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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

Encouraging learning

It has been a busy few weeks at Swift this week. One week after we welcomed teachers from all over the world, our children were busy all week designing games and puzzles for our special competition.

It is wonderful seeing creativity and excitement around the school, and I congratulate all of the children who took part in the competition.

The creativity does not need to stop here. Let's keep encouraging our children to create, read and learn.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr Marantz, Principal

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

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1 st place:	Trinity Year 6	98.8%
2 nd place:	Reception	98.1%
3 rd place:	St Andrews Year 4	97.7%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

94.7%

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.44%** and 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.**

WE CAN DO BETTER ARK SWIFT....

Our morning procedures are changing...

After discussions with many of you, we are pleased to inform you that from after half term, we will be changing our morning procedures. There is a letter attached to this newsletter sent home explaining the changes and the reasons behind them.

Below is a table summarising the changes.



8.40	Gates open Children go straight in to class
8.55	Gates close Anyone arriving after this goes in through the front door where the office is
9.00	Register closes Anyone arriving after this is marked 'Late'

The Swift Puzzle and Game Competition

We were overwhelmed with the number and quality of the entries we had for the competition. Earlier today, Swift welcome the author and journalist, Alex Bellos. Alex judged our competition and spoke to the children at a special assembly about what he has learned about maths.

The winners of the competition were:

Key Stage 1

Tasnim from Year 1 (1st place)

Rafia from Year 1 (2nd place)

Lower Key Stage 2:

Leila from Year 4 (1st place)

Juliana from Year 4 (2nd place)

Upper Key Stage 2:

Muhammad B from Year 5 (1st Place)

Yusra O from Year 6 (2nd place)



Nursery's Visit to Shepherd's Bush Market

Earlier this week the Nursery walked to Shepherds Bush Market as part of their learning about 'Our Colourful World'. Their behaviour was exceptional and the Nursery adults are so proud of the children. A big thank you to the families who joined the nursery children on the trip.



6th February, 3pm
13th – 17th February
27th and 28th February
6th March, 3pm
13th March, 3pm
17th March
20th March, 3pm
27th March, 3pm
29th, 30th March 3-6pm
31st March

Oxford Class Assembly
Half Term
Classroom Visits now moved to March
Portsmouth Class Assembly
St Andrews Class Assembly
NO SCHOOL – Staff Training Day
Goldsmiths Class Assembly
Cambridge Class Assembly
Parents' Evenings
Last Day of Term



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