



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week recedes into the rear view mirror of academy life, however, a successful one Reception has settled well and Nursery has taken the plunge into full classes. A big thank you to all the parents who came to the parent forum – your feedback is invaluable and there were some great solutions worked through by the group.

Have a great weekend – Mr Martlew and the Staff ☺

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

### SHACKLETON

100%

## PUNCTUALITY AWARD:

### SHACKLETON

100%

### Upcoming Dates

**26th Sep** Yom Kippur  
Assembly

**28th Sep** APPAA  
Parents Social  
Tapestry workshop for  
Reception parents 8.45 on

**29th Sep** McMillan  
Coffee & Cake Afternoon  
14:30  
Teacher drop ins 3-5—  
appointment by EMAIL only  
Tapestry workshop for  
Nursery parents Friday 29th  
at 11am & then 12.45 for  
PM parents

**WC 2nd Oct** Class open  
days—specific details  
published nearer the time

**5th Oct** APPAA AGM

**9th Oct** Curie  
Assembly 8:50

**13th Oct** Yr 3 Bake  
Sale

**W/C 23rd Oct** HALF TERM

**3rd Nov** Yr 2 Bake  
Sale

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Investigative journalism  
flourishing in Year 1 – Who left  
the paint footprints on the  
classroom door?

### Topics

#### Nursery

All About Me - Book: Maisie  
Goes to Nursery

#### Reception

Book 'starting school'.  
Maths we will be exploring  
numbers up to 5

#### Year 1

English- making our own aliens  
and describing them using  
adjectives.  
Maths- ordering numbers and  
beginning addition equations

#### Year 2

English - continuing  
newspaper reports W 8, 9 &  
10  
Maths - numbers to 100 and  
number bonds to 20 N 1,2,3 &  
4

#### Year 3

Maths: exploring calculation  
strategies

#### Year 4

English: Biographies  
Maths: add and subtract  
mentally using rounding,  
part-part-whole model to  
solve problems and adding  
and subtracting 4 digit  
numbers using column  
method

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## Celebration Achievement

Parents of Children named below are welcome to attend awards assembly  
These children will receive their certificate on:

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2017

Yrs. 2,3 & 4 08:50

Yrs. R & 1 09:45

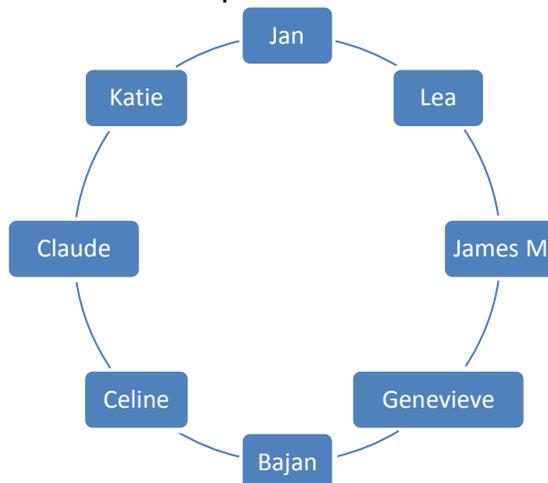
	<b>COURAGE</b>	<b>EXPLORE</b>	<b>ENDEAVOUR</b>	<b>EXCEL</b>
R	Eve	Yaseen	Tom	Beatrice
1	Reon	Thaliya	Dylan	Mihailo
2	Xavier	Conrad	Sabrin	Harlow
3	Oscar S	Christian	Josette	Uma P
4	Leo	Daniela C	Tessa	Marcel

## Handwriting Awards

1	Noa
2	Olive
3	Lukas
4	Ava L

## Top Table

These children are invited to a special Friday afternoon tea with Mr Martlew on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> September



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## Notices

### Nursery

**Meet the Teacher - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am for AM parents and 12.45 for PM parents**

Open morning will be delayed until WC 16.10 - to allow for the children to settle

### Reception

Every child has taken a yellow folder home with the phonics sounds h-a-t we have covered this week. These phonics sounds need to be practised at home and brought back on Thursday for the new sounds to be issued

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### Year 1

**TRIP Kew Gardens 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Please only bring in educational show and tells- we only have time for a few during the week.

Thank you!

**Year 1 Open Morning 4<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

### Year 2

**YEAR 2 OPEN MORNING 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 9am**

**TRIP Science Museum on 18th Oct**

Cracking comprehension - 2a unit 2 will be tested on Friday 29th September

Year 2 spellings will be sent home in children's bags this Friday.

### Year 3

**YEAR 3 OPEN MORNING 5<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

**TRIP: Brunel Museum on Thursday 28th September**

### Year 4

**Open day Monday 2nd Oct at 9.45**

## General

- Please bring library books EVERYDAY

LIBRARY TIMES	
Monday 1.45-3.15pm	Tuesday 1.45-3.15pm
Columbus 1.45- 2.05	Shakleton 1.45- 2.05
Archimedes 2.05- 2.25	Sharman 2.05- 2.25
Pankhurst 2.25-2.45	Fleming 2.25- 2.45
Seacole 2.45- 3.05	Curie 2.45- 3.05
Armstrong 3.05- 3.25	Brunel 3.05- 3.25

## Top Table: Afternoon Tea!



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## Parent Forum - Notes (Thank you to Mrs Robinson)

1. Byron build is on track. Ahead of schedule but they will still move in February as planned. Once gone, building work to get school back to normal in Priory by half term/first week of Spring 2.
2. Change to reception drop off arrangements to ease congestion started today. 8.20 'soft start' worked well and will now be standard. Parents can't go into the classroom however - there is a bottle neck at the door - no space for parents and buggies etc. The Teachers will be at the door to classroom. TA in classroom. This morning Columbus teacher not on door. She will be on door from tomorrow in Columbus, and Shackleton, greeting children.
3. Lunches - new system is children collect food from hatch; classes come in at 5 min intervals; pour own water; fruit (or cakes sometimes) platters on table for pudding. Working well. Playtime for Year 4 and Reception from today will be together after lunch so Year 4 can help reception learn to use all the play facilities. When a child is finished eating, an adult checks their plate and they can go outside if they've had enough to eat.
4. Mr Martlew asked for feedback on new lunch system. Might have to continue this system once Byron gone. 30 percent less waste and children seem happier.
5. Athletics - Can Year 3's profile be changed? In year 2 and 4 the teacher has hidden the topics they haven't yet covered so it's a bit more guided. School looking at setting athletics every other week and paper copy every week instead in response to parents who don't agree with screen time. Feedback welcomed.
6. Home learning - should it be rethought altogether? Mr Martlew asked for feedback. Issues raised are parents not getting feedback as this is usually done orally in class. No written feedback on home learning at the moment mostly - because teachers do not have time to mark it all, when they already have average of 90 books a day to look at from class work. But no feedback takes away the incentive for children and parents.
7. They are looking at giving every year group's parents a list of that year's goals on key areas so parents can work on these with child if desired/keeping parents informed of year expectations. Feedback was welcomed.
8. Looking at options such as using ParentHub (<https://www.parenthub.co.uk/>) as a potential alternative to newsletter. Feedback appreciated. TM to send it out for parents to look at and feedback. Online communication tool, like tapestry, but for all years, to communicate with teachers, in real time. Working towards better communication. Looking at all possible options to reach more parents. Only 40 percent average readership of newsletter. Ideas/best practice etc. welcomed. Please get in touch with Mr Martlew if you have specific ideas/tools to share.
9. Can library book choices be more guided? Mr Martlew said they will get help but won't be forced!
10. Violin – Starting Monday but from January employing someone directly to improve the quality. Not continuing lessons through Ealing council as poor quality and expensive.
11. Priory Now have a designated and experienced Art teacher and sport teacher (children have one lesson with a PE teacher and one with class teachers every week). For every year group. Year 2 have Mr Martlew for PPA (including art) currently due to timetabling but Year 2 is an area of expertise
12. "Mind up" - a new system being used in school, giving the children brain breaks every day. With a chime, teaching calm and mindfulness. Monday afternoons are "Mind up Mondays". Learning about brain and emotions and how it affects well-being. Learning how to self-regulate. Teaching independence. Prepare them for better learning, secondary school and beyond.
13. Children can wear trainers for sport, if prefer to plimsolls. BUT they must be a dark colour, e.g. navy or black. Nothing fluorescent, brightly coloured, sparkly or flashing. Small logos fine.

Additional follow up Q - How are the children coping at break times what with the lack of space? What happened to the block booking of rooms upstairs at Everyone Active upper rooms? Did this happen and how will they be used?

Ans - Play times and break times are finely balanced time wise and it is more important than ever for staff and children to be considerate of others and efficient in their movements to and from the playground. However, all seems to be going well at this stage and feedback has been very positive. Everyone active has been booked and is fully utilised by Ark Byron for their PE session to allow Priory to make full use of the splendidly astroturfed MUGA.

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## Scotathon for Duchenne UK

Nicolas and Emilia have taken part in a scootathlon which includes biking, scooting and running for Duchenne UK. This is an amazing and ambitious charity with a clear vision: to fund and accelerate treatments and a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy which mainly affects little boys.

Emilia's and Nicholas's German cousin suffers from Duchenne. He is now 18 and his life expectancy somewhere in the mid 20s. It is heart-breaking for the whole family to see his deterioration whenever we see him. We would like to imagine a world where nobody has to go through the trauma of a family whose child has just been diagnosed with this devastating disease.

It would be wonderful to receive donations from parents and fellow Academy pupils for this great cause. We promise that we all **endeavoured** to race our socks off (their Mum as well as Dilys's and Enid's parents are participated in the relay triathlon on the same day).

The link for donations is below:

[Read Carmen's story](#)



Head of School  
Mr. T. Martlew

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** we will be holding an Afternoon Teain support of the 'World Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would like to invite you to join us in the hall at 2.30pm to enjoy coffee and cake and raise money for this important and worthy cause.

In preparation for the event, we kindly request that if you would like to donate any baked goods you leave it with the school reception on the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We respectfully ask that you ensure any food items are nut free so everyone can enjoy a treat! Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information, and financial support to people affected by cancer.

Just £28 can pay for a Macmillan nurse for an hour- helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical, and emotional support.

We hope you join us to support this cause and look forward to seeing you there!  
Kind Regards,



Yours sincerely,

Mr. T. Martlew

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