NEXT WEEK IS HALF TERM – NO SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal
Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another packed half-term at Swift with so many learning opportunities around.

This half term we learned about puzzles and made our own. We met an author, Alex Bellos, and learned about maths from around the world.

Our children learned about the local area, and some places far away. Very recently, some of us Sang into spring. It has truly been excellent.

Have a wonderful half term

Mr Marantz
Principal

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week’s attendance awards were:

1st place: Reception 100%
2nd place: Goldsmiths 98.2%
3rd place: St Andrews Year 4 97.9%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

95.7%

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.9% and our target for this year is 96%, so we need to keep working towards this. Please send your children to school, every day and on time.

WE CAN DO BETTER ARK SWIFT….

Our morning procedures are changing…

After discussions with many of you, we are pleased to inform you that from after half term, we will be changing our morning procedures. There is was a letter sent home explaining the changes and the reasons behind them. Below is a table summarising the changes.

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Ark Swift Joins in with Sing into Spring

Yesterday, Mrs Piers took children in the choir to the annual Ark Sing into Spring event, where they sang with children for many other Ark schools. The children represented the school well and had a fabulous day.

Changes to Lunch times

After half term we will be making some changes to our lunchtime arrangements so that it runs as smoothly as possible. As part of this, we will be changing to a system of storing lunchboxes in the Dining Rooms rather than in the classroom.

This means that children who bring a packed lunch to school will need to bring their food in a named bag or box that can be safely stored on a lunchbox trolley.

If your child eats a packed lunch, please ensure that your child brings their lunch in a named bag or box.

Please send in lunch boxes at the beginning of the day.

Dates for your diary

13th – 17th February       Half Term
6th March, 3pm             Portsmouth Class Assembly
13th March, 3pm            St Andrews Class Assembly
17th March                 NO SCHOOL – Staff Training Day
20th March, 3pm            Goldsmiths Class Assembly
27th March, 3pm            Cambridge Class Assembly
29th, 30th March 3-6pm     Parents’ Evenings
31st March                 Last Day of Term

Parents of children participating in class assemblies are invited to come and watch.