**Correction:**

Please note that homework now goes out on a Thursday and is due in the following Thursday and not Tuesday as was written in the newsletter.

Apologies for the confusion.

**A message from the principal, Jason Marantz**

**Behaviour for learning**

We are pleased with the improvements made in behaviour across the academy. On occasion, there are still incidents, especially at lunch time.

I am pleased to tell you that we have improved our lunchtime provision and now, along with family dining there is a great deal for children to do on the playground including a variety of sports, activities and games.

We expect children to play nicely on the playground and will not tolerate fighting on the playground. Parents and children are reminded that any fighting will lead to an internal or a fixed term exclusion.

We appreciate our parents support with this and ask that you discuss your children’s behaviour with them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Marantz

**Attendance News**

**15th January to the 19th January**

Winners of this week’s attendance awards are:
- 1st place: Oxford Y4 98.35%
- 2nd place: Manchester Y2 98.15%
- 3rd place: Bath Reception 98.08%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **93.4%**.

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.32%**.

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

**Clubs**

Clubs begin next Monday 22nd January 2018. Club letters will be received today.

Please note that children must attend the clubs they get into. If they don’t then they risk losing their space this term and next term.
School Uniform

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 boots or 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.

Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform.

Top Tips from Swift

Information to support our parents

How to help your children with maths.

- Be positive about maths. Don’t say things like "I can’t do maths" or "I hated maths at school"; your child might start to think like that themselves.
- Point out the maths in everyday life. Include your child in activities involving maths such as using money, cooking and travelling.
- Praise your child for effort rather than talent - this shows them that by working hard they can always improve.
- Be an example and model how to solve maths problems and calculate daily.
- Help your child use maths every day – There are opportunities all around us.
- Monitor your child’s maths homework and actively engage with your child and their homework.
- Play maths games at home and engage with your child in an enjoyable way.
- Read books that incorporate maths.

22nd January
5th – 9th February
12th -16th February
19th February
20th March
13th March
14th March
16 March
19th – 23rd March
29th March

Clubs begin
Assessment week
Half Term
Staff Training Day
School resumes
EYFS/ KS1 visits
KS2 Visits
Staff Training Day
Assessments
Last day of term