



# Ark Swift Primary Academy

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**Friday 13 January 2017**

**Please take care during these cold weather conditions. The playground is salted regularly but do take care.**

## A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

### *Dressing the part*

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to tell you that we have had a wonderful start to the Spring Term. As I walk around the academy I see calm classes, children learning and on the whole, good behaviour. That is the Swift Way.

One thing I have noticed is that not all of our children are wearing consistent uniform. This is an issue. Wearing a school uniform is important for many reasons. It is a badge of pride, it creates an identity for a school and it is an important part of being a school pupil. It teaches children about rules in life and how to follow them.

One of the key issues we have noticed is that children are not all wearing black shoes. We see too many trainers and this lets down the whole uniform.

From Monday, if your child is not wearing the correct uniform, a letter will be sent home.

Please help your children do their best by ensuring they are in full school uniform as soon as possible.

I look forward to your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mr Marantz

## ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	Bangor Year 5	98%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	St Andrews Year 4	97.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	Cambridge Year 3	96.9%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

**92.2%**

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.51%** and our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this.

We want your children to make great progress this year and we can only do this if you send your children to school, **every day** and **on time**.

**WE CAN DO BETTER ARK SWIFT....**



**We are on a mission to get 300 'likes' on our Facebook page by the end of the month and so far we have 101.**

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## A Message from Our Partners at West London Zone



Happy New Year to all families and staff at Ark Swift Primary from your two Link Workers, Esther and Rahel.

We really enjoyed meeting many of you last term and are looking forward to starting with some exciting programmes in the coming weeks including reading and maths tutoring, circus skills with Albert & Friends, and play sessions at the White City Adventure Playground!

Please save the date for our next coffee morning later this month on the **31st of January at 9am** in the Academy where we will update parents on local volunteering opportunities.



### Nursery Visit to Tesco White City

The nursery children had a great time on their walk to Tesco on 10 January 2017. They bought the ingredients they needed to make a fruit salad on Wednesday! It was delicious.

They behaved beautifully and represented Ark Swift with pride. Well done to all the children in the nursery.

**Clubs will begin week commencing 16 January 2017. If you were successful in getting a place, you will be sent a letter today telling you which clubs your child/children are in.**

16 <sup>th</sup> January, 3pm	Bristol Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> January, all day	Maths challenge day in school
19 <sup>th</sup> January, 3:30pm	SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 3pm	Trinity class assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> January, 3pm	Bangor Class Assembly
31 <sup>st</sup> January, 9am	West London Zone Coffee Morning
6 <sup>th</sup> February, 3pm	Oxford Class Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Classroom Visits

**Parents of children participating in class assemblies are invited to come and watch.**

