



A message from the principal, Jason Marantz

Keeping our children healthy

Dear Parent and Carers

Swift parents and carers know that I often write about attendance in this newsletter. We also share our attendance regularly. You may also be aware that our attendance has been going down recently. The reason surprised me greatly. **Many children have been off school recently because of illness.**

We have already taken steps to address this by ensuring children wash their hand regularly and use hand gel before they eat. Hopefully these steps will have an impact. See attached for more information.

We need your help.

Many of our parents and carers have told us that the day after their children have had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they are sending them back to school.

It is crucial that after diarrhoea/vomiting, **children remain away from school for 48 hours.** Please ensure that you are sending your children to school when they are healthy, and letting them rest and recover when they are not well.

Please work with us to continue to improve our wonderful school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Marantz



The New Swift Staff PE Kit

It's not just the children who wear PE Kits! This week we were delighted to reveal the new Ark Swift Staff PE Kit. The professional looking clothing is modelled above by Mr Blair, our Head of Sports and Fitness and Miss Viegas, our PPA teacher who also teaches sport. Rumour has it that there may even be one in Mr Marantz's size...

Attendance News

29nd January to the 2nd February

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

1st place:	Oxford Y4	95.06%
2nd place:	Camb Y5/Exet Y3	94.44%
3rd place:	Manchester Y2	94.07%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **91.59%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.11%**.

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

School Uniform



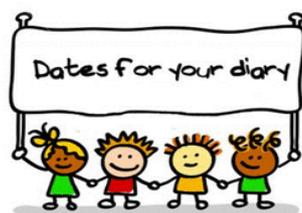
This term there are a few areas of the **uniform** we want to focus on to get right:

- 1) Black school shoes must be worn at all times. This **does not** include boots or trainers.
- 2) Children must wear **ties** with their uniform.
- 3) Children should come to school with **jumpers/cardigans**.

For PE, children must ensure that they wear the following:

- 1) The Academy's yellow PE polo shirt
- 2) Black school shorts **or plain black trousers**.
- 3) Children should not wear track suits.

Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform.



5th – 9th February
12th -16th February
 19th February
 20th March
 13th March
 14th March
 16th March
 19th – 23rd March
 29th March

Assessment week
Half Term
 Staff Training Day
 School resumes
 EYFS/ KS1 visits
 KS2 Visits
 Staff Training Day
 Assessment week
 Last day of term

Top Tips from Swift

Information to support our parents

How to help your child avoid becoming ill.

1. Teach your child(ren) **HOW** and **WHEN** to wash their hands.
2. Ensure they wear a warm coat and the appropriate hat and gloves.
3. Encourage your children to exercise and stay healthy.
4. Eat plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables.



PE News

Thursday 8th Feb 9-930am main hall

FOR: Parents and Carers of Children in Years 1 and 4

MEND in Schools adopts a 'whole school approach', which aims to encourage everyone to get involved to inspire healthy eating, good oral health and physical activity both at school and at home.

Therefore, we would like to invite all parents and carers of children in year 1 and year 4 to attend a **FREE** family workshop taking place **Thursday 8th February 9-930am**.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about what your child has been learning in our weekly class sessions.