A message from the Principal, Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping our children safe

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been writing in this newsletter about how we can work together to keep our pupils safe. I have written about coming to school safely and on time, as well as how our children need to act and behave at school.

When children choose not to follow the school rules, then they are putting themselves and others in danger. We are working with the children to understand why they need to listen and follow the rules.

I would like to draw your attention to the policy section of our website which has within it the full, current Ark Swift Behaviour Policy, as well as the Ark Swift Safeguarding Policy.

These documents explain the Swift Way approach to both Safeguarding and Behaviour. You are able to see these at any time.

I also wish to remind you to ensure that you tell us who is collecting your child/ren everyday

I wish you a good half term.

Jason Marantz
Principal

It is Half Term break from Monday 23 October to Monday 30 October.

School resumes on Tuesday 31st October

Attendance News – 16 October to 20 October 2017

Winners of this week’s attendance awards are:

1st place: Cambridge 99.18%
2nd place: Imperial 98.99%
3rd place: Exeter 98.55%

Our whole school attendance for this week was: 95.37%. Well done Swift!

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.03%.

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.
The Doctor is In…Reception

Earlier this week, a doctor visited Reception & Nursery. The doctor explained what doctors do. A Nursery boy said, doctors help people get better when they are not well.

Then, the doctor showed us some of her equipment. A Reception child recognised the stethoscope and he said ‘we use it to listen to our heart.’ The doctor used it to listen to some children’s hearts.

Then she used some bandages to support other children’s hands.

After showing us her equipment, the doctor explained what medicine is for. The doctor asked us who do we have medicine with. A Reception girl said ‘we have medicine with Miss Venzal.’ Another girl said ‘with family or adults too’.

The doctor also explained how we keep healthy. We need to eat healthy, stay clean and do exercise. A Reception child said ‘we need to put our hands in front of our mouth when we ugh’. A Nursery girl said ‘we eat carrots, oranges and apples. “Nursery’s favourite part was when they dressed as a doctor. They even wore some surgeon’s gloves.

Reception loved using the equipment, in particular the bandages.

We had a very successful open afternoon last week.

I am pleased to share with you details of our upcoming open morning. Please share with any one you think would want to learn more about sending their child to Ark Swift.

**Wednesday 14 November 2017 9:00am**
Ark Swift Primary Academy

Please contact the school office to book your place:
020 8743 2514
info@arkswiftprimary.org

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