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A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

It is very hard to believe that only three days ago we began the summer term. The children have settled quickly and the school is a very calm and purposeful place to be.

Teachers have all been planning for the next several term's worth of lessons, as they want to ensure that your children are fully engaged in what they are doing, and are making progress as we approach the end of the school year.

Attendance – What you can do...

At this stage of the year, attendance is a key issue. Children must continue to come to school **every day and on time**.

This applies up to the end of the school year.

Please note that holidays during term time are not permitted and may be subject to a fine (fixed penalty notice).

Good attendance is linked to good outcomes. Children who attend school regularly will, on average, have less barriers to learning than those that do not attend school.

Please work with us to continue to improve our attendance.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Marantz
Principal



Attendance News – 19 April to 21 April 2017

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

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| 1st place: | Bristol, Hull and Bangor | 100% |
| 2nd place: | Cambridge | 98.3% |
| 3rd place: | Trinity | 98.0% |

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **93.7%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **95%**.

Our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this. Please send your children to school, every day and on time.

Remember, good attendance is linked to good progress in school.



School Council News

Last term, the school councillors have made suggestions to the running of the school.

Before the holidays, the school council suggested that healthy ketchup be put on the menu at lunch time and this will be happening shortly.

Other suggestions include new library books and some school uniform suggestions.

We will continue to share our news.

Ruweyda – School Council Chair



Parking considerately in the local area

We have had some complaints from local residents about our parents and carers driving and parking in an inconsiderate way when dropping and collecting from school.

Please can you ensure that you:

- **Do not stop on the yellow or zigzag lines**
- **Do not stop your car in the middle of the road.**

Please remember to drive and park in a considerate way. Ark Swift is proud to be a good neighbour and needs your help to make sure this continues.



Dates for your diary

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| 24 th April | Clubs sign up begins |
| 28 th April | School Photographs |
| 1 st May | Bank Holiday – No School |
| 8 th May | Edinburgh Class Assembly, 3pm |
| 8-12 th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| All year 6 children must be in school | |
| 29 th May | 2 nd June Half Term |

School Photos will be taken next Friday, 28th April

Individual and sibling photos will be taken. Please ensure all children come to school in full school uniform.

