



Clubs information will come out early next week.

A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Meet the Teacher Events

I am delighted to share with you a new event. On **Tuesday the 26th September** and **Wednesday the 27th September** we will be holding a Meet the Teacher open house in school from 8:30 to 9:00am.

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to visit their child's class and meet the teachers and co teachers.

The open mornings will run from 8:30 to 9:00 to allow parents time to visit more than one class.

Tuesday 26th September - Key Stage 2
Wednesday 27th September – EYFS and Key Stage 1

Please note that you can only visit the classes on the days listed above.

Parents and carers of children in reception are invited to stay after the opening morning on **Wednesday 27th September** for a special **Phonics Workshop Coffee Morning**.

Teachers will explain what phonics is, how we teach it at Ark Swift, and how you can help your child at home with their phonics reading books.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Meet the Teacher** open house events soon.

Jason Marantz
Principal



School success starts
with attendance

Attendance News – 11 September to 15 September 2017

Winners of this week's attendance awards are:

1st place:	Manchester/Warwick	97.8%
2nd place:	Exeter	97.4%
3rd place:	Leeds	96%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: **94.7%. Well done Swift!**

Our attendance for the year to date is **93.4%**.

Our target for this year is still **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this. Please send your children to school, every day and on time.

Remember, good attendance is linked to good progress in school.



- 25 September Clubs start
- 20 October Last day of school before half term
- 30 October No school – Staff Training Day
- 31 October School resumes
- 22 November EYFS and KS1 Classroom Visits
- 22 November KS2 Classroom Visits
- 8 December No school – Staff Training Day
- 20 December Last Day of Term

End of the day procedures

We are changing our end of day procedures to ensure that the children come outside and go home **safely and on time**.

From **Monday 18 September** Years 4 and Year 6 will line up in the **middle** of the playground at the end of the day. The other classes will stay where they are.

The gates will open to parents and carers at the slightly later time of **3:25pm**.

Parents and carers will need to go to the teacher to say who they are collecting and the teacher will **tick the child off a list**. This is important to ensure safety.

Please note that staff can only release the child to a sibling or cousin if you have told us about that person **in writing** and they are **age 16 or over**.

Children in **Years 6** can only **walk home alone** if parents have given **permission in writing**. Otherwise children will not be allowed to walk home alone.

Nursery playground

Many parents and careers are walking through the nursery playground in the mornings and after school.

We respectfully ask that **only parents and carers** with **children in the nursery** walk through this area to make sure that the area is clear and ready to be used as an outdoor learning area for the children.

School Uniform

Parents and carers are once again reminded Please see the uniform policy on our website for full information.

The office is currently able to sell you **school ties** if you don't have one.

From Monday 18 September 2017, if children are not wearing the correct uniform they may be given a yellow card as per our behaviour policy.

Please also note children must wear **black school shoes**. Trainers can only be worn for PE.

PE Kits

Please make sure that your children have the correct PE Kits for days in which they have PE.

They need to wear the gold logo shirt and black shorts. **We will also allow children to wear black or dark coloured jogging trousers with the school PE shirt.**



Children must also wear trainers or plimsoles. PE lessons are as follows:

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