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Friday 16 December 2016

School finishes on Wednesday 21 at the normal time of 3:30pm

A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers

Attendance Matters

As I reflect on the term behind us, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the **importance of regular and punctual attendance** at school. There is much evidence to support that children's attainment and progress are better when attendance is better. This is why attendance is carefully monitored by Ofsted, both during an inspection and on an ongoing basis.

At Ark Swift our current attendance is lower than that which is expected. This is a concern.

I am of course aware that at this time of year, there are many colds, coughs and viruses going around. However, I ask you parents and carers to be as vigilant as possible and send in your children except when they are genuinely unwell.

Most worryingly, I have received a large number of requests for pupils to be absent from school for family holidays. Such requests may tell pupils that school is less important than a family holiday.

Thank you to all those parents who support their children and the school

Have a good end of term.

Mr Marantz, Principal

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: Year 6 Trinity

2nd place: Year 5 Hull

3rd place: Year 2 Cambridge

Our whole school attendance this week was:

91.9%

Our whole school attendance to date is:

95.3%

Please remember that as parents, it is your responsibility to get your children to school, every day and on time.

All requests for absence must be made in writing.



Books have been part of the action at Swift over the past few weeks.

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair last week. The School raised £538 pounds for the school library. This will go towards purchasing new books and dictionaries for the main school library and class libraries.

Also, yesterday Dan Freedman, the author of the Jamie Johnson series visited the school. All Key Stage 2 children received a copy of Dan's book.

Happy reading!



CLASSROOM VISTS

Earlier this week, parents of children had the opportunity to visit classrooms and review work with their children. It was wonderful to have had so many parents come. Thank you for making this opportunity so successful. We plan to make this a regular part of the Swift calendar and will inform you about future dates in the New Year.

End of Term Seasonal Concert Monday in the upper hall at 2pm

On Monday 19 December 2016 we will be holding our end of term seasonal concert. Please join us in the top hall at 2pm for a seasonal concert. The children have been learning seasonal songs and will perform these in this special assembly.

Parents are all invited for refreshments in the lower hall as they wait to collect their children.
We hope to see you there.



PLEASE REMEMBER THERE ARE NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

21 December

Last Day of Term

3rd January

No School – Inset Day

4th January

First Day of Term, Breakfast Club and Childcare starts

16th January

Bristol class assembly

18 January

Maths Challenge Day

23rd January

Trinity class assembly

30th January

Bangor Class Assembly

30th January – 3rd February

Assessment Week

6th February

Oxford class assembly

13th – 17th February

Half Term