



Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back from your Easter break – I hope you have all had a fun and relaxing time. It was fabulous to see the host of Houses of Parliament that greeted us and also the fantastic garden centre products for our nursery garden centre. The effort and creativity everyone put into this holiday project was truly amazing. Thank you so much for taking the time to support your children in this – the outcomes are a credit to you all. From the way they are all able to talk about describe their models ,they have already learnt much about parliament and what happens in a garden centre ! Have a happy and safe weekend. Miss Steele and all the Ark Priory staff.

National Offer Day – On 16th April, parents were informed of the primary school they have been offered for September 2015 for Reception aged children. In addition, we sent out confirmation of Nursery places.

Enrichment Clubs for the Summer Term – All clubs commence next week. Your child will be unable to attend if payment has not been received.

Top Table – Miss Steele would be delighted if the following pupils could join her on the top table next week Naima , Ben H & Isabel W all from Reception! Hopefully year 1 can endeavour to join them next week!

Uniform – Several parents have contacted us regarding lost property, Can we please ask all parents to check the uniform their child is wearing to ensure they are not wearing an item belonging to another pupil.

Also please ensure you have all appropriate SUMMER uniform, including the appropriate PE kit. If you are having difficulty locating or funding uniform please contact the academy office to discuss any options. Many thanks for your assistance.

Reception Reminder – A quick reminder to reception parents to please remain on the playground side of the railings and gate in the morning. The children need to be enter the academy independently and also, parents attempting to accompany their children into the class the entrance area creates a bottleneck and a potential health and safety issue . This can also cause some distress amongst the children.

Morning playground – Can we please ensure that childrens scooters and bikes are left in the appropriate place on entry to the playground to prevent any potential accidents. Whilst we do not wish to squash the enjoyment of the playground by the children, with so many younger syblings and people waiting for school to open the potential for a serious accident is clear.

St George's Day – Thursday 23rd April, please could all children come dressed as a knight, the dragon or alternatively in red and white. V

Reception and Nursery Language and Communicatin Workshop by Clare Wilson, the Ark Early Language & Communication Advisor – there will be two workshops on the **28th April** 8.30am and 1pm parents are STRONGLY advised to attend.

KEY DATES

w/c 20th April

Enrichment Clubs commence

Swimming starts for reception

20th April – APPAA Committee

21st April – Shackleton Swimming lessons begin

22nd April - Eye checks

23rd April St Georges day

24th April Columbus Swimming lessons begin

24th April Year 1 Bake off

24th April Shackleton Forest School begins

28th April Language and Communicatin Workshop

4th May N Open day

5th May Yr1 Open morning

6th May Reception parents morning

11th May Class photographs

13th May Parent surgery

13th May APPAA

	ATTENDANCE %	PUNCTUALITY %
Nursery AM	99	99
Nursery PM	97	100
Columbus	97	99
Shackleton	96	97
Seacole	96	97
Pankhurst	99	100

Stars of the Week

Reception

Endeavour: Josette Exploration: Hayden
Excel: Clementine Courage: Ben H

Year 1

Endeavour: Scarlett Exploration: DeVonte
Excel: Benji Courage: Augustin

APPA

Springtime Tea Party

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the **Springtime Tea party** at the end of last term. We are delighted to tell you that we raised an incredible **£1414!!** In addition, our fantastic nursery families raised **£246.60** from their cakes and bake stall!

Huge thanks go to everyone who helped in the preparation and running of the tea party, to those Ark Priory families and friends who had a estate agent board outside their homes, and of course to our sponsors **Finlay Brewer estate agents**, whose support not only helped us to raise invaluable funds for Ark Priory, but also enabled us to have a free Easter egg hunt for all the children, and give them lots of goodies! The funds raised will be spent on caterpillars (and hopefully future butterflies!) and duckling eggs for all the children to enjoy, and to develop their understanding of life cycles up close. The remaining amount will be spent on library resources for the children.

Bake Sales

With only one 'bake off' left for each year group, here is an update on the last two term's INCREDIBLE efforts. So far, we have raised:

Year One: £449.35
 Reception: £495.35
 Nursery: £564.71

All monies raised from the bake sales go towards enrichment activities for the children, helping to fund the transport for school trips for example.

The next 'bake off' is Year One's, next Friday 24th April at 3!

Key Dates for you diaries

(for APPAA meeting dates please see the noticeboard)

Friday April 24th, 3pm	Year One Bake Off
Thursday May 14th, 7.30pm	Fund raising meeting (with updates from Miss Steele, APPAA, and Governor, Dineshi Ramesh)
Friday May 22nd, 3pm	Reception Bake Off
Thursday June 18th, 6pm	Parent, carer and staff drinks (timing and venue tbc)
Friday June 19th, 3pm	Nursery Bake Off
Saturday July 4th, 11am	Summer Fair
Friday July 17th, 3pm	All years Bake Off (and announcement of the winners!)

If you think you might be able to help with this year's Summer fair, and join (or head) the sub-committee, please email appacommittee@gmail.com. We need you to make this year's fair even better than last year's!! **Please get in touch!**

Have a wonderful term,.

APPAA committee

100% Attendance for Autumn 2014 Term

Isabel Ambramsky
Zoe Albrecht
Philip Alvino
Isabel Ayiotis
Enriquetta Burton
Philippa Burton
Alafia Fayeton-Blacq
Callum Franc
Alice Francis
Jasper Francis
Agatha Hickman
Ava Lancaster
Charles Lancaster
Raine Lewis-Stephenson
Claude Mahadeo
Noah Mauchline
James Meyer
Leonard Owedyk
Alexander Page
Jessica Rabiei
Seren Shaw
Digby Usher
Edie Wright

100% Attendance for Spring 2015 Term

Freya Cornish
Rupert Drew
Michael Florczak-Wisz
Emily Gyorgyovich
Edward Harrsion
Freya Hyslop
Troy Kassebaum
Alan Kowalczyk
Otto Vick
Tessa Webster
Isabel Weyman

100% Attendance for Autumn 2014 and Spring 2015 Term

Adam Domineck
Marcus Dowding
Lucian Drew
Logan French
Lukas Gronvold
Lena Legat
Josette Lignereux
Dylan Loveridge
Hussan Mulji
Ayah Noor

Handwriting Award

Eleri Hope-Jones
Leo Gyves
Daisy Gillett
Emilia Rodgers

GREAT job on the Palace of Westminster Models everyone!!!

