School closes for the Easter holiday next Friday. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy holiday. Enjoy your two weeks and all of the staff at Swift look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the Summer Term on:

**Wednesday 24th April 2019**

With very best wishes,

Daniel Upfield
Principal

Next week @ Swift – 1st-5th April

**Spring Term Clubs have finished – no after school clubs next week**

**Monday 1st**
PM Year 6 Junior Citizenship @ St Paul’s Girls School

**Tuesday 2nd**
9.00 Parent Coffee Morning: Restorative Approaches & Mental Health First Aid in Top Hall

*Come along and hear from Miss Burton and Miss Katie about how we promote restorative approaches to dealing with conflict between children. There will also be a chance to view some videos on YouTube that we know are popular with young people right now – the aim is to provide awareness for parents*

**Wednesday 3rd**
8.45-9.15 Sharing learning session in Nursery, Year R, 1 & 2
If you have a child in these year groups, you’re welcome to come into class with your child and have a look at some of their learning from the last few weeks

**Thursday 4th**
8.45-9.15 Sharing learning session in Years 3-6
If you have a child in these year groups, you’re welcome to come into class with your child and have a look at some of their learning from the last few weeks

**Friday 5th**

**13.30 End of Term**
*Please note the time! All children need to be collected at 1.30pm*

Next Friday, in our end of term assembly, we will announce the **house points** as well as carry out a special prize draw for **attendance** for the Spring Term. Details will be published on the first newsletter next term.
Parents’ Evening

During the first week back after the Easter break, we are holding Parents’ evenings on Wednesday and Thursday after school. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s class teacher, discuss their progress and how they are working towards their targets. You will also be able to ask any questions you may currently have about your child’s learning. It is therefore very important that you make every effort to attend an appointment so that we can work in partnership to ensure the best for your child. You will receive an appointment time from Jessica in the school office. Where you have children in more than one year group, appointment times will be arranged to be as convenient as possible.

There will be no meetings scheduled for Year 6 or Year 5 York as additional parents’ meetings were held recently. Also, meetings for Year 1 will be held the week after due to a diary clash.

SATs

For any parents/carers whose Year 6 or 2 children are taking SATs this year, these short videos may be useful in explaining the technical information such as the nature and length of tests, number of marks etc.

KS2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1Ul4piE

KS2 SATs week is the week beginning Monday 13th May. Further information and a timetable for the week will be sent home early next term.

KS1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1Ul4piE

Farewell

Today we said goodbye to Miss Herron (Year 5, Cambridge) who is off on maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Herron all the best for the safe arrival of her baby and the first few months of parenthood – exciting times ahead! We look forward to seeing Miss Herron back at Swift next academic year.

Next Friday we say goodbye to a long-standing member of the Ark Swift team. Miss Young (Year 5, York) has earned a well-deserved promotion and is going on to develop teaching and learning for Harris Academies. I would like to thank Miss Young for the hard work and commitment she has given to Swift. The children have benefited immensely from all she has done, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for a very successful future career in education.
Sports News from Mr Blair

Dodgeball @ BDA - Great effort from our Y5 team at this year’s dodgeball competition

QPR Football Tournament - Yr6 team representing Ark!

Badminton Festival - Yr6 team at our first ever badminton event

Yr. 5/6 Netball match vs St Johns - Ark hosting our first netball match, great win by the girls!

Mayors Cup - 5-0 win for our team vs Wormholt which secured 6th position in the league and our highest league position for years!

This term has been full of new and exciting sporting opportunities for Ark Swift children whether that be in a competitive or social environment. It’s been fantastic to see great success in football and netball. Well done to all children involved and thank you for your continued hard work!

Mr Blair