



# Ark Swift Primary Academy

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## Friday 11 November 2016

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER.  
IT IS A STAFF TRAINING DAY**

A Message from the Principal  
Jason Marantz



### Remembrance Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is Remembrance Day, a day where we remember the many men and women who fell in war to protect this country.

In school, our Key Stage 2 children participated in a meaningful and moving way. Several of our Year 6 children wrote very moving poetry which we will be putting on our website soon.

I would like to share part of a poem written by Yusra, in Trinity's class:

*Forevermore*

*In restricted, stale, erratic holes,  
Infantry men march, like unyielding moles,  
Through the oozing mud,  
Sinking into eternal sorrowness forevermore*

I am proud of our children's work and encourage you to read more.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Marantz

### ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Oxford

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bangor

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Trinity

Our whole school attendance this week was:

**94.2%**

Our whole school attendance to date is:

**95.8%**

Please keep an eye on changes to the calendar and ensure your children are in school.



### Children in Need

Once Again, Ark Swift will be collecting for Children in Need.

Next Friday 18 November 2016 we will be wearing "Happy Hats" and "Silly Socks".

We encourage all children to bring in £1, or whatever they can for Children in Need and for the privilege of wearing colourful and creative hats and socks.

## Getting to know... Mrs Sharma



Ms Sharma is an Assistant Headteacher at Ark Swift. She leads our Upper Key Stage team – Years 5 and 6 and she is also responsible for English across the school. Miss Sharma thinks of ways to improve teaching and learning, especially in the area of English. For example, she has arranged for an author, Dan Freedman, to speak to the children. She will also be running some meetings with parents to help them support their children's reading.

## Help Needed

We are looking for parents who have a background or interest in marketing to help us market our school.

If you can help, please contact Mr Marantz through the school office.



Each week we are delighted to recognise children who are selected as the class "Stars of the Week". These children have been recognised for doing something special this week.

Last week our stars were:

Exeter	Abdi Aziz
Cambridge	Aaron
Oxford	Rashawn
Southbank	Jasmine
Goldsmiths	Azeem
Portsmouth	Amalia
St Andrews	Wajma
Bangor	Nasrullah
Hull	Kaelyn
Trinity	Omar
Bristol	Anwar

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Ed City consultation meetings on the proposed site redevelopment – see [www.edcity.co.uk](http://www.edcity.co.uk) for more details.

Friday 18th November – Year 2 Parents Coffee Morning to discuss reading and how you can help your child – PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE HAS BEEN MOVED

Monday 14th November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 24 November

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> and Tues 30<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 8 December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Staff Training Day - NO SCHOOL

Nasal flu prevention programme for children in Years 1,2 AND 3

Children in Need Day (Happy Hats and Silly Socks)

Parents' evening (more information to follow)

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Prospective parents am

Classroom visits (more info to follow)

Assessment week

Staff Training Day - No School

Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.

Last Day of Term

## Ark Swift Reminders

- Lunch menus can be found on our website: <http://arkswift.org/life-school/school-meals>