



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you basking in the glorious late August sunshine well rested and with children eager to dive into Ark Priory Primary Academies 4<sup>th</sup> year. The academy is looking forward to the new year and the excitement is palpable amongst the staff. This year is a particularly exciting one as we get the unique opportunity to test out the systems and logistics for how we will run as a full school before we are actually full! As such we are looking to engage in a full and detailed dialogue regarding what works well before we commit to the pathway for when we are at total capacity in the academic year 2019/20. The first steps have been to adapt some of our longest running procedures which are detailed in this newsletter. We will be trialing these for the first few weeks and then the successes and points for development will form the major agenda items for the first parent forum. We have also included a quick introduction to the new teachers who will be joining us this year, I am sure you will welcome them warmly into the Ark Priory Primary Academy community.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup> September – as ever, if you have any questions please contact [t.martlew@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:t.martlew@arkprioryprimary.org)

## APPAA/ABPAA DATES 16/17

**GET THESE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

### AUTUMN

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Byron New parent social (eve)

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Bakesale Priory Year 3

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Priory New parent social (eve)  
(Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct back up for either social)

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Bakesale Byron Year 1

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October:** Priory AGM (or evening of 13<sup>th</sup> October)

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November:** Byron Social (eve)

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Bakesale Priory Year 2

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Priory Social (eve)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Bakesale Priory Year 1

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** JOINT CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Bakesale Priory Reception

### SPRING

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Bakesale Byron Reception

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January:** Priory Social (eve)

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Bakesale Priory Nursery

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Byron Social (eve)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Bakesale Priory Year 3

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Priory Social (eve)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** PRIORY EASTER FAIR (TBC)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** BYRON SPORTY SATURDAY

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Bakesale Byron Year 1

### SUMMER

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April:** Bakesale Priory Year 2

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Priory Social (eve)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May:** Byron social (eve)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May:** Bakesale Priory Year 1

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June:** Bakesale Reception

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Priory social (eve)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Bakesale Byron Reception

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** JOINT SUMMER FAIR

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Bakesale Priory Nursery

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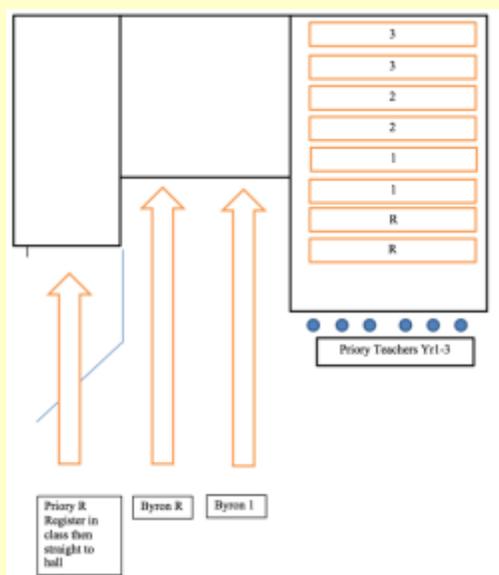
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## New Procedures for 16/17

### Entry to the Academy

- The gates will open at **8.20** – the bell will ring at **8.30** children are expected to be in the academy by **8.35**
- **Reception** will line up by the gates of the railings around the EYFS area when the bell rings. This is the same as in 2015/16.
- **Nursery**, there is no change to procedure and they will enter via their own gates next to the Nursery door when the bell rings.
- **Years 1-3** when the bell rings these children will enter through the doors at the back of the hall where the teachers will be waiting to greet them. It is important that they have an appropriate reading book with them. The teachers will be accessible for any messages but it is essential that parents do not accompany the children inside – there will be 390 children attempting to enter the academy via the rear of the building if the child is unable to proceed independently please move to the side and wait for the class teacher to come to you once the bulk of the children have entered.
- ***Children are not the academies responsibility until they have been taken by the teacher into the academy DO NOT leave children unattended before the bell or leave them until they have been handed over to the teacher. The gates will be open and it is impossible for us to manage the to and fro of traffic. PARENTS WHO DO NOT ADHERE TO THIS WILL BE ASKED TO EXPLAIN THEMSELVES AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHILD PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS.***



### Dismissal

#### DRY

- **Reception** and **Nursery** will dismiss from their gates behind the classrooms (where the lines form in the morning).
- **Years 1-3** will dismiss from the fenced games area. Entry will be from the side nearest the main entrance and exit from the side facing the climbing wall. THIS WILL BE A ONE WAY SYSTEM. Once you have collected your child please leave the caged area with your child as quickly as possible as there will be others wishing to come through.

#### WET

- If it is raining **Reception** and **Nursery** will continue to dismiss from the rear of their classrooms.
- **Years 1-3** will dismiss from CLASSROOMS parents can enter from the double doors at the rear of the foyer leave buggies etc. by the hall doors and proceed to the classroom via the staircase nearest the hall, collect their child then exit via the staircase and doors closest to the main gate.

### Library

A more detailed thanks will go out at the beginning of term but a HUGE thankyou to Mrs Griffiths and her team who have worked over the Summer on making the library a truly fantastic resource for the academy.

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## New Teaching Staff

(A huge thank you to the staff who completed these from various global locations)



**Miss Y. Naguida**  
**Columbus Class**  
**University of Roehampton**

I am a firm believer that our interests and hobbies can be incorporated into our teaching styles and in turn help us to become better teachers. An activity that I engage in regularly is art. I find it somewhat magical bringing life to, whether it be a canvas or a blank piece of paper. I find that it holds so many possibilities. When children experiment with colours, they dabble in science. As children manipulate a paintbrush, their fine motor skills improve. Most important perhaps, is that it helps to build pupils' self-confidence. Thus, children who feel free to experiment and make errors feel free to create new ways of thinking, which in turn extends beyond that art lesson. I therefore hope to use my love of art to impact positively on your child's self-esteem, confidence, personal, social and emotional development.

There exists a powerful learning culture at Ark Priory, and I am looking forward to becoming a part of that culture, as well as collaborating with exceptional teachers across the academy. In addition to this, having had the opportunity to formally welcome all the children starting in Columbus; I already feel inspired by their enthusiasm. I have every faith they will settle quickly and become integral members of the academy community.



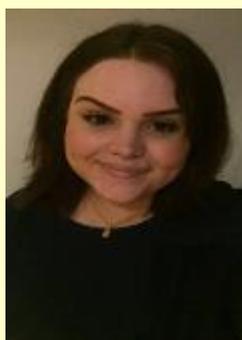
**Miss A. Canavan**  
**Pankhurst Class**  
**Queens University Belfast & London Metropolitan University**

I will be the new class teacher for Pankhurst class. I graduated from Queens University Belfast majoring in Law and politics and completed my PGCE with London Metropolitan University. I absolutely love drama and would consider myself a musical theatre geek! I am very excited to meet my class and have some fun learning with all pupils this year!



**Miss S Terry**  
**Archimedes Class**  
**Cardiff University (undergrad) Open University (masters)**

I lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina for two years and had an exhibition of my photos taken from my time there. I am most looking forward to getting to know my class and experimenting with some exciting science.



**Miss E. Cox**  
**Seacole Class**  
**University of Roehampton & Brunel University**

I obtained a BSc in Psychology from the University of Roehampton London and then studied for my PGCE at Brunel University London. My interests include arts and crafts, gardening and going to the cinema. One of my real passions is baking and I enjoy baking treats ranging from cakes to cookies in my free time. This year I most looking forward to creating exciting friendships and memories with my class as we all grow together as better learners.



**Miss F Mason**  
**Sharm an class**  
**Anglia Ruskin University (Education Studies) & PGCE at St Mary's University**

I enjoy reading and going to concerts. I am really looking forward to getting to know all my students and watching them progress throughout the year.

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