



# Ark Swift Primary Academy



## A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

**Welcome back!**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a very safe and enjoyable half term. Can I please ask you to ensure that you are checking the website and dates in this newsletter? Sometimes, we have to make changes. We will always tell you, but please watch out for this.

I am delighted to share with you some information Miss Shah has shared with me about Mathletics.

I am pleased to inform you that we have subscribed to Mathletics to support all pupils with their understanding of key number processes.

*'Mathletics is designed to provide students with an engaging and safe learning experience. ...the courses are aligned to the requirements and outcomes of the Maths curriculum and designed for all learning styles...'*

In our experience, pupils have always enjoyed using the website, as there are plenty of activities and tasks which tailor to different learning styles.

The ever popular LIVE Mathletics, Times Table Toons, and Rainforest Maths are just some of the fantastic learning resources to engage and challenge users.

Your child would have been given their personal log in and password to access the site by their class teacher. Please encourage him/her to make use of this resource, and where possible, support them so that they can work through the levels and stretch themselves to complete challenging content.

Enjoy!

## ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Year 3 Southbank

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Year 6 Trinity

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Reception Exeter

Our whole school attendance this week was:

**94.5%**

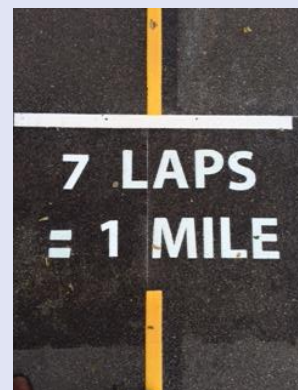
Our whole school attendance to date is:

**96%**

Please keep an eye on changes to the calendar and ensure your children are in school.

## Good News!

**Our new Daily Mile track was painted in the playground over half term and Years 5 and 6 have already started to use it.**



**7 times around is one mile.**

**On your mark, get set, go!**

## Getting to know...



**Mrs Keating**

**Vice Principal leading Teaching and Learning**

Mrs Keating joined our school last term. She has a lot of experience in areas such as Early Years, Special Educational Needs and Disability, and Behavior.

Mrs Keating wants all of our children to make as much progress as possible. She leads a team of learning mentors, SENCOs and teachers to help make sure that all of us understand your children's needs and are trying to help them.



Each week we are delighted to recognise children who are selected as the class "Stars of the Week". These children have been recognised for doing something special last week.

Last week our stars were:

Yr 1 Edinburgh	Alice
Y2 Cambridge	Princess
Y2 Oxford	Summaya
Ys Southbank	Jairus
Year 3 Goldsmiths	Nicholas
Year 4 Portsmouth	Yahya
Year 4 St Andrews	Tahir
Year 5 Hull	Abdirahman
Year 5 Bangor	Jevon
Year 6 Trinity	Not in assembly
Year 6 Bristol	Not in assembly

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Ed City consultation meetings on the proposed site redevelopment – see [www.edcity.co.uk](http://www.edcity.co.uk) for more details.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Parents Coffee Morning to discuss reading and how you can help your child – PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE HAS BEEN MOVED**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Staff Training Day - NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Nasal flu prevention programme for children in Years 1,2 AND 3</b>
	<b>Children in Need Day (more information to follow)</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents' evening (more information to follow)</b>
<b>Thursday 24 November</b>	<b>Parents' evening (more information to follow)</b>
	<b>Prospective parents morning</b>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> and Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Classroom visits (more information to follow)</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8 December</b>	<b>Assessment week</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Staff Training Day - No School</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

## Ark Swift Reminders

- **There will be NO Reception Art Club on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Should your child have any health issues, please update the office as soon as possible.**