



# Swimbridge CE Primary School

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## Swimbridge News

### The First Week Back

(Thurs 4th Jan to Fri 5th Jan)

**Mon:**

**Tues:**

*Staff only day*

**Wed:**

*Staff only day*

**Thurs:**

*Spring term begins*

**Fri:**

What a fantastically festive week it's been this week!

Huge congratulations to our Adventurers & Discoverers for their wonderful Nativity, 'Ned's Christmas Discovery'.

The children looked glorious in their costumes & they all sang with enthusiasm throughout. Those children with lines, delivered them with confidence & all involved seemed to enjoy the experience of performing in front of a rather large audience.

Thank you to Mrs French, Miss Matthews & the staff team who worked so hard to put the performance together—quite a challenge, with 60 children on stage at once!

Thank you also to all our parents and families for coming to see the production, for your donations and for your help and support with line learning and costumes.

Thank you for attending our Christmas concert and for your generous donations for our Action Aid children. I am sure you will agree that the service was full of the Christmas spirit.

A further £20.08 was raised for Action Aid by Bronte SJ and Aoifa O this week, who took it upon themselves to go carol singing in the village to raise extra funds. Well done girls!

Every year the ancient Swimbridge educational charity, the 'Feoffees', traditionally gives a small gift to all children resident in Swimbridge Parish attending our school. This year, this gift has been kindly extended to all children who attend our school. I would like to personally thank the Feoffees for their generosity and kindness.

From January, our whole school topic will be 'Grand Designs'. As a bit of fun and to start the ball rolling, we are holding a pudding design competition, with the winning pudding being made for the children by Marie in our kitchen one lunchtime in January. Competition entries need to be handed in to the school office by Friday 12th January please.

Finally, I would like to wish all our children and their families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Mrs Tibbles.



### Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Thurs 4th Jan, 8.45am  
Spring term begins for the children
- Tues 9th Jan, guitars begin
- Wed 10th Jan, flutes begin
- Tue 16th Jan, Yr R & Yr 6 group photos

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**



**A Christmas poem, written this week by Aoife O, Bronte S-J & Daisy S-W**

Twas the night before Christmas  
The bells chimed the hour  
The cooks fell asleep with the white bag of flour  
From making Christmas pudding all day long  
Till the bells woke them up with a big, loud BANG  
The children in their beds, with pillows on their heads,  
Dreamt softly in their slumber, they really couldn't wait any longer!

Then the youngest of the group heard Santa and his troop  
Of reindeer that flyed slowly and landed on the roof.  
He called them one by one  
Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen  
Oh Comet, oh Cupid, oh Donner and Blitzen.  
He really loved his super pets, so he checked again before ,he was done.

Down he went the chimney, as quiet as he could,  
He was very careful because he really knew he should.  
He filled up the stockings with presents galore,  
He didn't leave biscuit crumbs upon the carpet floor.  
The little girl ran down stairs, chucking pillows in the air, with her yellow teddy bear.  
She was scared at first but then she heard a burst like a popping red balloon.  
She'd never heard a laugh like that as she entered the room.  
Santa Claus touched his nose and shot back up the chimney in a big pop.  
What a day for the little girl, she really had a shock!

Please see below some photographs of our school Christmas lunch this Wednesday. It was great to see so many colourful Christmas jumpers of various designs, raising £93 for our Action Aid children.





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## PTFA News

### Forthcoming Events

- **PTFA meeting: new date** Wednesday 10th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Community Room
- **Funderzone Evening:** Friday 26th January, an event requested by the School Council
- **School Disco:** Friday 9th February
- **Easter Bingo:** Thursday 29th March

We would like to thank everyone for their support during the term, which has made it possible to organise our fundraising events. Without your support, these events wouldn't be possible.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks

The Committee

### Monies raised in Autumn Term

Event/Project	Profit
Sponsored Family Walk	£440.00
Autumn Halloween Disco	£212.25
Phil-the-bag Autumn Term	£143.50
Christmas Market	£359.54
Christmas Raffle	£458.08
Christmas Cake	£184.48
Christmas Cards	£159.57
Christmas Fayre	£617.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,574.53</b>