



## A Message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~

Earlier this week, some of you received letters informing you that your child's attendance had dropped below 96%. The purpose of these letters were to make you aware of how any absence, even illness, can have an impact. Of course, children can be ill, but we want parents to be aware of the impact ALL absence has on children's attendance and learning.

There was a table included on the letters to illustrate how attendance numbers add up over time, and how children can miss the equivalent of weeks of school when they miss regularly.

Attendance will now be monitored to ensure that it improves. If your child's attendance maintains or improves where appropriate, then you will not be contacted about this again. If your child's attendance is still an issue in several weeks, we will contact you to discuss the absence and how we can help you.

Have a wonderful weekend

Jason Marantz  
Principal

## ✓ Attendance

### Attendance News – 13 November to 18 November 2017

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>Yr 6 York</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Yr 3 Exeter</b>	<b>99.03%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Yr 4 Oxford</b>	<b>98.77%</b>

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **96.18%**.

**Well done Ark Swift! We are improving!**

Our attendance for the year to date is **95.76%**. Our target for this year is still **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this. **We are getting there Ark Swift, keep up the excellent effort.**

## Today is Children in Need Day



## Swift supports... Children in Need

Generosity is one of our 'Swift Way' values. It is also a modern British value to care for others who need our help. We are supporting those today and children were encouraged to wear something with spots on it for "Children in Need". Children were encouraged to bring in £1 to support this very worthy cause.

We look forward to sharing photos from the day on social media, and the total amount raised which will be put in next week's newsletter.

## New PE lesson slots

Please note that recently, PE slots have changed and moved. Classes will now have PE on the following days:

<b>Monday</b>	Year 3 Imperial Year 5 Leeds
<b>Tuesday</b>	Year 1 Bristol Year 4 Oxford Year 6 York
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reception Bath Year 5 Cambridge
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 3 Exeter Year 6 Durham
<b>Friday</b>	The Nursery Year 2 Manchester Year 4 Warwick



Please ensure that children wear dark jogging trousers for PE. **Children should wear their PE kit to school on their day of PE.**

## Dates for the Diary

21 – 25 November	Anti-Bullying Week
5 – 6 December	Parents' evening
7 December	Pantomime in school
8 December	Staff Training Day
11 – 15 December	Assessment Week
12 December	KS2 Classroom Visits
13 December	KS1 Classroom Visits
20 December	Last Day of Term



Next week is...

**Make a  
NOISE  
about bullying**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



Parents' evening is coming up! Parents/carers will be sent letters with appointment details soon.