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Swimbridge CE Primary School

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

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Swimbridge News

Next Week
(Mon 26th Nov to Fri 30th Nov)

Mon:

Tue:
Guitars and Flutes, 2.30-3.30pm SENDCo drop in session; open to all parents

Wed: *8.20am Skipping club,*

Thurs: *12 year 5/6 children to SMCC Athletics*

Fri:

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers & Discoverers *have completed some incredible research into the eight planets in our solar system, which the children have enjoyed thoroughly.*

Explorers *have created Olympic Laurel headdresses and Trojan horse models this week.*

Inventors *have enjoyed teaching all the classes about the exhibits on display within their museum this week. Please see the photographs that follow on the next pages of this newsletter.*

It was great to see the children glowing with enthusiasm as they proudly demonstrated their maths skills to our parent and grandparent visitors during the Maths Mastery open morning on Tuesday this week.

Mrs King and the Inventors would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents that joined them yesterday afternoon for their wonderful exhibition of this term's topic work. It has been fantastic to be able to share all the learning with you this week and I am sure you will agree that the children show huge enthusiasm for all that they are doing.

We invited Kingsacre School to Swimbridge on Monday to play some netball matches to provide some friendly competition for our netballers this term. Over 50 children took part in four games. Our Swimbridge teams won the first two matches 8-0 and 3-0, then we had some hard fought matches losing out 3-2 and 5-0, with our year 3/4 children challenging themselves against much older opposition. A big well done to everyone for taking part and demonstrating some fantastic determination and team spirit. Hopefully we will travel to Braunton for a rematch in the New Year. The netball club will draw to a close now but there will be an after school hockey club beginning in January on a Monday evening. Information regarding signing up for this will be given out shortly. Mrs Watts.

The Swimbridge 'Explore, Climb and Play' Project
I am currently in the process of applying for National Lottery funding, with the aim of providing a purpose built climbing area suitable for children from pre-school through to year 6. If successful, this project will provide a safe place to play and will address some of the children's physical development needs. The project is classed as a community project as it will not only benefit the children during school time, but will also be of benefit to those who attend Cool Kids Club before and after school and during the holidays and has the potential to be used by any children's groups that run at the church, together with the pre-school.

If you or your child would like to share any thoughts or ideas about what type of climbing apparatus we could install, please pop into the office and ask Mrs Bull for a sheet. All ideas are welcome and will provide evidence of consultation which will assist with the funding application.

Merit Stamp Card
Congratulations
Barnaby, Tom V-H, Isla and Milly B

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Tues 27th Nov, SENDCo Drop in session, open to all parents from 2.30pm in the community room
- Thurs 29th Nov, Yr5/6 athletics at SMCC
- Mon 3rd Dec, Yr5/6 HATS days at SMCC
- Wed 12th Dec, Adv & Dis Nativity performance for parents (9.30am in the Jubilee Hall)
- Tue 18th Dec, 9.30am Christmas Church Service
- Wed 19th Dec, whole school Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- Wed 19th Dec, Inventors Christmas Carols in the village 7-8pm (details to follow)
- Thurs 20th Dec, last day of term

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

Inventors Technology Exhibition

Children in Need—update from last week's antics.
Our fundraising last week raised a whopping £286.98, with the cake sale raising £74.70, Jessica W & Romy raising £80 from their sponsored silence, and the crazy hair/non-uniform raising £132.28. Well done all!

Data Collection Sheets:
Please ensure that any outstanding Data Collection Forms are returned to the school office by Friday 30th November, even if there are no changes to the details. Many thanks, Mrs Bull.

Volunteers:
A reminder that we are looking for volunteer helpers within school. Please pop into the office if you are interested. An enhanced DBS clearance will be needed.

Landkey Carols Update:
Sadly, due to last minute schedule changes on the part of other participants in the Landkey Carols event, we are now unable to perform in this event. We will ensure that the children have the opportunity to perform the songs they have learnt within school. Wren Music, who visited and worked with the children provided wonderful enrichment to our music programme and so despite this disappointment, the project has been a great experience to take part in within school.

Christmas is fast approaching...
On 3rd Dec our brand new Christmas post box, decorated by the children, will be put in pride of place within the reflection area for children from all classes to post their Christmas cards to one another. Each year at Swimbridge, the yr R children take on the role of post men and women; collecting, sorting and delivering all our Christmas post.

The Adventurers and Discoverers Nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am in the Jubilee Hall and all parents, grandparents and friends are welcome. No tickets are sold for this, we just ask for a contribution on the door to help with our hall hire costs.

Our whole school Christmas Service will be taking place at St James Church on Tues 18th Dec at 9.30am and all are welcome to attend.

On Wed 19th Dec the children will be sitting down to enjoy our whole school Christmas lunch; a traditional roast with all the trimmings, together with Christmas crackers. As this is an extra special lunch, we are requesting an additional 25p per child to cover the costs. We will **not** be using ParentPay for this small amount and would therefore ask that you drop 25p in a named envelope, into the school office on this occasion. To really get into the festive spirit, children can choose to come into school in a Christmas jumper and/ or Christmas hat, for a donation of £1 which will be given to the 'Care for Kids' charity, as chosen by out School Council.

To round off this special festive day, we are also planning to go carol singing around Swimbridge Village from 6-8pm, ending with hot chocolate at The Jack Russel from 7.45pm - more details of this event will be sent out soon.

Home learning

Adventurers:	*Reception ~ Tapestry homework, phonics spelling activity and daily reading please.* *Year 1 ~ SPaG mat, spellings and daily reading please.*
Discoverers:	*SPaG mat, spellings and daily reading please.*
Explorers:	*Times tables, spelling lists and reading comments please (at least 3 a week)*
Inventors:	*Reading, spelling and maths booklets please.*

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Dates for your diary ~

- **Children's Christmas Market:** 3.30-4.30pm, Monday 3rd December
- **EYFS/KS1 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Friday 14th December
- **KS2 Cake Sale:** 3.15pm, Wednesday 19th December

A reminder that the Christmas Market will be taking place from 3.30pm on Monday 3rd December and we are still in need of small Christmas gift items to sell (new items only please, not second hand).

These can be any small item that a child, mum, dad, grandparent etc. would like to receive at Christmas; hair accessories, toiletries, chocolates, socks, colouring books, pens, small toys, games etc.

We also need donations of Christmas wrapping paper, sticky tape and gift tags for the wrapping stations so why not pop an extra role into your trolley next time you shop?

Please drop any donations off at the school office as soon as possible.

Donations of cakes and mince pies for the refreshment stall will also be much appreciated on the day.

If you are able to help out during the afternoon to help set up, pack away or as a gift seller, wrapper or by serving refreshments, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the school office. Many thanks!