



Message from the Principal

The autumn term is well underway and I continue to be impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of your children. On Tuesday of this week, we were visited by the Head of School Effectiveness from Hammersmith and Fulham. In her visit report, she wrote:

Thank you for showing me around Ark Swift today. I think you have a lovely school. The refurbishments over the summer make a huge difference and the hard work on improving the culture for learning and behaviour have clearly had a massive impact on children's attitudes to learning. The children are working with purpose in all the lessons we visited and there is a sense of calm and real enjoyment.

Unsurprisingly, attendance was highlighted as an area where we need to continue to improve. Please continue to support the school, ensuring your child attends regularly and on time. Attendance statistics for the last 2 weeks can be found overleaf. How does your child's class compare?

In our recent assemblies, we have been talking to the children about how the kindness we show others can often come full circle. The children have enjoyed watching the following clip that can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>.

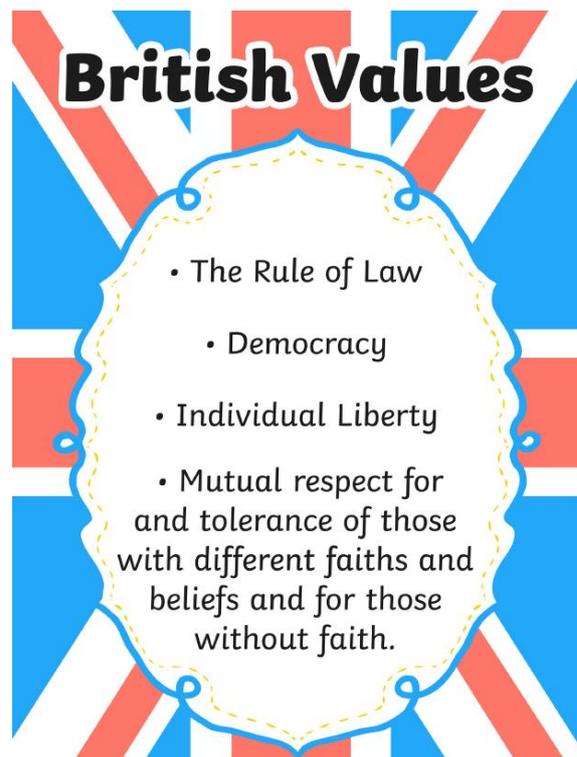


Watch as the camera tracks an act of kindness as it's passed from one individual to the next and manages to boomerang back to the person who set it into motion.

We have also started a series on British Values. Do ask your child what they have been learning as they are showing real interest and knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend,

Daniel Upfield
Principal



INSET Day

Please note that school is **closed next Friday, 4th October** for an Ark INSET Day.

Water Bottles

All children today received a new Ark Swift water bottle free of charge. We encourage children to stay hydrated during the busy school day – please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school daily. Please note that water bottles need washing at home.

Lost bottles will be charged at £1 for a replacement and can be purchased from the school office.

Attendance

Attendance statistics for the last **2-weeks (13th-26th September)**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	96.8% Above target
Year R Bath	93.9%
Year 1 Bristol	91.4%
Year 2 Manchester	97% Above target
Year 3 Exeter	100% Perfect – well done!
Year 4 Sheffield	97.9% Above target
Year 5 Warwick	94%
Year 5 Worcester	98.3% Above target
Year 6 Durham	95.2%
Year 6 Loughborough	96.7% Above target



Overall school attendance: **96.2%**

Our aim is for **all** classes and the whole school to be 96% and above.

Card Payments

Following a number of requests from parents, we will soon have the ability to take card payments in the school office. Further details to follow soon!



Secondary Applications

Year 6 parents please note that the deadline for secondary admissions is **31st October**.

Please visit this page of the Hammersmith and Fulham website for full details:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions>

The e-admissions website is located here:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

If you require any help with secondary applications including making your online application, please speak to the school office who will book you a time to see Shineade or Katie from the Pastoral Support Team.

In addition, the admissions team from Hammersmith and Fulham will be at **Ark Swift from 9.00-10.00am on Tuesday 8th October** to assist with online applications. Please come along if you'd like help completing your application. I strongly recommend you take up this offer. Last year, a number of Year 6 parents missed the admissions deadline.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 2 nd October	8.40 Nursery & Reception Parent Briefing <i>Parent briefings have been very well attended this term. I hope you have found them useful</i>
Friday 4 th October	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 8 th October	9.00-10.00 Secondary applications session with Hammersmith and Fulham. Come along for help with completing your online application for Year 7.
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 2 Trip to Hampton Court Palace 9.00 Informal coffee morning in the lower hall from. Please come along to meet with the Leadership Team. This will be a great opportunity to have a chat, ask any questions you may have as well as discuss ideas and suggestions.
Thursday 10 th October	14.00 Year R 'Tiger who came to Tea' party (parents welcome)
Monday 14 th October	Parents' evening (Nursery, Year 1, 2, 3 4 5 and 6)
Tuesday 15 th October	14.30 Year 6 Parent Workshop (Maths) Parents' evening (Nursery, Year R, 1, 3, 4 5 and 6)

Parent & teacher meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, discuss their progress and how they are working towards their targets. You will also be able to ask any questions you may currently have about your child's learning. It is therefore very important that you make every effort to attend an appointment so that we can work in partnership to ensure the best for your child. You will receive an appointment time from the school office. Where you have children in more than one year group, appointment times will be arranged to be as convenient as possible.

Upcoming Dates Continued

Wednesday 16th October 9.00 Open morning for Year R entry September 2020

If you have a child in Nursery and will be applying for a **Reception place for September 2020**, please come along to find out more. You will have the chance to hear from the Headteacher and Miss Venzal (Early Years Lead); visit our current Year R class and ask any questions you may have.

14.30 Year 6 Parent Workshop (Reading)

Parents' evening (Year 2 only)

Thursday 17th October Parents' evening (Year R only)

Friday 18th October Swift will be taking part in **Wear Red Day**



Wear Red Day is all about spreading the message to **'show racism the red card'**. On this day, children can come to school in **non-uniform and preferably wearing something red**. It would be great to raise some money for the work of this important organization and your child can hand this to their teacher in the morning - **£1 is a suggested donation**. Education is the key to challenging racism in society. By working with the next generation in schools, we can have a big impact towards creating a better world in the future. If you are interested, you can find full details of **Wear Red Day** and links to their work at www.theredcard.org

15.30 Close for half-term

Tuesday 29th October 8.40 Start of Autumn Term 2nd half