



# Ark Swift Primary Academy

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### 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> place:	Reception	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> place:	Goldsmiths	98.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.



8.40	Gates open Children go straight in to class
8.55	Gates close Anyone arriving after this goes in through the front door where the office is
9.00	Register closes Anyone arriving after this is marked 'Late'

## 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*

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



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