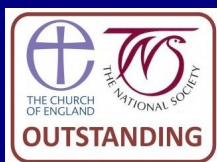




Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

Next Week

(Mon 17th to Fri 21st Sept)

Mon: KS2 football club (3.15-4.15pm)

Tue: Guitars and Flutes

Wed: Before school family running club,
Adventurers' Parents drop in session from 2.30pm

Thurs:

Fri:

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers have been exploring counting on to add numbers using lots of different resources and Miss Matthews has been very impressed! They have also created their own art prints based on a painting by Kandinsky.

Discoverers have been learning about The British Isles and its surrounding seas. They have also enjoyed working with the Adventures on Kandinsky art prints.

Explorers have been very creative this week, working together to produce their Greek God display.

Inventors have started beautiful sketch book work, drawing and painting planets; showing expertise in colour mixing, brush work and 3D techniques.

Our collective worship has had a community focus this week with the children learning about what makes a great community, both in school and out in the wider world.

In family groups the children created a community web, sharing their thoughts and feelings about how it feels to be joined together as part of our Swimbridge School community.

As autumn approaches we are preparing for our Harvest Service which is planned for Friday 5th October in the Parish Church at 2pm; all are welcome. Instead of harvest produce, it is a Swimbridge tradition to collect money which will be used to help change the lives of the poorest and most disadvantaged children in the world. Historically we have funded children through Action Aid and we are proud to say that the children we have sponsored have grown and thrived from our contributions over the years. From this September we are sponsoring a new child, his name is Mamadou and he is 4 years old. He lives in Missirah in southeast Senegal, in the district of Tamcounda, one of the poorest regions of Senegal. Children are encouraged to bring monetary donations in an envelope to the service to help us raise the £250 sponsorship needed to support him.

Can I reassure parents of children in years 1 and above that although we would like all children to wear our grey school logoed jumpers and cardigans wherever possible, we are happy for the children to continue to wear their woollen un-logoed grey jumpers and cardigans until September 2019. The new blue PE kit (logoed polo shirt and logoed hoodie) is the required PE Kit for every child unless their old red kit still fits. All children will be expected to have the blue kit from September 2019. Any parents wishing to purchase the logoed jumpers and cardigans can do so directly from the school office, online through School Threads (free delivery to school) or from MJM Sports, Bideford.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child has their full PE kit and a coat in school every day.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Mon 24th, Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th The Park Community School open mornings
- Wed 26th Sept, Reception parents' class visit, reading & phonics session from 2.30pm
- Mon 1st Oct, Yr 5&6 High Five Netball at SMCC
- Thurs 4th Oct, individual school photos
- Thurs 4th Oct, Appledore Book Festival, meet the Author: Nick Toczek
- Thurs 4th Oct, PTFA AGM from 7.30pm
- Fri 5th Oct, School Harvest Service in St James' Church, 2pm, all are welcome (children to go home directly from the church)
- Week commencing Mon 8th Oct, School Council Election week
- Thurs 11th Oct, 10.45-11.45am Adventurers & Discoverers parents open morning
- Thurs 11th Oct, YrR to SMCC for Dance Festival
- Mon 15th Oct, Samaritan's Purse assembly about the Shoebox Appeal
- Thurs 18th Oct, Flu vaccinations (details to follow)
- Fri 19th Oct, break up for half term
- Fri 19th Oct, PTFA Children's Autumn Disco



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 Morning Running Club, Wednesdays from 8am



Well done to those children and parents who have taken part in our family run before school on a Wednesday morning—what a refreshing way to start the day! All children are welcome to take part, as long as they are accompanied by an adult (adult's do not have to run but need to supervise their own child/ren). If you are interested in finding out more, why not pop along to the school filed next Wednesday morning from 8.00am?

Year 6 Secondary School Open Days

If you would like your child to attend an open morning during the school day, please inform Mrs Bull in the office of the day your child will be absent from school and if they will require a cooked school meal upon their return.

- The Park Community School open mornings from 9.10am-11am on Mon 24th, Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th Sept.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on our Governing Body for a Foundation Governor and you could be, or know, just the person we are looking for to help the school continue to move forward. We need someone who has the ability to think and act strategically as part of a team, but anyone who would like to get involved in the running of the school and who supports our Christian ethos is invited to come and have a chat with Mrs Tibbles or Mr Wyeth (our Chair of Governors) in the first instance.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

In a few weeks, we will be visited by a member of the Community Relations Team from Samaritan's Purse, who will be delivering an assembly about Operation Christmas Child. As we have done historically, we will once again be collecting, filling and sending shoeboxes across the globe to children less fortunate at the festive time of the year. If you have any medium size adult shoeboxes & spare Christmas wrapping paper (pre-wrapped boxes even better!) please drop them into the school office, together with any goodies you would like to donate:

- ~ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannels, combs, brushes etc. no liquids please.
- ~ Hats, gloves and scarves - no camouflage or skeleton patterns please.
- ~ Pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, rubbers, sharpeners, note books, small cuddly toys.
- ~ Small toys e.g. tennis ball, skipping rope, cars (no war themed toys please).
- ~ Sweets with a sell by date after March 2019 (no chocolate please).
- ~ Cash donations would also be welcomed.



Homework

Adventurers:	<i>Reception - phonics and maths tasks. Year 1 - spellings and maths mat. Daily reading for everyone please.</i>
Discoverers:	<i>Spellings, spelling & grammar activity sheet and daily reading please.</i>
Explorers:	<i>Daily reading, spellings (week 2), and maths timestable sheet.</i>
Inventors:	<i>Reading, spellings and maths booklets. Don't forget to work on your topic homework for after half term.</i>



PTFA News

Forthcoming Events:

- **PTFA AGM:** Thurs 4th Oct from 7.30pm in the Community Room - everyone is welcome, so please come along to share any fundraising ideas you have, refreshments will be provided.
- **Children's Autumn Disco:** Fri 19th October in the Jubilee Hall (times to be confirmed)

What is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

Most schools have a PTA; here at Swimbridge we like to include friends of our school, therefore we are known as the **PTFA**: Parent, Teacher & Friends Association. It is an organisation of parents, family, friends & staff. The role of the PTFA is to encourage closer links between home and school. The PTFA is best known for its fundraising work, but we have useful social functions too. Fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together.

How is the PTFA organised?

At our school all parents/carers and staff are automatically members of the PTFA. The AGM (Annual General Meeting) takes place in October, close to the start of the school year. At this meeting a Committee is elected to run the PTFA – consisting of a chair, vice-chair, a treasurer and a secretary, with other parents/carers volunteering to be 'class reps', where they pass information from the PTFA to other parents in their child's class. The PTFA Committee usually meet once a half term to organise events and everyone is welcome at these meetings.

How is money raised?

We, as a PTFA raise money through events and activities that run throughout the school year: Examples include the Christmas fayre, Easter bingo, summer fete, children's discos, cake sales, as well as many other events. The PTFA are always open to new ideas and new fundraising activities.

How is the money spent?

Funds raised by the PTFA are intended to provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's main income – often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. As well as these extras, the PTFA contributes to extra curricula activities, event/sport transport hire, theatre events, playground equipment, with larger two to three year projects to enhance the school of all pupils.

How can you be involved in our PTFA?

There are many different ways you can help with our PTFA, whether you have lots of time to offer or not. If you can't commit to a 'big job', look for things you can do less frequently e.g. running a stall at the summer/Christmas fayres, baking cakes etc. and you can always support our PTFA events by simply turning up.

*** If you would like to be on the PTFA but are worried that the meetings are at the wrong time, please do come to the AGM—the meetings can be moved to after or during school or whenever suits the new team, it is whatever works for the committee!***