



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

Next Week

(Mon 19th Nov to Fri 23rd Nov)

Mon: KS2 netball club (3.15-4.15pm)

Tue: Maths Mastery open morning—all parents invited to come in from 9.30—10.30am
 Guitars but NO Flutes.

Wed: 8.20am Skipping club,

Thurs: Inventors Exhibition for parents from 2.45pm

Fri:



Earlier this year, we arranged for our old school football kit to go to Uganda with Mrs Squire, on behalf of the Amigos Charity. This week I received an email from Mrs Squire who wanted to share a few photos with the school. This photo is of the children at Green Valley School, Uganda, in the Swimbridge football kit. Mrs Squire wrote, 'They were so excited to get it, and their head teacher, Irene, made me promise to pass on her grateful thanks to you.' What a wonderful example of our school values in action and the real difference we can make to children's lives far and wide.

This week Inventors were visited by two local Magistrates, who delivered a fun and informative workshop. Here is a report from a member of the Inventors class:

'On Wednesday 13th, our class had a visit by some magistrates from Devon. We found out lots of things and Monty knew the answer to a question, that over 400 law degree university students couldn't answer. We had lots of fun and the visitors left saying that Swimbridge is a brilliant school.' The question Monty could answer was, 'why is a dock called a dock?', do you know the answer?

The children really got into the fundraising spirit today, as they came to school with crazy hair in aid of Children in Need. Don't forget the cake sale after school today and look out for the full page spread next week, with our grand fundraising total and some even grander photos!

Next week we are welcoming parents into school for two rather exciting events. On Tuesday 20th we are holding our Maths Mastery Open Morning from 9.30am to 10.30am. This is a chance for parents to see how maths is taught in all the classes throughout the school. Please feel free to visit all classes to see what progression looks like in maths throughout the school if you are interested. Later in the week Mrs King would like to welcome all Inventors parents to an exhibition afternoon in the Inventors classroom from 2.45pm onwards.

Thank you to all of our parents who are so understanding and are helping us to meet our statutory safeguarding obligations by not coming into school through the middle pupil entrance or EYFS entrance in the mornings. Safeguarding is a statutory requirement for all schools and in order to remain compliant, parents must only come into school via the office in the morning so that we know exactly who is in the building. If you feel you need to speak to a member of staff, please go to the main office where Mrs Bull will arrange for the staff member to come and see you if they are available. Teachers are always very happy to make appointments after school to discuss any aspect of a child's education so please do see Mrs Bull if you would like to arrange an appointment.

Merit Stamp Card
 Congratulations

Percy, Cara, Albi, Jack
 T, Lin-Li, Daisy S-W

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers have been learning about 2D & 3D shapes this week. They have investigated their properties and have made their own shapes with play dough.

Explorers have been learning the story of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'. They have also been learning their numbers in French.

Inventors have taught each other in maths lessons; not only showing how well they pay attention to teaching strategies, but also posing some excellent puzzling questions. An excellent demonstration of mastery.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 19th Nov, full governors meeting, 7pm
- Tue 20th Nov, maths mastery open morning
- Thurs 22nd Nov, Inventors exhibition afternoon
- Tues 27th Nov, SENDCo Drop in session, open to all parents from 2.30pm in the community room
- Thurs 29th Nov, Yr5/6 athletics at SMCC
- Wed 28th Nov, Inventors Landkey Carols evening
- Mon 3rd Dec, Yr5/6 HATS days at SMCC
- Wed 12th Dec, Adv & Dis Nativity performance for parents (9.30am in the Jubilee Hall)
- Tue 18th Dec, 9.30am Christmas Church Service
- Wed 19th Dec, whole school Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- Thurs 20th Dec, last day of 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

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Swimbridge School Poppy Appeal. I am delighted to announce that we have made a record breaking £146.67 this year for the Royal British Legion.

South Molton Year 3/4 Athletics Competition:

We came a brilliant 2nd out of 11 teams; running, jumping and throwing our way past lots of local competition. Everyone who took part, put in so much effort and deserves a huge well done! Thank you also to Henry's grandma for helping on the day. I can't wait for the next one—Year 5/6's coming up soon. Mrs Watts.



Data Collection Sheets:

It is very pleasing that we have had so many of the annual data collection sheets, sent out at the end of October, returned to the office. However, we are still waiting for 37 to be signed and returned. Please ensure these outstanding forms are returned to the school office no later than Friday 30th November. Many thanks, Mrs Bull.

If there are any parents or grandparents out there who would like to become volunteer helpers within our school, then we would love to hear from you! We are looking for volunteers to help with reading and/or creative activities throughout the school, so please do pop to the office to find out more. An enhanced DBS clearance will be needed.



Be a Chorister for a Day: Exeter Cathedral are running a taster day for children who love singing on Saturday 1st December at Exeter Cathedral. It's FREE, but booking is essential! For more information visit <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/be-a-chorister-for-a-day> or pop into the school office and ask Mrs Bull for more details.

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Christmas Breakfast
Come and have breakfast
and meet Father Christmas

Sunday 9th Dec
Swimbridge Jubilee Hall
9.30am

Entrance £5
To include visit to Santa's grotto and breakfast.
Other stalls vary in price from 20p - £1

Teddy Tombola
Sweet Stall
Face painting
Raffle
Santa's Grotto
Christmas Tattoos
Write a letter to Santa
Christmas crafts
Make reindeer food

Charity No: 3025899

Homework

- Adventurers:** Reception: daily reading, phonics and maths activity please.
Year 1: daily reading, maths mat and weekly spellings please.
- Discoverers:** Maths and spelling activity sheets, as well as daily reading please.
- Explorers:** Daily reading, spelling and times tables activity please.
- Inventors:** Reading, spelling and maths booklets. Please also remember to enter Mrs Tibbles' book review competition.

PTFA News

Dates for your diary ~

- **Children's Christmas Market:** 3.30-4.30pm, Monday 3rd December
- **EYFS/KS1 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Friday 14th December
- **KS2 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Wednesday 19th December



It was great to see lots of new faces at our recent PTFA meeting. As a PTFA, this year we are focusing on the 'FUN' in fundraising! Focussing on the events that the children love and enjoy the most. As we are not baking Christmas Cakes this year, we would be most grateful for your support and contributions towards our Children's Christmas Market.

For our new parents—The Children's Christmas Market is held at school and is an event where children are able to choose and buy gifts (from 50p—£2) for their family members. The gifts they buy are then wrapped for them and they then take them home to place under the tree on Christmas day. Whilst your child shops, why not visit the refreshment hatch for a drink and a bite to eat?

The Christmas Market will be taking place from 3.30pm on Monday 3rd December and we are still 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. We also need donations of Christmas wrapping paper, sticky tape and gift tags for the wrapping stations so why not pop an extra role into your trolley next time you shop? Please drop any donations off at the school office as soon as possible. Donations of cakes and mince pies for the refreshment stall will also be much appreciated on the day

If you are able to help out during the afternoon to help set up, pack away or as a gift seller, wrapper or by serving refreshments, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the school office. Many thanks!

