



Swimbridge CE Primary School

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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 8th Jan to Fri 12th Jan)

Mon:
Tues: Yr 6 SMCC meeting,
Guitars start
Wed: Flutes start
Thurs:
Fri:

Staffing News

The children celebrated with Mrs Nickels in assembly this morning and wished her goodbye (for now) and good luck as she starts her maternity leave on Monday.

The children presented Mrs Nickels with presents, cards and flowers and we have all been promised pictures and visits in the near future.

I look forward to being able to bring you more news once the baby is born.

Sadly, over the Christmas break, Mrs Poland badly broke her arm and hand, so she will not be with us for a few weeks. Mrs McLaughlan has been planning with Mrs Austen this week and will be covering Mrs Poland's days until she is able to return.

Congratulations to:

George K - Stamp Card 6

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a very happy New Year and hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. The children have come back to school with energy, positivity and an enthusiasm for learning and it has been lovely to hear about the many activities and adventures they have enjoyed with family and friends over the festive period.

This term our whole school topic is 'Grand Designs'. As a bit of fun, we are holding a pudding design competition, with the winning pudding being made for the children by Marie in our kitchen on Thursday 18th January. On this day, the lunch will also be themed and there will be prizes given out for stickered trays. We would be grateful if children could bring any design entries to the school office by Friday 12th January.

Hopefully you will have already received a parent update email today, containing important information from the School Nurse Team, together with a letter about Encompass, a new Safeguarding initiative that has been introduced in Devon schools. The information contained in the email is also available on our school website for your reference (www.swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk).

Following requests from parents, and to bring us in line with other local primary and secondary schools, we introduced our online payment system Parentpay last October. A great deal of work went on behind the scenes to put this system in place, in order to enable parents to benefit from a much easier way to pay for dinners, Cool Kids Club and other school-based trips and activities. Sadly, a large number of parents are accumulating debts on their accounts and we now have over £600 owing in outstanding dinner money alone. Please can I ask that you pay for dinners and other school based activities up front, just as before. As a small school, we are unable to accommodate debts against our budget and any administration time taken in debt recovery activities — phone calls, reminder letters, etc. takes Steph away from other important and essential aspects of her role within school. I would ask that all items are paid for in advance in the future and that any debt you have accumulated on your account is cleared immediately. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

From 2018, Cool Kids Club fees will be as follows: Breakfast Club: £3.50, After school half session: £4.75 and After school full session £7.00. Fees have been slightly increased, to reflect rises in staffing, utilities and other running costs over the last 18 months.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Wed 10th Jan, PTFA meeting, 7.30pm
- Thurs 8th Feb, Maths Mastery Open morning, all parents invited 9.30—10.30am
- Tue 16th Jan, Yr R & Yr 6 group photos
- Fri 9th Feb, Break up for half term
- Mon 5th Feb, Full Governors, 7pm

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



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PTFA News

Forthcoming Events

- **PTFA meeting:** Wednesday 10th January.
7.30pm in Community Room, all welcome.
- **Funderzone Evening:** Friday 26th January.
No tickets needed, £3.00 on the door.
- **School Disco:** Friday 9th February, more details to follow
- **Easter Bingo:** Thursday 29th March, more details to follow