Friday 23 September 2016

The Senior Leadership Team

I am delighted to introduce you to our senior leadership team. You would have seen them out and about in the playground. We are fortunate to have some new and some familiar faces leading the school.

Jason Marantz: Principal
Nicola Keating: Vice Principal
Claire Piers: Vice Principal
Rose Palmer: Assistant Head (Y1 - 2)
Russell Beynon: Assistant Head (Y3 – 4)
Lekha Sharma: Assistant Head (Y5 – 6)
Janice Cocks: Business Manager

If you wish to raise a concern, it is best to go to your child’s teacher first.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: Year 5 Hull 99.5%
2nd place: Year 4 Portsmouth 98.9%
3rd place: Year 6 Trinity 98.3%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:
97.3%

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.7% and our target for this year is 96%, so we need to keep working towards this.

We want your children to make great progress this year and we can only do this if you send your children to school, every day and on time.

THANK YOU

On behalf of all of the Ark Swift Primary family, we wish to thank all those who helped prepare the wonderful Eid Party last Monday. The food was delicious and we appreciate all you do for us:

Our thanks to:

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 30th September – Parent coffee morning to share new rewards and behaviour system – 8:50am in the lower hall

Friday 14 Oct – Meet the Principal from 2:30 to 3:30 featuring pupils highlighting some of the changes

Monday 24 Oct – Half Term Begins

Tuesday 1 Nov – First day back after term

Monday 13 November – Staff Training Day

Wednesday 21 Dec – Last Day of Term

Dream, Believe, Achieve
The Daily Mile

We are pleased to inform you that our Year 6 children in both classes have started to take part in an exciting initiative called The Daily Mile. Every day, they have been spending 10 minutes running in our playground with the intention of running 1 mile per day.

Running approximately a mile every day helps children get fit and stay healthy. Miss Young and Ms Sharma have also shared that the children are calmer and more focused as a result of the daily running. Our plan is for other year groups to join in during the year. We will keep you posted.

Dojo Champ Rewards

Children are earning Dojo points in class for great work and positive behaviour for learning. These are added up on a Friday to see who has earned a reward on the Dojo Champs Chart. For this week the party will be on Monday and a fantastic 47 children who have reached the highest target this week will be joining me!

Message from the Principal: The Swift Way

Positive Behaviour at Swift

Last week we introduced some of the changes being made to our behaviour system, including a real focus on positive behaviour. As reported last week, children have been receiving Dojo points to reward their good behaviour. When they receive a certain amount of points they gain certain privileges.

Those children that gained 50 points got to come to a special tea party with me. I am delighted that last week, eight children attended that tea party.

They were: Darcie Webb, Kelsey Channer, Hashim Abdalla Omar, Abdirahman Yusuf, Khadar Ali, Leo Palmer, Shekinah Laylo and Laila Ruff.

We will be sharing full details of the changes in writing with parents next week and are pleased to announce a coffee morning at 8:50am on Friday 30th September 2016.

Thanks you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Marantz

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.

Last week our stars were:

Edinburgh - Raidah
Oxford - Kirl
Cambridge - Roda
Goldsmiths - Grivelma
Southbank - Maryama
St Andrews - Lili
Portsmouth - Ramadan
Bangor - Simra
Hull - Nurahdin
Bristol - Jamil
Trinity - Ovi