



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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The Week Ahead

(Mon 16th to Thurs 19th Dec)

Mon:

Tue:
Guitars

Wed:
Christmas jumper/hat day,
whole school Christmas
lunch. 6-8pm carol singing
around the village

Thurs:
Fish & chip lunch (veggie
option available)
School finishes for the
Christmas break



On Wednesday the Adventurers and Discoverers gave a wonderful performance of their Nativity 'Prickly Hay'. Over the previous week, the children have worked exceptionally hard to rehearse and perfect their nativity and were fully absorbed in their learning. They really enjoyed singing with all the actions and especially loved the involvement of the audience for our final song! A huge well done to all the children involved who made us incredibly proud. We would like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for providing teas, coffees and mince pies before the performance. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families there to celebrate with us and we thank you for all your kind donations.

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers:
have pulled out all the stops this week, with daily rehearsing, perfecting their lines and tweaking their costumes. We hope those who attended on Wednesday enjoyed the performance.

Explorers:
have had a super week working on Michael Morpurgo's book 'Coming Home'. They have performed sections of the story using drama and helped with the main character's decision making.

Inventors:
have created ensemble Christmas songs using a variety of instruments.

Last week you will have received your child's termly progress report. We hope that you found this informative, and if you have any questions please see Mrs Bull in the office to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. A few parents have questioned their child's attendance marks. The system suffered a glitch and therefore has totalled certain attendance data that may be a percent out. If you would like to clarify your child's current attendance please pop into the school office.

Don't forget that our Christmas Service starts at 2pm this afternoon in St James Church. We look forward to seeing you all there to join us for an afternoon of Christmas celebrations. We request that the front pews are left for the children and staff. Please ensure you have arranged for your child to be collected from the church by 3.15pm, as all children will be dismissed at the end of the Service. Please note, that Cool Kids Club will **not** be running after school today. Many thanks in advance.

Next Wednesday 18th December is our 'all-trimmings-Christmas lunch'. An extra 25p is needed to cover the cost of the annual event. Please could you pop the money into the office as soon as possible, to ensure your child's Christmas lunch order. 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. During the evening, we are 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.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Mon 6th Jan, school closed to children - staff training day
- Tues 7th Jan, school opens for children at 8.30am
- Tue 14th Jan, Yr. R & 6 photos
- Fri 17th Jan, PTFA meeting 8.45am

Merit Stamp Cards & Learning Behaviour Awards
Congratulations

Alex M, Charlotte,
Lin-li, Evie, William V,
Eli, Bear, Harry

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

Our whole school photo is now available to order, which would make a wonderful Christmas present. To ensure your order arrives in time for Christmas, Tempest have recommended placing your order online. Please visit <https://www.tempest-orders.co.uk/>, by ordering online this should ensure your photo is delivered to school before the end of term. We will not be taking any paper orders via the school office.

The deadline to return your Data Form was 29th November. Sadly we still have over 25 forms un-returned. It is vital that all forms are checked, amended where necessary, and returned immediately. If you have moved house, or changed your phone number and have not informed the school, we will not be able to send correspondence or make contact with you in the event of an emergency.

Next Thursday (19th) is the last day of term, as a treat Marie will be serving the Friday lunch menu of fish n' chips, with a veggie and jacket potato option.

From January our lunch time and after school sporting club timetables will be changing. Please see details below:

- Monday lunchtimes- multiskills years 1 & 2
- Mondays after school (3.15-4.15pm)- hockey years 4, 5 & 6
- Wednesday lunchtimes- netball years 5 & 6
- Thursday lunchtimes- KS2 football

To take part in the after school hockey club, please sign your child up via the school office. Any child wishing to take part, will only be able to do so if they have a mouth guard and shin pads, so please ensure your child has this equipment each week.

This Week's Home Learning

Adventurers: *Reception: daily reading please.
Year 1: reading please.*

Discoverers: *Maths and spellings due in the Thursday after Christmas and daily reading please.*

Explorers: *Daily reading please and comments.*

Inventors: *Daily reading and Christmas projects are due on Monday.*

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Thank you to all who helped out or donated mince pies on Wednesday for the Nativity refreshment morning.
Your support is greatly appreciated, as always.

This week each child will be given a letter about our Bags2School drop taking place in January. Each letter will have a bag attached. If you require more bags, please pop into the school office, alternatively, any clean, waterproof bag can be used.

Dates for your diary.....

- **Thursday 16th January** - Bags2School collection from 9.00am
- **Friday 17th January** - 8.45am PTFA meeting, all welcome

We are pleased to announce that Swimbridge School PTFA have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bags2School on **Thursday 16th January**. Please look out for a letter and collection bag that will be sent home soon.

