A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers,

Looking Smart for the Summer Term

It has been a fairly cold week this week, yet the sun has been shining. Children have enjoyed their outdoor play.

As the temperature gets warmer, sometimes children in schools don’t always wear the correct uniform. At Ark Swift we understand fully how important uniform is to how we experience life in school.

Children who come to school dressed appropriately everyday understand why they are there. They feel good about being in school and often behave better as a consequence.

Whilst we are in the final term of the academic year, it is a good opportunity to ensure that your children are coming to school in the correct uniform, including wearing the correct shoes, and are ready to succeed.

Have a good long weekend

Mr Marantz
Principal

Attendance News – 24 April to 28 April 2017

Winners of this week’s attendance awards are:

1st place: Trinity 98.9%
2nd place: St Andrews 98.7%
3rd place: Cambridge 97.6%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: 94.8%.

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.1%.

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.

Remember, good attendance is linked to good progress in school.

Year 3 and 5 trip to the Orchestra Next Tuesday

On Tuesday 2nd May, children in Years 3 and 5 will be going on a very exciting trip to the Royal Festival Hall. They will be seeing a performance from the world-renowned London Philharmonic Orchestra. This trip is to consolidate the children’s cross curricular education in English, Music and Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Learning.

Please make sure you have returned forms and donations to the school office.

Next Monday is a Bank Holiday. There will be no school on 1 May.
Parking considerately in the local area

We have had some complaints from local residents about our parents and carers driving and parking in an inconsiderate way when dropping and collecting from school.

Please can you ensure that you:

• Do not stop on the yellow or zigzag lines
• Do not stop your car in the middle of the road.

Please remember to drive and park in a considerate way. Ark Swift is proud to be a good neighbour and needs your help to make sure this continues.

Year 6 SATs begin on 8 May 2017

Year 6 children at Ark Swift and all over the country will write the National Curriculum SATs Tests starting on Monday 8 May.

The tests begin on 8 May in the morning and end on the 11 May. Year 6 children need to be in school every day for the tests

A special Year 6 Breakfast Club will be held during SATS week and next week as well starting at 8am (from next Tuesday.)

Dates for your diary

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AND BE READY FOR SCHOOL...

Notices

Scooters/Bikes - Parents are reminded to ensure that children place bikes and scooters in the bike sheds in the playground. Pupils should not ride scooters or bikes in the playground.

Clubs – School clubs are set to start from next Wednesday 3rd May. Children will be notified what club they are in on Tuesday 2nd May. Please ensure your children attend their clubs.