


ARK PRIORY PRIMARY ACADEMY ASSOCIATION



Upcoming Events for your Diary

**APPAA
QUIZ NIGHT!**



Thursday 16th November
7.30 - 10.30pm

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Ark Priory Primary Academy
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PRIZES TO BE WON! All parents, staff & friends welcome.
Tickets are £12.50. To book email appaacommittee@gmail.com
or buy from your class reps. Tickets include dinner & a glass of wine.

TICKETS ON SALE!

The fun and fabulous Priory quiz/bingo night on Thursday 16th November is drawing near and tickets are selling out fast . . . Reserve your tickets now or buy at the school gates – before you miss out on all the fun!

**Priory Social
QUIZ/BINGO NIGHT**
Thursday 16th November
7.30 p.m.

**Priory Christmas Fair
Winter Wonderland**
Saturday 2nd December
12 – 4 p.m.

Year 1 bake sale
Friday 15th December
3 p.m.

**Monday 13th November
ODD SOCKS DAY
for Anti-Bullying Week**

**Children can wear odd
socks or crazy tights for this
special day to raise
awareness for Anti-Bullying
week. Children are
encouraged to join in and
bring a £1 to donate.**

THE WISHING TREE 2017

The Wishing Tree has now raised a fantastic **£1,705.69**. There's only **£1,044** to go before the lists are fulfilled. See below for what each class still needs. You can of course donate to the fund in general – it doesn't need to be towards a specific item. Get in touch with Charlotte Newlands (Mum of Fleur, Y2 and Evaleen, Nursery AM) or appaacommittee@gmail.com or leave a donation in the APPAA box by the school blackboard.

THANK YOU!

Items still needed:

Library

Book packs as follows:

Nature's life cycles collection 6 books - £8

Intervention

Chewable toys pack x 2 £20 each £40 total

Noise cancelling headphones x 2 £12 each £24

10 x pencil grip £5

Nursery

Role play resources - pretend toy food £19

Year 1

Reading corner chairs £26 x 2 total £52

Year 3

Long sleeved aprons class set £110

iPad cases £8 x 30 total £240

Year 4

iPad cases £8 x 30 total £240

ARK PRIORY

*Winter Wonderland
Christmas Fair*

Saturday 2nd December
*12-4pm * Free entry*

*Raffle * Artisan Stall * Vintage Tea & Cakes
Face Painting * School Performances * Tombola
Scavenger Hunt * Sports Events * Santa's Grotto*

All money raised will go towards Enrichment Activities

Proudly presented by
APPAA

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The countdown has begun to our amazing Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair. Please join us on an exciting journey into Christmas, at one of our biggest

community and fundraising events of the year, incorporating a range of stalls, activities, food and drink, games and a programme of entertainment for children and adults to enjoy. All funds raised from this event will go towards the continued improvement of the outdoor play spaces, making it a safer, more flexible area for playtime, activities and sport.

Brochure Advertising

Hopefully you have all seen the wonderful posters around the school advertising our Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair on 2nd December!!! We are producing a professionally printed fair brochure which will be handed out to everyone at the beginning of the fair and have only a few remaining advertising spaces left! If you, or anyone you know, runs a local business and would like to promote it please let us know. It's an amazing way to get the word out there to our local community!! Prices are £75 for a full page, £35 for half a page and only £25 for a quarter! Please email us on appaaccommittee@gmail.com

RAFFLE TICKETS

Sales will begin next week! Take a look at the huge variety of prizes that have been sourced and donated from within our community. There are 50 brilliant prizes to be had! Including:

Panto tickets at the Lyric Theatre

Putt in the Park Family of 4 voucher

Afternoon Tea at the Dorsett Hotel

Vouchers for a variety of great restaurants including Bills, Franco Manca, Vinoteca

A month's free membership at the Hogarth Club

One book of raffle tickets will be appearing in your child's book bag soon. Please look out for them, sell them to your friends, colleagues, neighbours, then ask us for more!! If you would like to purchase or take more raffle books away to sell to friends or family, please come and find us in the playground every day at pick up and drop off – or send us an email and we will get them to you! Please also return any unwanted books to us, so we can sell them on to others

If you have been able to source a great prize to add to our list please do let us know at appaaccommittee@gmail.com



SANTA'S GROTTO

We have managed to secure a visit from Father Christmas himself at our fair and we will have an amazing **Santa's Grotto** where your little ones may meet him. We will be selling timed ticket slots and their photo will be taken by a professional photographer. You will receive the printed photo and a digital version as a lovely keepsake.

We will be selling tickets on a first come first served basis in the playground at **DROP OFF** on **FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER** at **8.20 AM**. Note this date to guarantee your preferred slot!
N.B. Ark Byron will be selling tickets for Santa's Grotto at an earlier date. Please do not be alarmed – Ark Priory Grotto Sales will follow as our fair is at a later date!!

Second Hand Uniform and Fancy dress stall

Donations Needed

With Halloween out of the way and the festive break fast approaching, we'd love for you to have a dig in your cupboards and donate any of the following 1) school uniform that no longer fits 2) any fancy dress / play wear that your children are ready to part with 3) any Christmas jumpers or other 'festive wear' (hats, reindeer horns, those annoying flashing Christmas pudding earrings you never wear). Please pop into a carrier bag and hand in at the APPAA table at drop off or pick up over the next couple of weeks. All donated items will be sold at the Christmas Fair on December 2nd to raise funds for our lovely school.

TOMBOLA TIME!

For the children's tombola we are looking for new, unused children's games, toys and books as well as cuddly toys in really good condition.

For the adult tombola, any new, unused bottles, gifts and even jars – it could be wine, spirits, water, soft drinks, shampoo, perfume, chutney, jam, a lovely frame, perhaps? Anything you think people would enjoy winning!

Please hand in any donations to the APPAA reps in the playground or at the school office or get in touch with Nat Bonaventura (powderpink@hotmail.com)

ARK ARTISAN

Once again, the resident Artisans will be setting up stall. They request donations of Biscuits, Jams, Gingerbread and Christmas decorations for starters (ideally packaged as small gifts) – YOU make it, WE sell it! NOTE: ALL PRODUCTS ARE HANDMADE. Let's see some flair and hidden talents. *Any queries or suggestions please contact Jenny (Yr2) mrsjennygriffiths@gmail.com*

DONATIONS PLEASE!

Any donations of quick-dry coloured nail varnish (new or part used) and/or coloured and glitter hairspray for the RAINBOW NAIL STAND would be much appreciated.

Also, donations of any party favours would be very welcome to go towards prizes for the ever-popular SCAVENGER HUNT.

Please hand in to an APPAA rep, your class rep or the school office (labeled for APPAA)

MANY THANKS

INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL AND BBQ

The ever popular international food stall will be taken a step further with an International BBQ this year. Contact Year 3 rep Jess Htay (jessamead@yahoo.co.uk) if you can help.

VINTAGE TEA AND CAKE STALL

For those who love a cuppa and a slice of cake! We are looking for donations of classic cakes - Victoria Sponge, Lemon Drizzle, cup cakes, etc, or can be Christmas specialities from your homeland! If you are a keen baker and would like to donate your nut free bakes, please do get in touch with Penny Lawrence (Year 2) pennyjanerobinson@yahoo.co.uk

SIGN UP ROTAS

Rotas will be up on the noticeboards in the playground soon

Please sign up to help set up, manage a stall or clearing up. Every half an hour is appreciated. We cannot do it without you!
We do hope you will be able to join us at the event to celebrate our wonderful school community.



Is APPAA reaching you?

APPAA wants to keep you updated with latest news and events. We are certain you enjoy hearing about ways we work together to bring our school community closer, our event, and the fundraising that benefits all our children and is not possible without your help.

We hope we have the email addresses of all parents and carers (you would receive emails aimed at all parents from appaacommittee@gmail.com)

You should also be on your child's year group 'google group' used by the reps for occasional year group messages

Additionally each year group has a what's app group - used by APPAA to notify of upcoming events, by class reps for reminders and can be used by parents to ask immediate questions or notices e.g. notice of lost uniform. Used sparingly this is an effective communication tool.

If you are not receiving email communication or you are not on your year group what's app and would like to be, please contact your class reps or email appaacommittee@gmail.com

There are many ways you can get involved with APPAA - helping your year group bake sale, manning a stall at one of the events - like our upcoming quiz night or the fabulous Christmas Fair, or maybe you have your own idea? We would love to hear from you.

APPAA committee vacancy - Nursery PM class rep

We are still looking for a class rep or two for the nursery PM group. Could you help communicate to the class on behalf of APPAA, get to know people and gather their contact details, and help support and publicise APPAA events like the bake sales and fairs? This is the only group without representation in the whole school! Could you step forward and take this on? It is so worthwhile - you will get to know your year group, build community and a support network for fellow parents, and you will be supporting the school at the same time. Contact the APPAA admin team on appacommittee@gmail.com

ARK PRIORY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Labeling Uniform Information

It is the school's policy that ALL items of uniform MUST be named. To help with this, APPAA (the parents) have put together a list of tried and tested companies, which cater for all price ranges and labeling preferences! Even better, the school gets cash back from some of these companies when you order – at no extra cost to you. So you can support your child's school before they have even started!

1. **“Stamptastic”**: Name stamps, ink pads and labeling pens.

www.stamptastic.co.uk

Tel: 02083329781

*Ark Priory receives 25% cash back if you use the **NEW** code **W38NR** at checkout.*

2. **“Label Planet”**: Stick on (STIKINS) name labels for clothes and other items.

www.name-labels.com

Tel: 01270-668076

*Ark Priory receives 25% cash back if you use the **Reference Number: 35676** at checkout.*

3. **“Woven Labels UK”**: Name Tapes, stick on labels and tags.

www.wovenlabelsuk.com

sales@wovenlabelsuk.com

Tel: 03332226619