



## Tell one, tell all about our upcoming Open Afternoon...

I am pleased to remind you of the details of our upcoming open afternoon.

The open afternoon is open to parents interested in sending their child to reception or nursery 2018. There are some places available now in older classes.

**Monday 8 January 2017**  
**2pm**  
**Ark Swift Primary Academy**

Please contact the school office to book your place: (0)20 8743 2514,  
[info@arkswiftprimary.org](mailto:info@arkswiftprimary.org)



## ✓ Attendance

### Attendance News

3<sup>rd</sup> January to the 5<sup>th</sup> January

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>York Yr 6</b>	<b>98.85%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Imperial Y3</b>	<b>92.38%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>91.72%</b>

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **89.85%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.4%**.

Our target for this year is still **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this.



Week commencing 8 Jan

15 January  
5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February  
12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February  
19<sup>th</sup> February  
20<sup>th</sup> March  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
14<sup>th</sup> March  
16 March  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
29<sup>th</sup> March

Clubs sign up  
Clubs start  
Assessment week  
Half Term  
Staff Training Day  
School resumes  
EYFS/ KS1 visits  
KS2 Visits  
Staff Training Day  
Assessments  
Last day of term

## Top Tips from Swift

### *Information to support our parents*

#### Top 10 tips for Improving your child's reading ability

##### A must read for all parents

**1. Set aside a regular time to read to your children every day.**

Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. It will increase their ability to read independently

**2. Surround your children with reading material.**

Children with a large array of reading materials in their homes score higher on standardized tests. Tempt your children to read by having a large supply of appealing books and magazines at their reading level.

**3. Have a family reading time.**

Establish a daily 15 to 30 minute reading time where everyone in the family reads together silently. Seeing you read will inspire your children to read. Just 15 minutes of daily practice is sufficient to increase their reading fluency.

**4. Encourage a wide variety of reading activities.**

Make reading part of your children's lives. Have them read menus, roadside signs, game directions, weather reports, movie time listings etc. Also, make sure they always have something to read in their spare time when they could be waiting for appointments or riding in a car.

**5. Develop the library habit.**

Entice your children to read more by taking them to the library every few weeks to get new reading materials.



**6. Be knowledgeable about your children's progress.**

Find out what reading skills they are expected to have at each grade level. Track their progress in acquiring basic reading skills on report cards and standardized tests.

**7. Look for reading problems.**

Find out if your children can sound out words, know sight words, use context to identify unknown words, and clearly understand what they read.

**8. Get help promptly for reading problems.**

Reading problems do not magically disappear with time. The earlier children receive help, the more likely they will become good readers.

**9. Use a variety of aids to help your children.**

To help your children improve their reading, use textbooks, computer programs, books-on-CD, and other materials available in stores. Games are especially good choices because they let children have fun as they work on their skills.

**10. Show enthusiasm for your children's reading.**

Your reaction has a great influence on how hard they will try to become good readers.

(from The Telegraph Online)