



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! As another reminder, there are some key dates I would like to highlight for this term. Firstly, our Parent Teacher Conference meetings will be held during week beginning **12<sup>th</sup> November**. The sign-up sheets have gone out today. We hope that all parents will attend so if you have not signed up already, please do so on Monday. My Parent Forum will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Thank you to those who have emailed suggested agenda items for the meeting. More information below.

This term we will also be taking part in Christmas activities such as the Ark Priory Christmas Fair on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. This year the pupils will be involved in an enterprise project – more to follow on this closer to the time. We have our Nursery and Reception Nativity plays (*Reception: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9am and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm/ Nursery: PM N Mon 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm and AM N Tues 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am*) followed by whole school 'Carols Around the Tree' event which will take place at 4.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December where we welcome all to have hot chocolate, minced pies and to sing some Christmas carols around our tree.

There are many things to look forward to this term. Once again, thank you for your continued support. With this in mind, if you missed the volunteer's meeting this week and would like to support this school in this capacity, please contact our Deputy Head, MRs Harper as soon as possible ([n.harper@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:n.harper@arkprioryprimary.org)). Thank you.

Miss Grasso

Head of School

## Help needed for Reception classes!

This term children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will be learning all about celebrations and the local community. To help with this we would like to invite you as parents or any family members into school to help us provide rich real experiences for the children.

Please bear in mind that the children are 3-5 years old and we will need to make sure everything is age appropriate. If you can help with any of the below please get in touch so we can plan in a convenient date and time via [s.charlton@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:s.charlton@arkprioryprimary.org)

WB 12/11/18: Anyone with links to The Royal British Legion, is a Soldier etc who could show their uniform and discuss Remembrance Day and the relevance of wearing poppies.

WB: 19/11/18: Anyone in the building trade who could come and show children tools, uniform and discuss the properties of building materials.

WB: 26/11/18: Anyone who is a baker / works in a bakery or just enjoys home baking.

WB: 10/12/18: Anyone who celebrates Hanukkah who could share this with the children and bring in props for them to see.

## Rolls-Royce science prize STEM



This project is designed to improve STEM capital. STEM capital is the difference between knowing science and being a scientist. This can be achieved in a number of ways as outlined below.

Year 2 Science Museum Trip



Enrichment such as trips



Practical and engaging lessons where pupils ARE the scientists



Children having access to STEM ambassadors



Supporting children access science through multiple options



Bringing science to life through practical investigations



Finding ways to bring science learning home.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is:

Class Attendance:

1. Fleming 99.67%
2. Columbus 98.94%
3. Sharman 98.79%

Well done to Fleming class again! Really on a roll this autumn term!



## Home School Prep

We are starting this term with our Home School Prep for all children from Year 1 to Year 5. Children, alongside spellings, daily reading and Mathletics will be asked to complete a minimum of 3 pieces of their Home School Prep over the coming weeks. The hand in date for this work is **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** for all classes. That morning all children will have the opportunity to present their work to their class and teachers will choose the best 3 pieces of work to be part of the **'Primary Showcase'** which will be in the school hall on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** where we will invite all parents to come and look at the amazing work completed by our pupils.

As children have a number of weeks to complete their projects at home, we expect good quality pieces of work and for them to be as creative as they can be. Your class teacher will be sending a 'Home School Prep map' to give ideas about what can be done but you could also support your child to think outside the box and produce something not listed as long as it related to the theme. The philosophy of the Home School Prep is to allow children to explore their own creativity and learn independently which is a skill they will need in Secondary. It is also to instil a love of lifelong learning by exploring a particular interest within a topic and practice their presentation skills to their peers whilst guided by the teachers. We encourage the children to be as creative as possible so they can enjoy learning at home as well as school. All the Home School Prep work will be based on the topic they are covering in class so this will also support their work in school. I have included some examples of children's work from other schools (see below) so you can see the expectation of the Home School Prep work.

## Maths and our Ark Priory Curriculum Workshop

A parent/carer workshop will be held with Miss Broodie on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am** in the school hall.

This workshop will explain how we teach Maths at our school and how you can support your child at home.

This is for all parents and carers who wish to understand more about this topic. We look forward to welcoming you!

We want all our students to have the **'courage to fly'** and to **explore, endeavour and excel**. Please support your child at home with our Home School Prep work. Please ask your class teacher if you have any questions with regards to this or would like some advice about how to support your child.



## **Parent's Corner**

We will not continue with this section of the newsletter from next week unless the school community emails me items to showcase. The email address to send your Parent's Corner news to is [d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org) and by Thursday morning for that Friday's newsletter. Thank you

If you are doing something amazing for charity, take your child to a fantastic dance class or go to a great Baby group that you think others may enjoy for example, please send me the information at [d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org](mailto:d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org) so it can be included in our newsletter. Thank you.

Let's see how as a community we have the '**courage to fly', and explore, endeavour and excel!**

**Please keep sending your suggestions for this section of the newsletter!**  
**Thank you!**

### **APPAA NEWS**

#### **Wishing Tree**

The Wishing Tree was set up for members of our school community to donate additional funds to fulfill wish lists, made by teachers, to enrich the day-to-day provisions in each classroom.

At the start of the school year every teacher and department provided APPAA with a list of extra items, which they would love to acquire for their pupils. With your help, we can fill our classrooms with exciting extras to inspire our children as they grow.

Thanks for all the donations so far; we have currently raised £966 from 12 donors. If you would like to donate towards a specific item/Year Group or donate in general, we would love to hear from you. To date there have not been any specific donations for year 4, 2 or SEN equipment, we would love to see these boosted.

If you wish to donate to this year's Wishing Tree please see the updated list below. You can pay APPAA with Reference 'Wishing Tree' to account 13386072 and sort code 230580. Contact Charlotte Newlands via [appaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommitee@gmail.com)

**Parent Social** - We are looking for volunteers who can help plan, organise, and support our traditional Parent Social Evening which fundraises for the Wishing Tree. In past years this would have taken place in the Autumn Term, but we have not had the resource to organise it this year. If you would like to see this happen, are able to help in any capacity, we would love to hear from you via [appaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommitee@gmail.com)

### **Ark Priory Christmas Fair - Sat 8 Dec 2018 - SAVE THE DATE!**

Funding 'The Happiness Project', this year's fundraising push is to make school life happier, healthier and more fun!

There was a **Christmas Fair meeting** yesterday **Thursday 1 November at 1.30 pm**. Thanks to those who attended or sent updates. Minutes to follow.

To encourage more involvement from the wider community this year, we have allocated areas to each year group to look after.

- *Year 4 and 5 – Food and drink.*
- *Year 3 and Reception – Santa’s Grotto.*
- *Year 2 – Kids games and entertainment.*
- *Year 1 – Tombola.*
- *Nursery (AM and PM) – Tea/coffee and cakes.*

There will also be a school wide ‘student enterprise’ initiative whereby the children will create and make goods to sell at the fair - you may have started to hear about this from the children themselves – we will be calling out for parent helpers for this in advance and at the fair itself.

Look out for call outs nearer the time for donations of gift items for the Tombola, also requests to make and bake.

Please respond to your year reps as to how you can get involved!

**Christmas Fair Raffle** - if you are able to source or donate a raffle prize we would love to hear from you [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)

**Christmas Fair Brochure** – We will be producing a brochure for the Christmas Fair. It will be A5 colour, professionally printed and handed out to everyone who attends the fair, approx. 450-500 people. We are selling brochure ad spaces: 1/4 page £25, 1/2 page £35, Full page £75, If you are interested to take an ad please contact Laura Wilkin via [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)

**Christmas/ Greeting Cards Project**- Thanks to those who submitted their artwork for the Christmas / Greeting Card Project. Scanned artwork will be returned to your child by approx 6 November. Then you can order online: by using the 'unique order code' to see the picture scanned. Order deadline 15 November.

### **Next APPAA Events**

**Year 3 Bake Sale** - we are looking forward to the next bake sale next Friday 9 November 2018, where it will be the turn of Year 3 parents and carers to wow us with their (nut free) cakes and bakes.



## Wishing tree items 2018/19

### Art

Aprons £2.70 x 35 = £95

Class box of colouring pencils for £28

Electric pencil sharpener £12

### SEN

Noise cancelling headphones £10- x 2 = £20

Talk time cards £12 x 4 = £48

Social situation stories £18

Chew toys £20

### Library

Book stands 25 for £81

Label maker £23

### Early Years – Nursery and Reception

Small world Police Station £100

Small World Fire Station and Fire Engines £118

Airport and Aeroplanes £35

Multicultural People Figures £42

Animal Dress up costumes £12 x 3 = £36

Story puppets (for popular stories) £22 x 2 = £44

Messy Play Resources eg jelly bath etc. £5 each x  
6 = £35

### Year 1

Storytelling Finger Puppets 24pcs-£39.95 x  
2 = £80

Personal CD Player £13 x 2 = £26

Gears gears gears gizmo set £18 x2 = £36

### Year 2

Globe £15 x 2 = £30

Book corner sofa £80

Cross stitch packs for 30 £21 x 2 = £42

Star lights £9 x 2 = £18

CD Collection £20

Book set £10 x 2 = £20

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### Year 3

Maths comprehension cards £21 x 2 = £42

Fabric £12 x 2 = £24

Hog hair brushes £10 x 1 = £10

System 3 Acrylic paint £18 x 2 = £36

Science wall stickers £12.99 x 2 = £26

Board games £12 x 3 = £36

Books for book corner £30

### Year 4

Books for year 4 reading area £7 x2 = £14

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Books for year 4 reading area £8 x2 = £16

Harry Potter book set £30 x 2 = £60

water colour paints £1.70 x 30 = £51

Paint brushes brushes £20 for 50

water colour paper £33 for 100 sheets

seeds we can grow indoors £10

### Year 5

Visual calculator £24 x 2 = £48

IKEA tolsby frames £1 x15 = £15

Harry Potter board game £13

Quirk game £13

Yooloo game £13

Yes No game £7

Puzzles £12

Puzzles £13

CD Player can be second hand or new £20