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Thursday 8 December 2016

**There is no school tomorrow on
Friday 9th December 2016
It is a staff training day.**

A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers

Working Together

There is an old saying, "We're better together." I think this saying is not only true but it accurately describes the relationship that my team and I are building with you.

Two of the most important times of day for me are before and after school, because that is when I can greet you all and catch up with you.

You are able to tell me how you think and feel about things. It is even a useful time for you to raise any concerns with the school that you might have. I am always pleased when I can meet a parent, hear about their day and direct them to the appropriate person.

In order for your children to make even better progress please make sure that you help your child in the following areas:

- 1) Read to them and ensure they read for every day
- 2) Talk to them about their behaviour.
- 3) Ensure they do their homework.

Together, we can support your children's development.

Mr Marantz, Principal

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: St Andrews

2nd place: Trinity

3rd place: Southbank

Our whole school attendance this week was:

95.7%

Our whole school attendance to date is:

95.4%

Please remember that as parents, it is your responsibility to get your children to school, every day and on time.

All requests for absence must be made in writing



Classroom Visits – 14th and 15th Dec

Next week, we are pleased to introduce *classroom visits*. At 8:30am, instead of sending your children to the line, bring them into their classrooms and stay with them. You and your child will sit together, go through their books and discuss their learning with them. Teachers are there to answer any questions. Please do come:

Wednesday 14th December - KS2

Thursday 15th December - EYFS AND KS1

The Day the Local Governing Board Met the School Council



On Tuesday, 6th December 2016 our LGB (local governing board) visited Ark Swift. They visited classes with Mr Marantz and Mrs Keating. After that, they held a joint meeting with our School Council.

During the meeting, each group explained what their roles were. The LGB explained how they support Mr Marantz and ask him lots of questions to check that the Academy is doing well and that children are making progress. The School Council explained how they represent the children in the classes and bring issues and suggestions to discuss. Each group asked each other questions and have agreed to meet again.

It was an excellent opportunity to work together.

Attention Parents of Children in Southbank

You are invited to the **Southbank Class Assembly** on Monday 12th December 3:10 in the upstairs hall.

We hope you can join us

Silly Sweater Day

On the Friday 16th of December, Ark Swift will be participating in Silly Sweater Day. Children and staff can wear a Christmas Jumper, a silly sweater, or a colourful sweater. Children will pay £1 for the privilege and all of this money will go to charity. So please look in your cupboards (no need to buy something new) for something colourful, wonderful, and fun!



DATES FOR THE DIARY

9 th December	Staff Training Day - No School
12 th December	Southbank Class Assembly at 3.10pm Southbank parents invited
15 th December	Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.
16 th December	EYFS reading coffee morning, Silly Sweater Day
14 th and 15 th December	Classroom Visits – more information to follow
19 th December	End of term holiday concert
Wednesday 21 st December	Last Day of Term