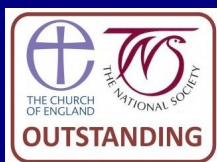




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Swimbridge News

Next Week

*(Mon 12th Nov to Fri 16th Nov)***Mon:** KS2 netball club (3.15-4.15pm)**Tue:** Guitars and Flutes, Christmas Shoebox packing**Wed:** Before school skipping club, Inventors Magistrates workshop**Thurs:** 12 Yr3/4 children at SMCC for indoor athletics**Fri:** Children in Need non uniform 'funny hair day' & after school cake sale.

Some of our learning this week:

Adventurers have been practising climbing and balancing at height using different apparatus in the DOJO.**Discoverers** have enjoyed developing their tennis skills in their PE lesson at Tarka Tennis Centre.**Explorers** have been learning to subtract by exchanging this week. They have also learnt about sources of light. Can they tell you what is not a source of light?**Inventors** have been investigating aspects of technology advancements and considered its impact on the world and people.

Today, our year 5 & 6 children walked to St James' Church at 11am to lay a remembrance poppy wreath on behalf of the school. Whilst there, we were joined by Reverend Shaun and the children and staff of Swimbridge Pre-School. Our children read poems of remembrance, held a two minute silence and joined in prayer to thank those who gave their lives and changed our world, before going in to the church to look at the village war memorabilia displays.

Please see a wonderful remembrance poem written by Jack SW in year 5 on the following page of this newsletter.

We hope that our parent/teacher consultation evenings this week were helpful and informative and that you enjoyed looking at all the wonderful displays and your children's books. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher this week, and would like to do so, please pop into the school office and Mrs Bull will arrange this for you. I would like to thank the many parents who have taken the time to drop in and give us positive feedback about the new structure to these consultation events, it is great to know that we are getting things right.

Next Tuesday, 13th Nov, each child will be helping to fill Christmas shoeboxes, for our Samaritans Purse shoebox appeal, however, we are still in need of more adult size shoe boxes and items to fill them. If you are able to donate any items from the following list, please drop them into the school office by next Tuesday morning. Many thanks.

- ~ Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannels, combs, brushes etc. no liquids please
- ~ Small, soft, cuddly toys
- ~ Small toys e.g. tennis ball, skipping rope, cars (no war themed toys please)
- ~ Sweets with a sell by date after March 2019 (no chocolate please)
- ~ Cash donations

Next Friday, 16th Nov, we will be raising funds for Children in Need. Children are invited to bring in a minimum donation of £1 in order to come to school in non uniform with a funny hair style. We will also be holding an after school cake sale from 3.15pm, so if you are able to bake and donate cakes or biscuits, please drop these into the school office on Friday morning. Many thanks in advance.

Merit Stamp Card

Congratulations

Luke L, Charlie P, Molly S, Coen W, Sophie B, Amy B Joseph N

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

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| • Thurs 15th Nov, Yr3/4 indoor athletics at SMCC | evening |
| • Fri 16th Nov, Children in Need | • Mon 3rd Dec, Yr5/6 HATS days at SMCC |
| • Mon 19th Nov, full governors meeting, 7pm | • Wed 12th Dec, Adv & Dis Nativity (am) |
| • Tue 20th Nov, maths mastery open morning | • Tue 18th Dec, 9.30am Christmas Church Service |
| • Thurs 22nd Nov, Inventors Exhibition afternoon | • Wed 19th Dec, whole school Christmas lunch |
| • Thurs 29th Nov, Yr5/6 athletics at SMCC | • Thurs 20th Dec, last day of term |
| • Wed 28th Nov, Inventors Class Landkey Carols | |

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**

Landkey Carols, Wed 28th November

Please note that the Landkey Carols event is for children in Inventors class and not the choir as originally communicated. Sorry for any confusion caused by this error.

Reading for Pleasure and Family Groups Next Week

Children are invited to make a reading den at home (inside or outside) over the weekend or next week and bring in a photograph of their den, or of them reading somewhere exciting or different, to show and share during family group sessions next Thursday.

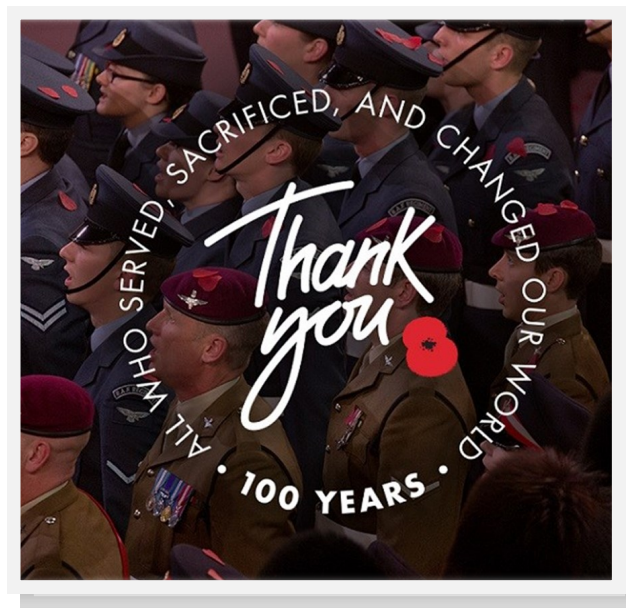
Please don't forget to encourage your child to participate in the book review competition currently running. The competition is open to all children and the closing date for entries is Monday 19th Nov so there is still plenty of time to get entries in.

A poster for a book review competition. At the top, it says 'Competition Time!' in large blue letters. Below that, it asks 'Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to share your love of books with others?' and invites children to 'Enter the Swimbridge School book review competition'. It lists prizes for four categories: EYFS, KS1, LKS2 (yr 3&4) and UKS2 (yr 5&6), mentioning Waterstones vouchers, bookmarks, and a review published on Amazon.com. It also says to 'Pick up a book review template from Mrs Tibbles' and gives a closing date of Monday 19th November. The poster is decorated with book covers like 'The Boy Who Swam to England' and 'The Boy Who Walked into a Tree'.

A Poem for Remembrance

To all who gave their lives,
We remember.
An hour we give for them.
Two minutes of respect.
An aging for a hundred years
We will resurrect.
Embroided them in our minds,
Enclose them in a case.
The red rose, the poppy,
In Flanders Field we grace.
We pray upon their graves
To those we must employ.
A hundred years it's been,
One day we must enjoy.

By Jack SW, year 5.



(This poem was not classwork, Jack chose to write this poem in his own time in response to the work we have been doing during our Collective Worship in school).

Mrs King has put some remembrance work by Inventors class on display in the corridor by the kitchen hatch for parents and visitors to come in and take a look if they would like to, any day after school.

Homework

Adventurers: Reception - Daily reading, phonics spelling activity and maths activity.
Year 1 - Daily reading, spellings and SPaG activity mat.

Discoverers: Reading, SPaG activity mat. Please practise your spellings—let's try and get 10/10!

Explorers: Daily reading, spellings and times tables please.

Inventors: Reading, spelling and maths booklets please. If you have a times table sheet, please practise each times table this term, to be retested at Christmas.



PTFA News

Dates for your diary:

- **PTFA meeting** ~ Tuesday 13th November at 9.00am, straight after drop off in the upstairs classroom, tea, coffee and biscuits available and toddlers welcome.
- **Children's Christmas Market** ~ taking place after school in November, early December; a date has yet to be confirmed.

We are in need of small Christmas gift items to sell at the Children's Christmas Market. 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. Please bring donations to the school office. A sign-up sheet for helpers on the day will be up shortly, watch this space.