



A message from the principal, Jason Marantz

School Uniform

We are well into our second term now and learning is happening all around us. In order for our school to continue to improve, we have to keep doing things the Swift Way, and that includes the children coming to school in full uniform, ready to work.

I have written about uniform in this newsletter before, and it is important that we all work together to ensure that uniform improves so that we can look the part and become an outstanding school.

This term there are a few areas of the uniform we want to focus on to get right:

- 1) Black school shoes must be worn at all times. This **does not include** trainers.
- 2) Children must wear **ties** with their uniform.
- 3) Children should come to school with **jumpers**.

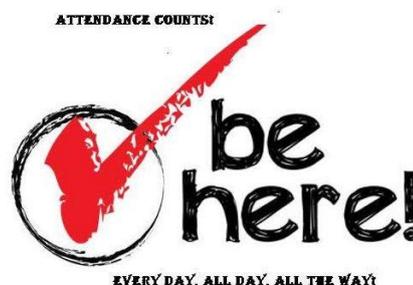
For PE, children must ensure that they wear the following:

- 1) The Academy's yellow PE shirt
- 2) Black school shorts **or plain black trousers**.
- 3) Children should not wear track suits.

I ask you to support us and ensure that your children wear the correct uniform.

Have a good weekend

Mr Marantz



Attendance News

8th January to the 12th January

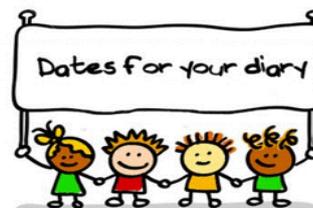
Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

1st place:	York Y6	98.25%
2nd place:	Oxford Y4	97.22%
3rd place:	Bristol Y1	95.24%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **92.22%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.24%**.

Our target for this year is still **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this.



Please note that the clubs letter has been delayed. Information will be sent out over the next day or so. Clubs will now begin on 22 January 2016.

5 th – 9 th February	Assessment week
12 th -16 th February	Half Term
19 th February	Staff Training Day
20 th February	School resumes
13 th March	EYFS/ KS1 visits
14 th March	KS2 Visits
16 th March	Staff Training Day
19 th – 23 rd March	Assessments
29 th March	Last day of term

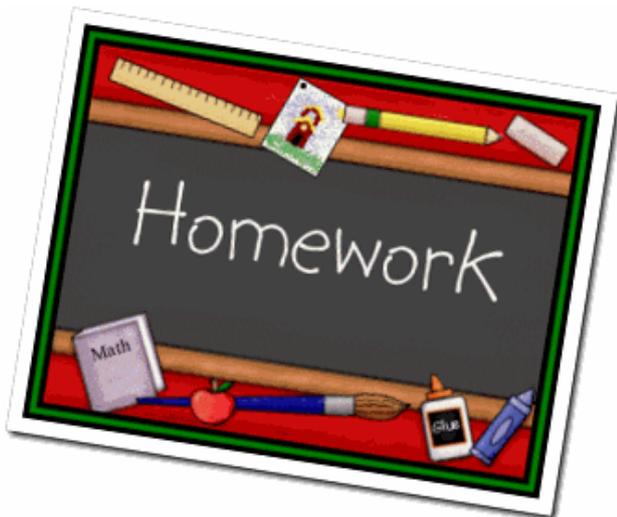
Top Tips from Swift

Information to support our parents

Supporting your child with their homework:

Homework is a very important part of a child's daily or weekly routine. Homework supports, consolidates and extends the learning and teaching being done in class.

The points below are practical ways in which you help your children with their homework.



How can you help?

1. By showing an interest you are communicating the fact that school work is important and needs to be taken seriously.
2. Encourage children to complete homework to the best of their ability.
3. Urge children to watch less television and spend more time studying and reading.
4. Express high expectations for children from an early age.
5. Please make sure that your children return their homework to school **on time, every time.**

Support for parents

Shepherds Bush library runs a programme to help parents and children with their homework.

Homework Help with Mr Devine
(Maths and English)
Every Saturday from 10.15am-11.30am
For children aged 7-11
All children welcome

Izzy's Reading Corner

1 to 1 reading support for children in Primary School
Starts Saturday 13th January 2018
Then every Saturday between 2.30pm – 3.30pm (Term Time Only)

Shepherds Bush Library
6 Wood Lane
London W12 7BF
020 8753 3842

The Swift Way...Every day: A new approach to Homework

At Swift, we have created a new Homework policy to ensure that children in all year groups receive appropriate homework.

Starting this term, homework will be sent out on paper and then filed in class.

Work will be sent out on Thursdays and it needs to be returned by Tuesday.

Nursery and reception classes will send home reading/phonics homework.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will receive home reading (to be done every day), spelling and an appropriate piece of maths work. Year 6 children may receive additional homework.

Please approach your class teacher or me if you have any questions.