



A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back

How time flies! I am delighted to welcome you all to the new school year. I hope you had a pleasant and enjoyable summer and are ready for a wonderful academic year of learning ahead.

On Wednesday, It was a pleasure seeing your children arrive at school looking rested and so smart in their uniforms. It was also wonderful seeing you all as well. Some of you looked nervous watching your children come into school again. Well, there is no need to worry as it was a productive day for all.

Last year I wrote to inform you of the new teachers. In this newsletter I will introduce you to some new staff members and tell you about some of the new roles we have here at school. I also attach a leaflet which will inform you about some changes to our behaviour policy. I am delighted to report that we will be giving more positive rewards this year so that children can have the most positive experience at school.

I wish your children and yourselves a wonderful and exciting year ahead.

If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to approach me or a member of my staff.

All the very best

Jason Marantz
Principal



Family Dining comes to Swift

On Wednesday 6 September, a new lunch programme started at Ark Swift called **Family Dining**. Instead of eating in year groups and key stages, classes were mixed with other classes and arranged into "families" whereby younger children sat with older children at round tables enabling them to speak with each other.



The behaviour was absolutely fantastic and it was wonderful watching older children support younger children.

Lunch was calmer and happier for all.

New staff members and new roles

We welcome **Mr Ben Allen** to Swift. Mr Allen is our Interim Assistant Principal in charge of special needs, disability and inclusion.

As many of you know, **Ms Sulic** is soon to go on maternity leave and we wish her all the best. I am delighted to report that we have now appointed **Miss Aimee Harris** to cover Ms Sulic's leave. **Miss Harris** will start teaching **Year 4 Oxford** immediately so the children can have the benefit of one teacher for longer.

Ms Shineade Burton has a new role called the **Pastoral Support Manager**. She is now responsible for all aspects of Pastoral Support including behaviour, attendance, punctuality (lates). She will also be working with Mr Marantz on safeguarding and child protection. **Ms Katie Long and Mr Emmanuel Boakye** will be working with her in this exciting new area for the school.

At Swift, we now have classroom support from six **Graduate Co Teachers**. They are working in the different year groups alongside the teachers. They are:

Reception: **Ms Rahma Sebbak**
 Year 1 and 2: **Ms Setti Elrrakik**
 Year 3 : **Ms Grace Collins**
 Year 4: **Mr Rory Gallagher**
 Year 5: **Ms Lizzie Stefaniak**
 Year 6: **Ms Fabiya Asif**

We welcome **Mr Thomas Blair** who is our new **Head of Sports and Fitness** and **Cover Teacher** and **Ms Christina Viegas** who is joining us as a cover teacher.

Finally, we welcome back **Ms Jessica Pawsey** who is now back in the office, along with **Ms Jacqui Drohan** who is now also working in the school office.

We welcome back all of our members of staff and wish them a wonderful year ahead.

School Uniform

Parents and carers are reminded that children must in the correct full uniform. Please see the uniform policy on our website for full information.

This means that children must wear a tie and a school cardigan or jumper. Children in Year 5 and 6 must wear school blazers.

From Monday 18 September 2017, if children are not wearing the correct uniform they will be given a yellow card as per our behaviour policy. This should give you enough time to ensure you have ordered anything you still need.

Please also note children must wear **black school shoes**. Trainers can only be worn for PE.



PE Kits

Please make sure that your children have the correct PE Kits for days in which they have PE.

They need to wear the gold logo shirt and black shorts. Children must also wear trainers or plimsoles. PE lessons are as follows:

Monday	Year 1 Bristol Year 3 Imperial Year 3 Exeter
Tuesday	Year 2 Manchester Year 4 Warwick
Wednesday	Reception Bath Year 5 Leeds Year 5 Cambridge
Thursday	Year 4 Oxford Year 6 York
Friday	Nursery Lancaster Year 6 Durham

Dates for your diary

18 July	Year 6 Prom
21 July	Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony
21 st July	Last Day of Term
6th Sept	First day of the new term