



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week ahead

(Mon 14th May to Fri 18th May)

SATs week

Mon: Cricket/Rounders
(all yr 3 & 4, PM)

Tues: No guitars

Wed: No flutes,
Surfing (some KS2, PM)

Thurs:

Fri: Quadkids Athletics
(some yr 5&6, all day)

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers have been looking at different types of homes and construction, building their own homes using different materials.

Discoverers have created their own presentations about Sir David Attenborough on the laptops.

Explorers have been learning about the layers of the rainforest, and in science they have investigated the different parts of flowers and their functions.

Inventors have been helping each other to build exam technique confidence. They have learnt how to 'find the easy' in maths questions, whilst reinforcing the importance of reading, carefully checking and keeping calm. In art the children have used pencil and oil pastel to create observational leaf studies.

During the summer term we have planned a large number of exciting events and activities for all the children, so please make sure that you check your email regularly, as we are now using the ParentPay package as our main source of correspondence. This week, we have emailed a number of trip and sporting letters to various year groups and classes and your child should also have received a paper bulletin from the School Council yesterday.

Your child may have come home with news of our new Royal Blue PE kit, which is being launched in September. The change in colour has come about following the donation of a brand new blue and white 'Premier League' football kit. This new kit, sparked a discussion within School Council about whether the Swimbridge PE kit should be updated to match. In school on Tuesday, every child voted for their choice of colour and the vote was significantly in favour of changing to blue. I am currently arranging stock with Daw and Co of Barnstaple, so that parents can purchase all uniform and PE kit items directly from our school office if they wish to, this should make life more convenient for you all in the future and I will provide details once this is finalised. With the exception of our new September starters, there is no expectation that all children will be in blue PE kit from September, but we would ask that when your child outgrows their current kit, that you replace the polo shirt and hoodie with the new Swimbridge design.

A huge well done to the Explorers children who took part in a local tennis competition on Tuesday at Tarka Tennis. Mrs Watts said that the group were extremely enthusiastic, concentrated well and behaved impeccably during the coaching and matches. They were a credit to their class and the school!



Mrs Watts and Mrs Tibbles are starting an afterschool running club on Mondays from next week. If your child is interested in coming along, please pop into the school office to collect a letter.

Thank you to those who have helped us by returning your signed Home School Agreements, however, we still have over 60 forms un-returned! Please ensure that these are completed and returned to the school office no later than Friday 18th May.

Congratulations to:

Jack B - Stamp Card 1 & Dace B - Stamp Card 4

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 21st May, Inventors Cobbaton Combat & Codden Hill trip
- Tue 22nd May, Tag Rugby tournament, Barnstaple Rugby Club, yr 5 & 6 children
- Tue 22nd May, Coastal Creatures Assembly
- Wed 23rd May Discoverers Open Morning for parents, 9.15-10.00am
- Wed 23rd May, NO surfing (tide times)
- Thu 24th May, Inventors Street Party, parents invited to join from 3.00pm
- Fri 25th May, 'Values In Action' day and Ilfracombe Aquathlon, Inventors cake sale
- Fri 25th May, end of half term
- Tue 5th June, return to school. Yr 6 SMCC children induction at SMCC, Explorers Class rainforest day.

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

We are delighted that most of you are finding our online ParentPay system so easy and accessible to use. In order for this service to continue to benefit us all, it is vital that dinner money, trips and any Cool Kids payments are made in advance. We do have a number of existing debts, some over £100, and we would therefore be grateful if you could login to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding balances where they exist and ensure any future payments are made in advance wherever possible. If you need any assistance at all, please pop into the office where Steph will be very happy to help you.

We would like to remind you all that we continue to have a number of children off with sickness and diarrhoea and it is therefore vital that parents adhere to the 48 hour symptom free rule. If after 48 hours, your child is still unwell, please seek medical advice from your GP or by calling 111.

SCHOOL CLEANER NEEDED

Our school cleaning company needs a new cleaner to work at Swimbridge School for 2 hours a day, weekdays from 3.30–5.30pm during term time. There will also be a small number of hours within the contract during school holidays. Please contact Contract Cleaning Services on 01769 572 603 and ask for Fiona or Sarah if you are interested in the role. A DBS will be required.

Homework

Adventurers: *Daily reading please.*

Discoverers: *Daily reading and year 1 phonics colouring activity, year 2 comprehension please.*

Explorers: *Times tables learning and daily reading please.*

Inventors: *Reading and year 6 SATs last minute reading over/revision. Spellings and new interactive (choice) topic homework will be set for next week after half term.*



PTFA News

Forthcoming Events

- **Inventors:** cake sale
- PTFA meeting
- **School Council:** ice lolly sale
- **Phil-the-Bag collection**
- **PTFA Committee:** ice lolly sale
- **Summer Barn Dance:**
- PTFA AGM

Fri 25th May
 Thu 7th June, 7.30pm
 Fri 29th June
 w/c Mon 9th July
 Fri 20th July
 Sat 21st July, more details to follow
 Thu 4th Oct, 7.30pm

Thank you to the few families who supported the recent Scarecrow Trail. Despite our very limited numbers, we managed to raise £25.90. Although disheartened by the lack of funds raised, it was a lovely afternoon and the children enjoyed walking around the village in the sunshine. A few of the villagers suggested it should become an annual community event, as it has the potential to be much bigger, with other parts of our village community taking part as well.

The current Committee are very worried about the future of our PTFA, the majority of us plan to step down in October, having been committee members for a number of years. We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Committee and have found it extremely rewarding and we are now hoping that a group of people will come forward to keep the PTFA running.

We know that the children really enjoy the events throughout the year; the discos, Funderzone evening, Easter Bingo, ferret racing and Christmas market, to name a few, and the Committee feel that it would be a huge loss to the life of the school if the PTFA was unable to continue because no new parents come forward to take over.

We have created a poll on our Facebook page to gauge interest for our planned School Barn Dance, please make an effort to take part in this poll so that we know how many families to plan for—we are aiming for it to be a fun filled fantastic event to end the year on! Many thanks.