



**Next week is half term. School resumes on Monday 5 June 2017.**

## A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we have had a jam-packed half term filled with excellent learning opportunities. We have seen many classes go on trips and visits to places both local and far. We have also had many visitors come to Swift including visiting productions and even a new family of chicks!

Our school continues to develop and we can only do this with your support.

With this in mind, can you please not allow your children to bring balls into school. Children are using these to play football at the end of the school day which is not safe. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

### Farewell Ms Goddard

I would also like to wish Ms Goddard a fond farewell, as she is leaving Swift today. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best.

Please join me in welcoming **Mrs Kim Walker** who will be joining team Swift after half term and will be our receptionist until the summer.

Have a good half term break and a good long weekend.

Thank you for your cooperation

Mr Marantz  
Principal

## Attendance News – 22<sup>nd</sup> May to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Goldsmiths</b>	<b>97.9%</b>

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **96.2%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.02%**.

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.**

## Fidget Spinners, Balls and Loom Bands



Please ensure that your children **do not** bring these items to school. These can be disruptive to learning and can easily be lost. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Scooters/Bikes** - Parents are reminded to ensure that children place bikes and scooters in the bike sheds in the playground. Pupils should not ride scooters or bikes in the playground.



**In this warm weather please ensure your children wear sunscreen, and bring a hat and a water bottle to school.**

## Year 1 and Year 2 become Roadwise Rangers



This week the Dangerous Theatre Company performed their Road Safety Theatre ‘Peli and Zebe’s Roadtastic Adventure’ show to the year 1 and 2 pupils. Hedgehog characters, Peli and his Uncle Zeybe made their way around the borough in search of the Roadwise Ranger, using clues and the audience to find safe places to cross roads. The children cracked all the clues and learnt all about staying safe on the roads.

We learnt songs to remember the rules to follow to stay safe. Even the teachers joined in the fun.

A boy in year 2 said “We all know how to cross road safely. It was brilliant and we learned how to stay safe around cars and motorbikes. We use the Green Cross code.”

A girl in year 1 said “It was better than Aladdin, It was really, really funny!”

Then the children made posters and instructions about how to cross the road.



## Year 1 visits the local park

On Monday, Edinburgh class went to the local park as part of their science topic: ‘plants and flowers’. Most of their parents joined too. They were extremely lucky with the weather and all, the children and parents, had a wonderful time.

In literacy, they have been writing a recount of the trip. A girl wrote:

*On Monday afternoon, Edinburgh class went to Hammersmith Park. First we looked at marvellous, colourful flowers and we drew our favourites. I drew a beautiful red rose that had sharp thorns.*

*After that, we went to the pond. I spotted a noisy duck which was floating on the water. The pond was very dirty and full of algae. We spotted different leaves, some were thin and long, some were fat and round.*

*Finally, we walked back to school. What a great, sunny day!*



## Dates for your diary

29th May - 2nd June		Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens	
12 -16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Check week	
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class assembly	
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cambridge class assembly	
7 July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY	
13 July	EYFS and KS1 Classroom Visits	
13 July	Year 6 Performance	
17 July	Year 6 Leavers’ Ceremony	
14 July	KS2 Classroom Visits	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term	