Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half-term ends today. It’s been a busy few weeks at Swift and I continue to be impressed and inspired by the hard work and dedication of the school community.

This newsletter contains some details of what’s been happening these past few weeks. Also enclosed are the draft term dates for the academic year 2019-20. There are still three Ark training days to add but the main holiday periods are now fixed. A final version will be issued as soon as possible.

I am delighted that Ed City has finally been given the go-ahead and I enclose the details of the letter I sent home last week in case any of you missed it. I appreciate that progress has been somewhat slow and frustrating but hopefully we’ll start to see some real progress in the coming months. I hope to see many of you at the consultation on **Tuesday 5th March from 3.15-4.30pm**.

Enjoy the week off, have a good rest and I look forward to seeing you all ready and refreshed on **Monday 25th February**.

Kind regards,

Daniel Upfield
Executive Principal

**House Points**

**Running total** of house points so far this term.

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This week, **Eagles** were the winning house.

**Nursery and Reception Reading Morning**

Dear Parents,

Please join us on **Wednesday 27th February at 9.00am** for the re-launch of our Nursery and Reception ‘Rainbow Reading Challenge.’ The Nursery and Reception team will also be providing strategies to support reading at home and there will be an opportunity for you to do some reading with your child in the classroom to get the challenge started!

We look forward to seeing you there,

The Early Years Team
Sport @ Ark Swift

It's been a fantastic end to Spring 1 with our boys and girls football teams achieving good success and our highest league positions since I started at Ark Swift in 2017. We now have teams representing the school in netball, badminton and dodgeball who are all scheduled to play competitively before Easter break. Thank you to all our athletes for your hard work and dedication this half-term. Keep it up!

Mr. Blair

Half-Term Activities @ Shepherd’s Bush Library

Under 8’s need to be accompanied by an adult

**Monday 18th February 2019**
Explore Learning Maths Workshop 10.30am-11.30am – Telling The Time
For children aged 5-7 years old (Please book your place with the library)

Explore Learning English Workshop 3.30pm-4.30pm
- A Knight’s Journey To The English Throne
For children aged 6-9 years old (Please book your place with the library)

**Tuesday 19th February 2019**
Craft fun
2.30pm-3.30pm
For children aged 3+

**Thursday 21st February 2019**
Craft fun
2.30pm-3.30pm
For children aged 3+

**Friday 22nd February 2019**
Origami Club
4.00-5.00pm
For children aged 3+ (£3 charge per child)

**Saturday 23rd February 2019**
Chatterbooks Reading Club (starts Saturday 23rd February 2019)
2.00pm-3.00pm
For children aged 6+

Lego Club
3.30-4.30pm
For children aged 6-11 years old

Shepherd’s Bush Library, 6 Wood Lane, London, W12 7BF
0208 753 3842
Ed City

A new education and social hub for White City

EdCity is a proposed major new education and charity hub in White City. It is a non-profit project being brought forward by the charity Ark and H&F Council.

The project will involve the redevelopment of the Ark Swift Primary Academy site on Australia Road, to create:

- A completely improved Ark Swift Primary Academy, with brand new facilities
- A redeveloped Harmony Neighbourhood Nursery, doubling its current capacity
- Brand new youth facilities that will provide exciting opportunities, and affordable activities for local young people
- An expanded adult education and community learning centre
- A new hub for charities and social enterprises
- 132 new homes, more than half of which will be genuinely affordable for local people
- A new public square and pedestrian boulevard, creating better walking routes to transport links, and other local facilities.

Following wide public consultation on the draft proposals in 2016 and 2017, planning permission was granted in March 2018. We now need consent from the Department for Education (DfE) for changes to the playing field land on the site.

Share your views

These plans have been carefully considered to ensure children of Ark Swift Academy will have enough outdoor play space, with brand new fun facilities – including an edible garden, a new multi-use games area, and more outdoor covered play-space for the nursery and reception classes. We want to release some land, which is not presently fit for purpose, to help make this happen.

The new space will be a significant improvement, providing one cohesive play space with clearly defined games areas that will be easy to manage and supervise. The new space will be safer, more flexible and provide a more pleasant experience for pupils. It also features a new running track.

The school will also have access to a four-court internal sports hall in the adjacent new youth provision: for basketball, trampolining, cricket, volleyball, badminton, short tennis, five-a-side football, and more – none of which are currently available to the pupils.

You can find more information on the project website, www.edcity.org.uk

How to have your say

This consultation takes place between 7 February and 22 March 2019. It relates only to the changes to land that is classified as the school’s playing field land and the change of use, as defined under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The relevant area is shown on technical plans available on the project website.

As part of the consultation process, we’re hosting a community drop-in consultation event on 5 March (4.30 to 6.30pm) at Ark Swift Primary Academy in White City.
Parents are welcome to also attend an earlier session available at the school between 3.15pm to 4.30pm. Please do come along. Following the drop-in event, the information boards will be placed on display in the school’s reception area for providing further updates.

Your feedback needs to be provided in writing and must be received by us no later than 11.59pm on 22 March.

You can give us your views at the consultation event or:

- Email us at edcity@camargue.uk
- Write to us at EdCity, c/o 7 Bayley Street, London, WC1B 3HB
- Call us on 020 7323 3544 (for enquiries only)

We believe EdCity will be a really exciting and positive development for local people and the area as a whole, and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any comments on the consultation.

**World Book Day**

We will be taking part in the annual World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March 2019**. Time to start thinking of costumes. More details will follow next term, but we thought it would be good to let you know the date well in advance.

**The Day the Eggs Arrived!**

On Friday 11th January, Ark Swift had some eggs-ordinary visitors – a collection of mysterious eggs. This unusual nest inspired a day of writing from Year 1 to Year 5 where each child recorded their answers to the question ‘Where did the eggs come from?’ Here are some examples of the fantastic writing produced in Year 4.
ARK TIMES

Egg-Shaped Discovery

by Buster

On Friday 11 January 2019 at 7:30 at Ark Swift Primary Academy,

It appears that 3 mysterious eggs have appeared under our animal control cage for anonymous reasons.

Ark Swift believe the eggs are something else. One anonymous teacher has said: "The eggs were found at 3am and was also traced to the egg-shaped caviar.

Many believe these are giant spider eggs. The eggs are very mysterious and has caused global confusion.

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The Three Eggs

Once upon a time there were three eggs. One was blue, one was purple with one was pinkish-white. They lived in a very organized nest at the very top of the enchanted tree.

One day one of them cracked! The very next day early in the morning the purple one hatched. A little animal peeped out of its shell. It was a little dragon baby! In the next hour the other two hatch. The blue egg was a sea dragon but the pinkish-white turned into a unicorn.

As they grew older, since they had no parents, they went hunting for themselves. The sea dragon ate prey from underwater, the purple dragon hunted its prey by using its icy breath. The unicorn, on the other hand, was a vegetarian and only ate plants.

B One day, a mile from...
Reception Visit London Zoo

Reception went to the zoo as part of the topic 'around the world'. They particularly loved visiting the African animals: giraffes, tigers, monkeys and even okapis. They learnt what different animals eat, and their different habitats. Bath class also loved going inside the butterflies’ home, some children were so lucky that the butterflies landed on them! Another highlight of the trip was the penguins’ show. Thank you to all the families that came along with us.
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Note: Term dates are confirmed. Inset dates are subject to change and the three Ark inset dates are still to be added.