



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 11th to Fri 15h Nov)

Parent/teacher consultation week

Mon:
Remembrance

Tue:
Charity shoebox filling
Guitars
NO Flutes

Wed:

Thurs:
Yr 6 girl's football
(after school)

Fri:
Children in Need
Inventors swimming
3.15pm cake sale

I am delighted to announce that we now have a group of KS2 Sports Captains within our school. The children have been selected by Mrs Watts for displaying core qualities for leadership and achievement within sport and will help with the running of physical play and activities in school throughout the year. Hettie, Joseph, Lotus, George K, Honey L, Jack O, Honey N and Tom W were awarded blue badges and they will be the sporting voice of the pupils at School Council meetings so that new ideas can be discussed. Ruby C, Archie M, Winnie, Rupert, Amy, Henry, Poppy and Judah were awarded yellow badges and they will encourage the children to take part in events and remind them of our School Games Values-passion, self belief, determination, honesty, respect & teamwork when leading teams at fixtures and events. Jess W, Aoife and Isabel were awarded green badges and will support and run lunchtime activities and assist with Sports Day and Activities Week planning. Congratulations to all our worthy sporting representatives!

A reminder that we are holding our parent/teacher consultations next week and the sign up sheets are available at the school office if you have not yet reserved a slot.

"Following our call for nominations to fill our parent governor vacancy, you will be aware two candidates applied for the role. Thank you to Damian Hunter and Emma Feeney for nominating themselves for this important role. Votes have been counted and we can announce Emma Feeney has been duly elected with the majority of votes. We were thrilled so many of you got involved with the voting process. We welcome Emma to the board and look forward to working with her." Natalie Stanbury, Clerk to the Governors.

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers and Discoverers
have been investigating ice and how it melts when exposed to a variety of different temperatures, noticing how it changes from a solid to a liquid.

Explorers:
have been busy learning and mastering column addition and subtraction strategies this week.

Inventors:
have created and delivered a Skern Lodge assembly to the whole school this week, tying their experiences in with our school values.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents of some changes to staffing coming into place in the Spring Term. Mrs Brookes has made the decision to reduce her contract in order to work part time from 1st January and so we are being joined by Mrs Horseman, an experienced primary teacher, who will be sharing responsibility for the Discoverers alongside Mrs Brookes.

Mrs Pye, who currently works 6 hours a week for us as our SENDCo, has taken on extra responsibility at Pilton Infants School and so will be leaving us at Christmas. We are sad to be losing Mrs Pye, but wish her all the very best and know that we will continue to stay in contact through the local SEND forums. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Gilbert's timetable will be increased and that she will be taking over the role of SENDCo at Swimbridge from 1st January.

Merit Stamp Cards &
Learning Behaviour Awards
Congratulations

Alfie, Abbie, Eva, Sam
F, Ruby H, Millie D,
Henry,

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 11th Nov, Remembrance
- Tue 12th Nov, Charity shoebox filling with Mrs Beechey
- 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. Cake donations and helpers welcome
- 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

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

Theatre Alibi Performance

On Thurs 5th Dec, Theatre Alibi will be performing 'I Believe in Unicorns', from the book by Michael Morpurgo. 'I Believe in Unicorns' is about the power of books and the imagination. Set in Slovenia during a troubled period in its recent history, it shows the value of stories in children's lives as a way of understanding the world and developing empathy. We have booked the Jubilee Hall for this whole school event. To enable this wonderful, professional theatre production to take place, we are requesting a voluntary contribution payment of £5 per child, to be paid via ParentPay. Many thanks.

Shoebox Appeal

Today during assembly, the children were shown a short video about the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox Appeal. We will be filling the boxes next Tuesday and so you still have time to drop donations into the office should you wish to.

Reading for Pleasure Competition

There is still time to enter Mrs Tibbles reading competition. If you would like to enter, please create a story map, story mountain or comic strip to represent your favourite book at take it to the school office. The closing date for any entries is 22nd November—Good luck!

Children In Need

Don't forget, next Friday (15th), 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.

Christmas Card Competition

A reminder that 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, and therefore all entries must be handed into our school office by Monday 11th November so that we can forward them on your behalf.



Congratulations to our tennis players, who took part in the North Devon Schools area Year 3/4 Tarka Tennis Tournament. The boys came 3rd in their pool with the girls coming 4th in theirs, playing amongst 40 other local school teams. What a great achievement.

Iffracombe Art & Craft Society In conjunction with Iffracombe Library



Winter Wonderland Children's Art Competition

11 years & under

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for 8 - 11 yrs & 7yrs and under

Create your own winter wonderland picture - a christmas scene, a magical or wintery landscape, the possibilities are endless!

Entries must be A4 size and can be created using pencils, pens, paints, collage or whatever makes you feel wintery.

Write your name, age and contact number on the back of your entry and return to Iffracombe Library or the Art & Craft Society Gallery opposite Capstone Hill.

All entries will be displayed in the Gallery
Competition closes Sunday 8th December



Iffracombe Art & Craft Society Registered Charity Number 1168685



Book Club

Do you like to read? At Book Club from 12.30 every Friday lunchtime in the library you can...

- Take part in a guided read;
- Share a book you are reading;
- Find a new story to read;
- Listen to a story being read to you;
- Read a story to someone else;
- Have quiet reading time alone.

Just walk in and join in!

Remember -

If you read every day you can be an amazing reader

Today a reader - tomorrow a leader!



With huge thanks to Coen for designing the poster and helping to run the club

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, SPaG task and daily reading please.
Discoverers:	SPAG 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 and design for decoration.

PTFA News Page

PTFA

Your support is still needed.....don't forget you can drop donations into the school office at any time and add your name to the 'helper' sign-up sheet.

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



THE "NATIONAL SCHOOLS POETRY COMPETITION" WITH THE THEME OF PEACE FIRST PRIZE

Winning Poem is made into a song.

Annual Awards at The House of Lords

The 2 categories this year are: ages 7-12 and 13-16.

JUDGED BY

Tim Heath, Blake Society Chair
Brenda Emmanus OBE,

Arts & Entertainment
correspondent BBC

Princess K,
Award winning dancer,
actress & motivational speaker

Tally Koren,
International Award winning
singer songwriter and founder of the competition.



You can now listen to the 2017 Winning Poem
"Dark Hand - Light Hand" on Youtube, Spotify and iTunes

The competition is supported by its Patrons,
the Archbishop of York, and Lord Eames OM,
and Peace One Day's founder Jeremy Gilley.

Submit your Poem online by 20th December 2019

www.thenationalschoolspoetrycompetition.com

For more information contact: info@tckproduction.com