



Swimbridge C of E Primary School



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Swimbridge News

The Week Ahead

(Mon 9th - Fri 13th Oct)

Mon: Book sale at 3.15pm

Tues: Guitars & School Band,
Flu Vaccinations

Wed: Flutes
School Council meeting

Thurs:

Fri:

What's been going on in our School

Adventurers have been finding out about harvest and acting out the story of the Little Red Hen. We have composed musical stories for Rosie's Walk and have been mixing autumn colours to create autumn pictures from things we have found in the forest garden. We have made autumn crumble and tasted it too - Yummy!

Discoverers have written their own algorithms to programme the BlueBots on floor mats - testing each others to debug them.

Explorers have been investigating the properties of rocks in science and in literacy they have begun to work on writing instructions, with a focus on how we could attempt the tricky task of washing a Woolly Mammoth. The children may be trying out their imperative verbs at the weekend - so perhaps be prepared for some unintentional bossiness!

Inventors have enjoyed their Viking immersion day And created their own ballet performance of Swan Lake.

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who attended our Harvest Festival this week. We managed to raise £235.78. towards our Action Aid child sponsorship and on Monday after school from 3.15pm, we will be holding a second hand book sale (no book donations needed for this) to raise further funds.

I am delighted to announce that our School Council election week was a great experience for all. The children learnt about a key British Value — democracy, and each year group elected their representatives to stand on this academic year's School Council. Details and photographs will follow.

I wanted to reassure parents that they should feel able to come to the school office with any queries or questions, however small, or make an after school appointment with their child's class teacher should they wish to discuss any aspect of their child's learning or school procedures etc. We are always happy to meet with parents, often at very short notice.

If you would like to order your child's school photograph, taken last week, please hand forms and payment into the school office by Friday 13th October. Tempest will be collecting the forms on this date and so any requests returned after this time will incur a late charge.

We have been notified by the secondary schools transfer team that there a number of parents who have yet to apply for a secondary place for their Year 6 child. The deadline is 31st October and you can apply by using the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting 'My Devon', the customer service centre on 0345 155 1019.

We are very pleased to report that the online cashless system Parent Pay is proving to be a great success. Please can we remind parents that we no longer accept cash or cheques for dinners, Cool Kids, trips etc. If you are unsure of your access code/login details, please pop into the school office.

After the October half term, the Inventors will start their swimming sessions. If your child is an Inventor, please log onto your Parent Pay account where you will be able to pay the voluntary contribution of £17.00 to enable sessions to take place.

Upcoming School Dates for your Diary

- Yr R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 Flu vaccinations from 1pm, Tue 10th Oct
- Adventurers open morning 9.30-10.30am, Tues 17th Oct
- Explorers open morning 9.30-10.30am, Wed 18th Oct
- Discoverers open morning 9.30-10.30am, Thurs 19th Oct
- Skern Residential Tue 17th-Fri 20th Oct
- Break up for half term, Fri 20th Oct

Homework

Discoverers: Spellings & Maths Counting

Explorers: Spellings & Maths

Inventors: Mental maths sheet (these will soon be replaced with their new maths work booklets each week) and reading and spellings as usual.



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PTFA News

- *Autumn Disco - Fri 3rd Nov Jubilee Hall incorporating a carved pumpkin competition-more details to follow
- *Phil the Bag - week commencing Mon 6th Nov, collection date to follow
- *Christmas Cakes Make and Bake - venue and times to be confirmed; potential dates as follows:
 - Thur 9th Nov 7.30pm (mix ingredients, put into cake tins and take home to bake)
 - Thur 16th Nov 7.30pm (marzipan cakes)
 - Thur 23rd Nov 7.30pm (ice & decorate cakes)
 - Thur 30th Nov 7.30pm (additional date added in case the cakes are not finished on 23rd Nov)
- *Christmas Market - Thur 23rd Nov 3.15pm-4.30pm at School-more details to follow
- *Christmas Fayre - Thur 7th Dec 3.15pm-5.15pm at Jubilee Hall- Incorporating our Grand Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM on Wednesday night. It was great to see a few new faces! A massive thank you to the PTFA Officers who have worked extremely hard over the last year, your efforts are greatly appreciated. We are pleased to announce our new PTFA Officers:

Joint Chairpersons: Heather Kingdon & Anji Chapman
Vice Chairperson: Kelly Smale
Treasurer: Eleanor Harrison
Secretary: Cath Simpson

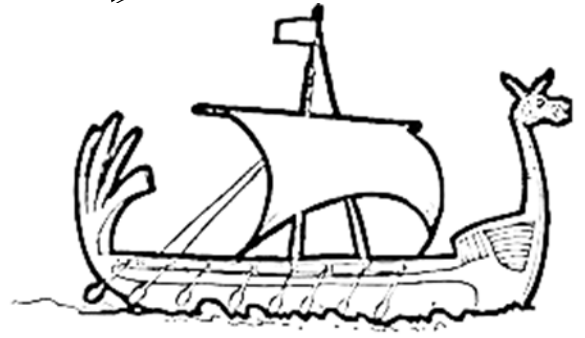
This is a busy term leading up to Christmas. We understand that not everyone may be able to help at every event, but please try to do what you can to support us in some way, thanks.

We would welcome any help with donations for baking Christmas cakes (there is a sign up sheet for cake ingredients in the office), donations for our luxury hampers, or help at the events. If you are unable to help at an event, sometimes an offer of contacting a few companies by phone, face to face or email in the pursuit of Raffle prizes is also a great way to assist the committee. If anyone knows of a company that would be willing to donate a prize, please let us know who they are and we will check if they are on our list as we wouldn't want to ask twice!



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PHIL THE BAG BY ASKING FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS IF THEY HAVE ANY ITEMS TO RECYCLE? THEY ACCEPT ALL KINDS OF ADULT AND CHILDRENS' CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, BELTS, HANDBAGS, AND HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES INCLUDING SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, DUVET COVERS, CURTAINS, AND TOWELS. THEY ALSO ACCEPT SCHOOL UNIFORM!

INVENTORS TRANSFORMED INTO VIKINGS



WE...CREATED WEAPONS, CRAFTS, QUIZZES AND GAMES...



MADE AND ENJOYED TRADITIONAL VIKING OAT
BREAD & ENJOYED IT WITH CHEES, HONEY &
BERRIES

FOUGHT AN INVASION
BATTLE



USED OUR BODIES TO
BECOME VIKING LONGBOATS

