



## A message from the principal, Jason Marantz

### School Behaviour –

Dear Parent and Carers

We are delighted that it has been recognised that behaviour in Ark Swift has improved. An internal monitoring inspection conducted in the autumn term found that **“behaviour in lessons and around the school was good. Clear routines have been established and are consistently put in place by teachers.”**

As a result of this, my team and I have been very focused on raising standards in order to ensure that all of our children make good progress and perform well. However, in order for our teaching and learning to be truly outstanding, **our behaviour has to be outstanding.**

Therefore we are going to continue to have the highest expectations for behaviour and want to ensure that our pupils meet those expectations. We will reward great behaviour and will give sanctions for poor behaviour.

At Ark Swift, being given a red card is serious and if children gain two of these in a week, **they will be given an after school detention.** Three red cards will lead to an **internal or fixed term exclusion.** Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

I sincerely hope that we will not have to give many detentions or exclusions. We know our parents will only want the best behaviour in school and will support the school to ensure that we can truly become outstanding.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### Attendance: on the way up! 29<sup>nd</sup> January to the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

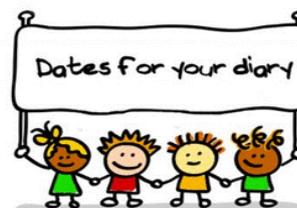
<b>1st place:</b>	<b>York Y6</b>	<b>96.39%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Cambridge Y5</b>	<b>96.36%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Bristol Y1</b>	<b>95.5%</b>

Our whole school attendance for this week was **94.53%**.

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

Thank you to our parents and carers for ensuring children are not ill when they come to school. This has helped the school rid itself of a sickness bug and therefore, attendance is now **improving.**

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



16<sup>th</sup> March  
19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
29<sup>th</sup> March

Staff Training Day  
Assessment week  
Last day of term

## 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 shirt
- 2) Black school shorts **or plain black jogging bottoms**.
- 3) Children should not wear track suits.

Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform.

## World Book Day @ Swift

Next **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** is World Book Day. Our theme this year is 'sharing'.

**WHY?** No matter your age, sharing stories is an opportunity to spend quality time together, as well as promoting wellbeing. And, even more importantly, it has a vital impact on a child's outcome in life. Put simply, reading together is good for you.

As a result, we have planned a series of sharing activities to encourage and enjoy all things books and reading on the day.

- **Fancy Dress:** Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book – this can be fiction or non-fiction.

Prizes will be awarded for

- Best in Year
- Most Creative (per year group)
- Best Hand-made Costume
- Best Non-Fiction Costume.
- Again on Facebook, we will hold the best dressed Teacher competition also!

*The fancy dress part of the day is meant to be enjoyable and an opportunity for children to talk about their favourite characters and books. Costumes do not need to be expensive; it's effort and creativity that count.*

- **Reading Buddies** and Teacher Storytime: During the day, we will share stories with different classes and hear a different teacher's favourite story too!
- **After school**, we will be holding our first **reading café 3.30pm to 4.15pm** where you and your child can come to share a story and celebrate World Book Day together. Starbucks are kindly sponsoring this event by providing hot chocolate

We hope you and your children are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with us!

