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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Festive Celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers

Earlier this term we were delighted to celebrate Eid at the wonderful after school Eid Party.

It is my hope that we will continue, as a community, to mark key festivals and learn about the many faiths and groups that live in Britain today.

On the 6th Dec, in a true winter British tradition, the children will enjoy a Pantomime. This year, we will watch Aladdin as our Year 3 children learned about it earlier this term.

As we approach the end of term, we will celebrate Christmas at school. On 16th December, the children will enjoy a Christmas Dinner for their school lunch, and on 19th December, the school will come together for a special singing assembly and will sing some Christmas and other seasonal songs. Parents and carers will be invited to this.

We are a very special community, with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, and it is a pleasure to come together and celebrate.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mr Marantz

**Ark Swift has raised £350.47 for Children
in Need over the Year!**

Now that is the Swift Way!

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1st place: Reception (Exeter)

2nd place: Hull

3rd place: St Andrews

Our whole school attendance this week was:

94.8%

Our whole school attendance to date is:

95.7%

IMPORTANT NOTE

PARENTS' EVENINGS CHANGE OF DATE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are sorry for the change but we have to change the date of our parents evening from next Wednesday and Thursday.

**These will now be held on Dec 7th and 8th
from 3:30 to 6:00pm.**

The reason for the change is because in order to make these more effective, we will be using a new online programme to book appointments. We will send you more information this week about how to book your appointments.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

Getting to know...



Mr Beynon

Mr Beynon is an assistant headteacher here at Ark Swift. He is the leader of the Lower Key Stage 2 phase – years 3 and 4.

Mr Beynon organises oracy, speaking and listening and debating throughout the school. Under his leadership, the school has recently achieved ICAN accreditation recognising our achievements in the above areas.

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:

Cambridge	Mariyah
Oxford	Aisha
Southbank	Haris
Goldsmiths	Ahmed
Portsmouth	Anna
St Andrews	Tahir
Bangor	Armando
Hull	Marie
Trinity	Suweyda



Year 1 Trip around the Local Area

On Tuesday 22nd November Edinburgh class went around White City area to explore different houses and spot architectural differences. Children could compare flats to terraced houses and express their preference on housing types. Following this activity, we went to the park, where kids had the chance to consider the effect that autumn has on the vegetation...and see a rainbow! We ended the tour at the local Starbucks cafe, where the caring staff offered children a hot chocolate. Needless to say that they loved the experience!

Yesterday we went to have a good walk. First, we saw some flats. I didn't like the flats. Then we saw a football stadium. Next, we went to the park. We saw leaves falling down on the ground. Finally, we went to Starbucks and had a free hot chocolate. It was the best day ever! Shaun Reyes - Edinburgh

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 5th – Thurs 8 December

6th December

9th December

12th December

15th December

15th and 16th December

19th December

Wednesday 21st December

Assessment week

Pantomime Day in School

Staff Training Day - No School

Southbank Class Assembly at 3pm – Southbank parents invited

Author Visit – Dan Freedman to speak to the children.

Classroom Visits – more information to follow

End of term concert

Last Day of Term