



### Message from the Principal

The first half of the autumn term draws to a close. Our wonderful pupils are working hard at their academic studies and continuing to develop the life skills of grit, resilience and endeavour with every opportunity they are given. The purposefulness around the school is great to see and the maturity of the pupils is quite remarkable.

After much delay, the works for the first phase of Ed City will start this half-term. When you return from the half-term break, you will find much of the playground divided by hoarding. Both school gates will remain operational but please bear with us as we get to grips operating with much reduced outdoor space. From next half-term, sports lessons will take place at 'Play Football' across the road. This is the first step towards creating an exceptional new primary school as well as some other first-rate facilities. I will hold a coffee morning early next half-term to update you on the build project, timelines and plans for the site. You can also keep up to date with the project at:

<https://www.edcity.org.uk/>

The new menus that were designed by pupil council in conjunction with Karen our chef can be found at: <http://arkswift.org/life-school/school-meals>

Have a lovely half-term,

Daniel Upfield  
Principal



### Upcoming Dates — a detailed diary for autumn 2 will be shared on the first newsletter back after half-term

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| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October   | 15.30 Close for Half-term   |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October  | 8.40 Start of Autumn Term 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half  |
|                                   | 9.00 Jo Facer (new Principal of Ark Soane) meeting parents  |
|                                   | 14.30-16.00 Hammersmith and Fulham Admissions service visiting Swift to support with secondary applications   |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October | David O'Mahoney Motivational Speaker visiting Year 6  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November   | 14.15 EYFS Diwali Party   |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 9.00 Parent Coffee Morning — <i>if you'd like to be involved in planning and helping with an <b>Ark Swift Christmas Fair</b>, please come along</i> |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November  | INSET Day — School closed to pupils   |

## Attendance

Attendance statistics for **Autumn Term 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

| Class               | Attendance  |
|---------------------|---|
| Nursery             | 95.2%   |
| Year R Bath         | 95.8%   |
| Year 1 Bristol      | 95.7%   |
| Year 2 Manchester   | 95.6%   |
| Year 3 Exeter       | 98.5% Above Target – well done!  |
| Year 4 Sheffield    | 95.9%   |
| Year 5 Warwick      | 95.5%   |
| Year 5 Worcester    | 96.9% Above Target – well done!  |
| Year 6 Durham       | 95.9%   |
| Year 6 Loughborough | 94.8%   |

Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.9%**

Our aim is for **all** classes and the whole school to be 96% and above. We are **nearly** on target.

## House Points – Year to Date

| Owls                    | Hawks | Eagles | Falcons                 | Kestrels                |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2604 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) | 2280  | 2424   | 2814 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) | 2525 (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) |

## Loughborough Class Assembly

Loughborough Class presented a class assembly this week on the topic of oracy. It was wonderful to see 100% participation and children speaking with confidence and professionalism.

This was the first in a series of class assemblies and all classes will be presenting throughout the year. Future dates for class assemblies will be published on the newsletter.

## Ark Soane

Ark Soane Academy (<http://arksoane.org>), is a new, non-selective secondary school opening in Acton in September 2020. The school will be located on the site of the current Acton College (Mill Hill Rd, London, W3 8JH). If you have a child in **Year 5 or Year 6** and you're keen to find out more about places for 2020 or 2021, please come along on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9am to meet the Principal, Jo Facer. Even though it is late in the day for admissions for 2020, it is still worthwhile coming along if you're interested as the application process is not via the Local Authority as Soane is a brand-new school.

## Secondary Applications

Year 6 parents please note that the deadline for secondary admissions is **31<sup>st</sup> 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, we have the Hammersmith and Fulham Admissions Service coming back on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October to help with last-minute applications.

## Commando Joe's

Next half-term, we start our partnership with Commando Joe's. Commando Ed will be in school every Wednesday running a program of fitness, confidence and character education. This is an exciting partnership for us, and we look forward to getting started.

### Welcome from Mr Jenkins, Commando Joe's Instructor

*Dear Parents*

*Just wanted to introduce myself and Commando Joe's to you all on my arrival to Ark Swift. Commando Joe's will be starting at the school from the 30th October 2019 and will be looking to help the students with developing character skills that will be able to help them both inside and outside of school. We will be taking part in fitness sessions, team building tasks, problem solving and seeing what fun and exciting challenging adventure await.*

*A little bit about myself: hailing from south London, my background is that mostly of sport and outdoors. Having grown up with an Army dad, most of my time was spent in Wales, hiking up mountains and playing rugby. Throughout my time in the Army, I served all over the globe, highlights being Canada, Germany, Cyprus and the USA. I look forward to joining the staff of Ark Swift.*

*If you have any question or queries, please feel free to contact the school.*

*Kind Regards*

*Commando Ed  
Commando Joe's Instructor*



**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

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