



# Swimbridge C of E Primary School



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## Swimbridge News

### The Week Ahead

(Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Oct)

#### Mon:

High 5 Netball  
 Skern Lodge parents meeting  
 from 3.20pm

#### Tues:

School Band, & Guitars  
 Harvest Festival from 2pm  
 at St James' Church

#### Wed:

Flutes  
 PTFA AGM from 7.30pm

#### Thurs:

#### Fri:

WOW, what an exciting week! As you will probably already know by now, we had a visit from the fire brigade on Wednesday lunch time. Ironically we had carried out our first practice fire evacuation drill on Tuesday and so we were well rehearsed for the 'real thing'.

Next week is our School Council election week, where children will learn about democracy and have the chance to stand for election as their class representative if they wish. Forms were handed out to interested children today and will need to be completed by Wednesday, when they will also make a 60 second speech to their class. Classrooms will then become polling stations on Thursday, with the big announcement taking place on Friday morning's assembly.

On Monday, we are holding an important information session after school for parents of children going on the Skern Lodge residential so please do try to attend if at all possible.

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Harvest Festival at St James' Church on Tuesday 3rd October from 2pm and we hope that parents (and grandparents) will be able to join us. Children will be able to go home following the service, but we would ask for parents to wait just outside, following the service, for staff to bring the children out in class groups and hand the children over safely. This will ensure that all children are accounted for. Children attending Cool Kids Club will be walked back up to school following the service.

You might be interested to know that Chivenor Soccer School are offering open football trials for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. For more information please contact the Head of Development Lee Barrow on 07890 018 502.

Would your Year 4, 5 or 6 child be interested in joining children from other schools in the North Devon High Five Netball Tournament? The first event is taking place at Park School on Sunday 15th October from 9.45am till 2.30/3pm. If your child would like to be involved, please give their name to Steph in the office.

Swimbridge Pre-school are holding a 'Big Breakfast' to raise funds. It takes place at the Jubilee Hall on Sun 15th October from 9am-1pm. All are welcome to attend, just turn up on the day.

### What's been going on in our School

**Adventurers** enjoyed looking for signs of autumn this week and have been on an autumn walk on the school field & in the forest garden. The children were really amazing at changing into their PE kit when they went to the Jubilee Hall on Monday.

**Discoverers** had a great time at the Dojo this week, practising balancing using different parts of the body on the floor and on apparatus.

**Explorers** have had a great week delving into the Stone Age: please see the next page.

**Inventors** have started planning their Viking Day (scheduled for next Thursday.) The children have developed many exciting ideas for activities, including a Viking battle and feast!

## Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Yr R to Yr 4 Flu vaccinations from 1pm Tue 10th Oct
- Adventurers, Discoverers & Explorers Class open mornings, Tues 17th-Thurs 19th Oct
- Skern Residential Tue 17th-Fri 20th Oct
- Break up for half term, Fri 20th Oct

### Homework

**Discoverers:** Maths money activities based on what we have been learning about this week.

**Explorers:** Reading & spellings

**Inventors:** Reading, spellings and times-table practise (emphasis on division questions if tables are secure for multiplying) and to prepare a Viking costume / Viking accessories for our Viking Day next Thursday.



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## PTFA News

\*\*PTFA AGM: Wed 4th Oct 7.30pm

\*Autumn Disco: Fri 3rd Nov Jubilee Hall

\*Phil the Bag: Week commencing Mon 6th Nov

A big thank you to the following people, who, after a bit of arm twisting, have kindly agreed to be our class representatives:

Adventurers	-	Robert Knight-Lynn, Rhiann Friend
Discoverers	-	Charlotte Barrow, Caroline Van-Huyse
Explorers	-	Sara Smith, Victoria O'Connor
Inventors	-	Pip Vipond, Laura Wade

Following the success of the wonderful Wistlandpound walk, please ensure all sponsorship money is brought to the school office by Wednesday—many thanks.



We have signed up to **'Phil the Bag'** once again, a fundraising initiative that recycles old and unwanted clothing and turns it into cash for schools. This is a fantastic way to teach our children about recycling, help the environment and raise vital funds for our school at the same time!

The more clothing we are able to collect - adult and children's clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, curtains, towels and bedding (not the inside of pillows/duvets) - the more money we receive!

You can support by bringing your unwanted textiles in to school in any plastic/black bag by 9am on our **'Phil the Bag'** Recycle Day. The exact date has yet to be confirmed, but will take place during the week commencing Mon 6th Nov. We have a collection area for the bags ~ under the playground shelter.

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a good clear out too! (Items are accepted in any type of bag and in any condition, as those items that cannot be reused are recycled).

*Don't forget you can keep up to date with all our events by joining the Swimbridge School PTFA FaceBook page.*

# The Explorers Stone Age Day

This week, the Explorer's class became cave boys, cave girls and Stone Age animals- including a woolly mammoth! We had a fabulous day. Thank you to all parents for supporting this theme day and for the excellent effort with the costumes; all the children looked fantastic. We had a brilliant time building a Stone Age camp, creating cave paintings, exploring how Stone Age people started their campfires using different materials and cooking rock cakes. In the afternoon we had a Stone Age visitor from Exmoor National Park who shared some Stone Age replica artefacts with the children which included flints, hides, antlers and huge tusks. The children held, studied and were wowed by these items. The children also had the opportunity to see if they could out-run a Woolly Mammoth in a game titled 'Run for your life!' - a challenge that no-one achieved!

