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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers
CARRY ON READING!

What a week of reading it has been! We celebrated books all week this week at Swift. It has been truly a pleasure watching your children, learn, explore and get excited about books.

The good news for you book lovers is that it does not have to be over. Every day can be book day if you and your children promise to continue reading and sharing books together.

Please take up the challenge and keep sharing and reading with your children daily.

Have a great weekend
Mr Marantz
Principal

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

1 st place:	Trinity – Year 6	100%
2 nd place:	Cambridge – Year 2	99.5%
3 rd place:	St Andrews- Year 4	97.4%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

93.4%

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.7%** and 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.**

Our morning procedures have changed...

Before half term, we explained in our newsletter that our morning opening procedures have changed and that from now on, the gates will open at 8:40, children will go straight into class, and the gates will close again at 8:55.



Please note that the **gates do not open until 8:40.** Please do not arrive at school until 8:40.

8.40	Gates open Children go straight in to class
8.55	Gates close Anyone arriving after this goes in through the front door where the office is
9.00	Register closes Anyone arriving after this is marked 'Late'

Word Book Day Activities at Ark Swift



At Ark Swift this week, book day almost became book week! This is because Ms Young had planned so many wonderful activities, that we couldn't squeeze them all in to one day. The activities kicked off with a day long read-a-thon. Every class in the school visited the library and took turn reading in it. This way, the library had children reading in it all day.

Graffiti covered special posters in our school with children encouraged to 'scribble' their favourite book names and characters. **We raised over £144 for Book Aid.** Children also engaged in special quizzes and had books read to them by different teachers. On Thursday, everyone in school dressed up as their favourite book characters and had a special book related assembly. We also welcomed a very special guest who popped in to read with our children, QPR footballer Jake Bidwell.

Thank you to Ms Young, our English lead for organising such an incredible week of activities.

Dates for your diary

6 th March, 3pm	Portsmouth Class Assembly
13 th March, 3pm	St Andrews Class Assembly
13 th , 14 th March	Classroom visits
17th March	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training Day
20 th March, 3pm	Goldsmiths Class Assembly
29 th , 30 th March 3-6pm	Parents' Evenings
31st March	Last Day of Term



Parents of children participating in class assemblies are invited to come and watch.