 27th March Easter Service from 9.30am
- Friday 27th March Finish for Easter break

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

The Department for Education have introduced the period product scheme for schools and colleges in England. "Period products, such as pads and tampons, should be available for all who need them, when they need them, in order to access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for any learner. Making learners aware of the scheme is vital to making sure they can access period products when they are needed and to reducing the stigma surrounding periods. This scheme is for all learners who need to access period products in their place of learning in order to access education." Mrs Bull has ordered our school supply of products. Please inform your daughter that she can come to the school office for these items should she need to.

Coronavirus: we have been contacted by Devon County Council and the Department for Education to share guidance and information about Coronavirus.

"Advice for parents/guardians - Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching the coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school or their early years setting as normal. For the latest and most up to date information on the Government's response to the Coronavirus can be found at: www.gov.uk/coronavirus. If you have travelled abroad to any of the infected countries, towns, or villages, please could you follow the links below to ensure that you have the most up to date information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

<https://www.devonnewscentre.info/coronavirus-advice-from-public-health-england>

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers:	<i>Year R: Home learning grid activity and daily reading please. Year 1: Spellings, Maths mat and daily reading please.</i>
Discoverers:	<i>Spellings, maths task and daily reading please.</i>
Explorers:	<i>Spelling, times tables rock stars, and daily reading please.</i>
Inventors:	<i>Daily reading, spellings and times tables rock stars please.</i>

Parent training: How to Help Your Child to be Heard

How to Help Your Child to be Heard, DiAS's new interactive training, uses parent carers' experiences to consider:

- The importance of making sure your child's opinions and wishes are represented
- How to gather their views and use them effectively.
- What your role is?
- The difference it can make.

The training acknowledges the many different ways that children and young people with SEND communicate.

Date: Thursday 4th March

Time: 11.30am—2.00pm

Venue: Castle Hall, Castle Centre, 25 Castle Street, Barnstaple, EX31 1RD

To book your place please follow this link to register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-help-your-child-to-be-heard-tickets-92709894791>

AUSTRALIAN ANIMAL BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISER



Saturday 29th February

1pm to 4pm

The Jack Russell pub, Swimbridge

Lots of fun stalls to include:

**Soft toy tombola, bushfire bracelets,
Australian gifts (all the way from Sydney)
cake pops & candyfloss, bric-a-brac,
Guess the name of the Koala & Kangaroo,
Pokémon, cakes & cards, books**

Hosted by children from Swimbridge school

All proceeds going to WWF Australia to help the animals effected in the devastating bushfires.



PTFA News Page

PTFA

Don't forget to come along on Sunday from 9am-1pm, to support the school and the PTFA by joining the Big Breakfast! Bring your family & friends.

This Sunday is our Big Breakfast morning. We are still looking for helpers, please see Georgie (Seth & Molly's mum) if you are able to help in any way. This is a fantastic fundraiser. We have been kindly awarded a match funding pot, so our final total could possibly double.

Easter Bingo is back!!!

On Friday 20th March, we are holding our annual Easter Bingo evening. An evening of fun for all the family. To ensure we have enough prizes for all, we are looking for Easter Egg donations. Eggs of all sizes would be gratefully received, but we are in particular need of lots of smaller eggs, and a few much larger ones. Please drop any donations into the school office after half term.



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

Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

Friday 20th March 2020
Doors open at 5.30pm
Eyes down to start at 6.00pm



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

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

Plus the chance to win an Easter Chocolate Hamper

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



Friends of Swimbridge School BIG BREAKFAST

Sunday 1st March
9am - 1pm

At Swimbridge Village Hall

Big Breakfast
£7.50

x2 Sausages, x2 Bacon, Eggs, x2 Hash Brown,
Mushrooms, x2 Toast, Beans, Orange Juice &
Tea/Coffee

Small Breakfast
£5.00

Sausage, Egg, Bacon, Hash Brown, Mushrooms,
Toast, Beans, Orange Juice & Tea/Coffee

