**Weekender**

**Friday 11 November 2016**

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**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

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**ATTENDANCE NEWS**

Winners of this week’s attendance awards were:

1st place: Oxford  
2nd place: Bangor  
3rd 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.

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**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.
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.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November – Ed City consultation meetings on the proposed site redevelopment – see 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  
Staff Training Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday 18th November  
Nasal flu prevention programme for children in Years 1,2 AND 3

Wednesday 23rd November  
Children in Need Day (Happy Hats and Silly Socks)

Thursday 24th November  
Parents’ evening (more information to follow)

Mon 29th and Tues 30th November  
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Monday 5th – Thurs 8 December  
Prospective parents am

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Classroom visits (more info to follow)

Friday 9th December  
Assessment week

Thursday 15th December  
Staff Training Day - No School

Wednesday 21st December  
Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.

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**Ark Swift Reminders**

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

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**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