School closes next Wednesday at 1:30pm for the holidays.

A Message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

The Swift Way, Celebrating each other

Dear Parents and Carers

As the term draws to a close, it has been a term filled with learning, opportunity and celebration. As reported a couple of weeks ago, this terms children have had exciting visits, great guest speakers and the chance to learn about other faiths and celebrations.

One of the most wonderful things about this school is the fact that we are all different, but come together to make a family, the Swift family. Learning about each other is so important.

As we approach the holidays, last week our nursery and reception children performed a wonderful play about helping the planet. Next Tuesday at 2:30pm, our children in Years 1 to 6 will come together to sing songs of the season. These are no religious songs.

We appreciate that some families may not celebrate Christmas, but we hope you will come and join us for what should be an enjoyable celebration. If for whatever reason, you have concerns about your child taking part, then please contact the school office or put your concern in writing to me and give this this to the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday and a good New Year ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jason Marantz
Principal

Attendance

Attendance News – 20 November to 24 November 2017

Winners of this week’s attendance awards are:
1st place: Bristol Y1 98.35%
2nd place: Oxford Y4 97.94%
3rd place: York Y6 95.32%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: 92.98%.

Our attendance for the year to date is 94.92%. Our target for this year is still 96%, so we need to keep working towards this.

There has been illness this week so please wrap up warm and take care. Children should come in wearing coats.

Dates for the Diary

18 December 100% VIP Party
19 December KS1 & KS2 Assembly
20 December Last Day of Term
2 January Staff training day
3 January First day of term

Clubs have now finished for the autumn term and will now not run again until the
Spring term. Information will be sent out next year.

**EYFS Holiday Show**

This week our children in Nursery and Reception performed Eddie the Penguin Saves the World. It was a wonderful winter themed holiday production and the children did a brilliant job singing and acting. We were also delighted to welcome children from Harmony Neighbourhood Nursery to the production.

Well done to the children and staff for this enormous effort. Also, it was lovely to see a packed hall filled with parents, carers and friends.

**Christmas Dinner**

Children and staff enjoyed a special Christmas themed lunch this week and had a lovely meal together.

**Thank you for visiting**

Thank you to all of parents who visited and popped into classes this week to see what the children were learning. Thank you for your support.

**Tell one, tell all about our upcoming Open Afternoon...**

I am pleased to remind you of the details of our upcoming open afternoon.

The open morning is open to parents interested in sending their child to reception or nursery 2018. There are some places available now in older classes.

**Tuesday 8 January 2017**

**2pm**

**Ark Swift Primary Academy**

Please contact the school office to book your place: (0)20 8743 2514,

info@arkswiftprimary.org