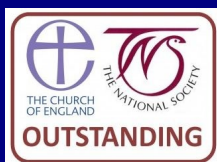




Swimbridge CE Primary School

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



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Swimbridge News

The Week ahead

(Mon 7th May to Fri 11th May)

Mon: Bank Holiday, school closed

Tues: Guitars,

Wed: Flutes,
Tennis competition
(some yr 3&4)
Surfing (some KS2)

Thurs:

Fri:

This week, the children have learnt about the difference between having a mind full and 'mindfulness'. They have taken part in relaxation and breathing exercises and thought about how being 'mindful' might help them in the classroom, the playground and at home.

The children have been practically exploring ways to stay fit and healthy within their classes and have been enjoying 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' and a variety of visualisation activities. Many of these are available on YouTube and are a fun way to support your child's social emotional wellbeing, so why not take a look?

We would like to make parents aware that over the last couple of weeks we have had a large number of children off school with sickness and diarrhoea. It is vital that parents adhere to the 48 hour symptom free rule as stipulated by Public Health England. If after 48 hours, your child is still unwell, please seek medical advice from your GP or by calling 111. We would be grateful if parents could take the time to read the 'Healthy Hands' leaflet (attached with this newsletter) with their children over the bank holiday weekend.

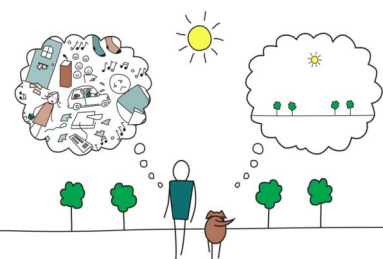
Thank you to those who have already returned their signed Home School Agreement, please remember that these need to be handed into the office next week.

A reminder to parents of children who expressed an interest in the Ilfracombe Aquathlon, we must have swimming distance confirmation by Mon 7th at the latest otherwise your child will not be able to participate in this event.

We are currently organising lots of exciting activities for our values in action day (Fri 25th May) and activities week (16th-20th July). There are also many sporting fixtures during the summer term, so please keep an eye out for any ParentPay emails coming your way.

Mrs Matthews has produced a useful E-safety leaflet (attached) with up to date information regarding gaming and online safety.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful May Bank Holiday!



Mind Full, or Mindful?

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers have been reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and have written letters to the Troll. In maths they have been taking away numbers from 10.

Discoverers have been exploring day and creating different shapes and textures. They have sketched their own animal sculptures which we will be making next week.

Explorers have been putting their times tables knowledge into practice with their division learning. In science, they have been fascinated by the results of our class experiment, noting that seeds had sprouted even without soil.

Inventors have started body percussion and poly rhythm work in preparation for our Pannier Market Performance on 4th July (letter to follow).

Congratulations to:

Austin B	- stamp card 12
Clemmie M	- stamp card 1
Esme C	- stamp card 1
Barnaby P	- stamp card 1

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Throughout May, Year 2 children will be completing various KS1 SATs assessments
- Wk commencing Mon 14th May, KS2 SATs
- Mon 14th May, yrs 3 & 4 cricket/rounders at SMCC
- Wed 16th May, week 4 KS2 surfing
- Fri 18th May, selected yr5/6 Quadkids athletics, Braunton
- Mon 21st May, Inventors WWII street party
- Tue 22nd May, Tag Rugby tournament, Barnstable Rugby Club, Inventors Class

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

SCHOOL CLEANER NEEDED

Our school cleaning company needs a new cleaner to work at Swimbridge School for 2 hours a day, weekdays from 3.30—5.30pm during term time. There will also be a small number of hours within the contract during school holidays. Please contact Contract Cleaning Services on 01769 572 603 and ask for Fiona or Sarah if you are interested in the role. A DBS will be required.

Village News:

The Swimbridge Green Team would welcome any new volunteers; parents and children, for a couple of hours this Saturday from 10am-12noon helping around the village, to keep it looking smart.

Don't forget that there will now be a 'pop-up' Post Office in St James' Church, Swimbridge, every Tuesday from 2-4pm.

During the Church Coffee Morning on Saturday 19th May, there will be a large screen televising the Royal Wedding.

Local News:

Rock Park in Barnstaple are now holding a children's 'Park Run': a free timed running event that takes place every week, for children and adults alike. The children's run starts on Sunday 27th May. To register go to www.parkrun.org.uk/barnstaple/. You will need to arrive at Rock Park by 8.45am, meeting at the play area.

There is a Spring Flowers Craft Session at South Molton Library on Sat 5th May, from 10.30 to 12. This event is FREE to ages 6-10 but spaces are limited, so please book by calling 01769 572 128.

Homework

Adventures:	Daily reading please. Phase 4 tricky words.
Discoverers:	Maths sheets. Spellings in back of homework book. Daily reading please.
Explorers:	Times table activity sheets and spellings. Daily reading please.
Inventors:	Reading, spellings and maths booklets please. Yr 6 revision: the last push. Please also complete 'All about me' collages.



PTFA News

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Scarecrow Trail tomorrow (Sat 5th May) from 2pm—4pm in the Jubilee Hall.

Forthcoming Events

- **Inventors:** cake sale
- **School Council:** ice lolly sale
- **Phil-the-Bag collection**
- **PTFA Committee:** ice lolly sale
- **Summer Barn Dance:**

Fri 25th May
 Fri 29th June
 w/c Mon 9th July
 Fri 20th July
 Sat 21st July, more details to follow

Thank you and well done to Explorers class who's cake sale raised £68.90!

Currently at the Swimbridge allotments there is a surplus produce stall of flowers, fruits and vegetables. All donations raised from this stall are being donated to our PTFA. If your child would like to design a poster to advertise the stall, please do so on an A4 piece of paper and hand it in to Mrs Lewis who will pass them on to David Netherway who has organised the stall on our behalf. The posters will be displayed around the village.

Our current PTFA Committee are on their last full term of fundraising. At the AGM in October, it is very likely that some of the current committee members will be stepping down from their roles.

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTFA Committee, please just ask! With the recent cuts to school budgets, the school has to rely on our fundraising more and more. We would like our PTFA to continue to benefit all of our children at Swimbridge School, but for this to happen, we need people ready to step up to continue the work of the PTFA.

- Have you thought what will happen if we cannot secure a PTFA Committee for the next school year?
- Would you be happy donating money per term to support the school instead?
- Would you be happy paying more for trips and sporting activities or the number of opportunities for these activities being reduced?

All of this could become a reality if we don't have a committee...

SAVE THE DATE

On Sat 21st July, the PTFA have decided to hold a Traditional Barn Dance as the family fun summer event this year, rather than the usual Summer Fayre. We hope that you will all join us at what promises to be a fantastic occasion!