



Message from the Principal

Dear All,

I cannot believe we are on the final newsletter for 2019. Where has the last term gone? It has flown by, as all good things do! This has been a busy yet very successful term at Swift. I am very proud of the hard work that everyone has dedicated to our school this term.

The Christmas performances this week were excellent – singing, dancing and acting a plenty. Thank you for supporting in such large numbers, it means a great deal to the children to have you there.

I wish every child, parent and staff member of the school a peaceful holiday with their families. Take the time to reflect on your own achievements and set yourself aspirations you wish to fulfil in 2020. I cannot wait for 2020 and lots more exciting things to come for the pupils of Ark Swift.

See you all on **Tuesday 7th January 2020!**

With very best wishes,

Daniel Upfield
Principal



House Points – Autumn Term Cup

Congratulations to the winning house for this half-term: **Falcons**



Owls	Hawks	Eagles	Falcons	Kestrels
3806	3862 (3 rd)	3867 (2 nd)	4358 (1 st)	3861

Steve Prince Retires

Steve Prince, Swift’s Site Manager, officially retires at the end of this term. Steve started here in September 1986 (*I was just 7 years old at the time!*) and has given many years of loyal service to the school. Steve has seen many changes over the years and has been part of this schools’ history. I am sure you will join me in thanking Steve for the positive impact he has had on countless children, staff and families. We hope that Steve will come and visit once we finally have our new home in Ed City.

Attendance

Attendance statistics for **Autumn Term**

Class	Attendance
Nursery	93.2%
Year R Bath	93.8%
Year 1 Bristol	94.9%
Year 2 Manchester	94.8%
Year 3 Exeter	98.3% - Congratulations! Best attendance this term and well above our target!
Year 4 Sheffield	95.3%
Year 5 Warwick	95.6%
Year 5 Worcester	95.7%
Year 6 Durham	94.9%
Year 6 Loughborough	95.8%



Overall school attendance for the academic year to date: **95.4%**

We're -0.6% below our target of 96%. Hopefully, after the Christmas holiday we'll be back on track and through the 96% barrier! Let's aim high...