



Message from the Principal

There's been lot's going on this week and our pupils have been engaging in a range of different activities in addition to their academic lessons. On Sunday, a group of eight Year 5 & 6 pupils represented Swift at the Shepherd's Bush Remembrance Day Parade. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school. This was followed by a Remembrance Day assembly on Monday where some Year 6 pupils recited WW1 poetry and their own poems based on the Great War. Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed an interesting day at the Museum of Childhood learning about toys in the past. On Wednesday, a team of Year 6 pupils entered the dodgeball competition and performed admirably. Thursday saw our choir singing at Cecil Sharp House in Camden. Ark's Head of Music wrote about our choir: *They were such a great addition to the day, particularly in the song writing session where they stood out for being confident, musically articulate and reflective contributors. Go team Swift!*

All week we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week, with classes engaging in a range of different activities along the theme of '**Change starts with us**'. Tuesday was 'Odd Socks Day' and finally today we're marking Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend, Daniel Upfield, Principal

Attendance

Attendance statistics for **Friday 9th – Friday 15th November**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	92.3%
Year R Bath	87.9%
Year 1 Bristol	97.3%
Year 2 Manchester	94.9%
Year 3 Exeter	99.1%
Year 4 Sheffield	97.9%
Year 5 Warwick	97%
Year 5 Worcester	96.5%
Year 6 Durham	96.5%
Year 6 Loughborough	96.7%

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.9%**

We're -0.2% compared to last week. Every day makes a difference. Let's strive to get back over the 96% mark again next week.

Target = 96% and above

Next week @ Ark Swift

Monday 18th November

Year 2 and Year 5 London Fire Brigade Workshops (*at school*)

Tuesday 19th November

Year 6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum



The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception) are holding a bake sale at the end of the day in the playground. All proceeds will go towards the Christmas show

Wednesday 20th November

Year 5 Dodgeball Festival (*invited pupils*)

Friday 22nd November

INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Christmas Fair

When: Friday 6th December

Time: 3.30-5.00pm



As part of our ongoing work to engage the whole school community, we'd like to hold a Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December (revised date from that which was originally sent out on the diary for this term).

If you'd like to sign-up to help on the day, please give your name to Jane or Jackie in the school office. We'll need people from 1.30pm to set-up as well as help during the fair itself. We've had very few people come forward so far – please do consider if you can help out at this community event to ensure it is a success!

Please think about any donations you might be able to give:

- Food and drink
- Toys and books
- Cakes and biscuits

We don't require donations in school yet, but will let you know nearer the time when to bring these in.

Also, if you work for a company or know of a local business that might be able to donate, please let us know. We have some letters from the school that you can collect from the school office if you'd like to approach a local business

All proceeds from the fair will go towards improving computer facilities.



Extra Funding for Ark Swift

Good news for all families that have completed the extra funding forms distributed just before the half-term break – we are ordering vouchers next week and will let you know when they're ready to collect.



Think you've missed out? It's not too late!

We'll be contacting all families next week if you've yet to return your form. Please remember that with some basic information from every parent, we can get extra funding for Ark Swift.

This funding is used to pay for (amongst other things):

- Free breakfast club and after school clubs
- Subsidised trips and activities
- Additional adults supporting in class
- Specialists visiting the school, e.g. QPR, African drumming etc.
- Educational resources to support learning

In times of reduced school budgets, this funding is essential for us to continue offering a broad and engaging experience here at Swift.

The only information we will need is:

- Parent's name, address, phone number, Date of Birth & National Insurance Number
- Names and DOB of all children

To give you an idea of the impact, from the forms received so far, Ark Swift will receive over £20,000 of extra funds over the next few years. We could get more with an even higher response rate.

Thank you for your support.

