



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all Ark Priory families, and a warm welcome to the new families joining this year- Happy New School Year! It really made my heart sing to see all our pupils return on Monday to what I hope will be a normal school year. Our staff are just as excited as our pupils to bring back activities that we missed due to the pandemic such as sporting events, school visits and performances and I look forward to being able to welcome you into school for our usual parent events like coffee mornings, information sessions etc. to start to build our wonderful Ark Priory community back together again.

I am delighted to announce with you that our new video that reflects who we are as a school is now on our website <https://arkpriory.org/> where you can find other information such as school lunches and about our curriculum. Please check the slides from the welcome back meeting with further information about school lunches too. Have a great weekend!

Miss Grasso

Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for parent volunteers to read with some of our pupils in school. You will receive the sufficient training and support and will really make a difference to our school community. Please contact Miss Rabbani if you are interested on s.rabbani@arkprioryprimary.org. Thank you!



Attendance

Whole school

95.1%

**Our attendance is usually always above 96%.
Please make sure your child attends school
every day.**

1. Somerville 99.1%
2. Sharman 98.8%
3. Einstein 98.36%



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Welcome back meeting with Miss Grasso

Thank you so much to all the parents who attended either the virtual or in-person welcome back meeting this week. Please find the slides attached. Going forward, we will continue to offer our regular 'Headteacher Forum' in two sessions, one virtual and one in person to attempt to accommodate all of our parent's schedules. Many thanks for your continued support.

🌀 Back to School 🌀



It has been wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to school. The children have been working very hard this week and have already settled very well back into our school routines. We had our very first assembly for over 18 months on Monday- it felt just fantastic to be altogether in the hall again.



We are currently busy finalising our yearly calendar where you will find all the events across the year including more opportunities to come and see the amazing work we do at Ark Priory!



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The responsibilities also include helping to organise teachers' Gifts, the year group bake sale, as well as being part of the Committee and supporting APPAA in its endeavours to fundraise for the school and foster community.

If you are interested in getting involved for the Academic year 2021-22, please get in touch. **We have a particular need for more support in Year 2.**

**Would you like to support our school?
APPAA needs you!**

Super Mum!



Caroline (Lewis's mum) is currently on route to Penzance on the way to cycle from Land's end to John O'Groats, raising money for Save the Children. It's 960 miles, >100miles a day for 9 days- staying in tents in between. Lewis has a map at home to track where she is!

If you would like to sponsor her, please click on the link below:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carolineshonajoannarab2021>

Thank you!

Chiswick Book Festival this weekend

The Chiswick Book Festival 2021 starts this week, with most of the children's events happening next Saturday and Sunday. Waterstones will be arranging book sales and authors will be signing their books after the events.

There are many children's events over the weekend of 10th to 12th September, starting with the fantastic talk at 17.15 on Friday by Clare Balding on her new book *Fall Off, Get Back On, Keep Going: 10 ways to be at the top of your game!*. (£5 per ticket, bookable online).



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The prizes for the Festival's 2021 Young People's Poetry Competition will be presented by **Clare Balding**, on the afternoon of Friday September 10th and she'll then talk about her new book *Fall Off, Get Back On, Keeping Going*.



Other children's authors will include **Chitra Soundar**, **Josie Dom** (on the timely *Animalympics*), **Kim Ansell**, **Lisa Read**, **Zoe Antoniadis**, **Dianne Hofmeyr**, **Joshua Seigal** and **Neil Zetter** plus **The Really Big Pants Theatre Company** and a 75th birthday tribute to **Astrid Lindgren's Pippi Longstocking**. Please note, children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a ticket-holding adult. Have a look at the full Children's events programme: <https://www.chiswickbookfestival.net/programme/childrens-book-festival-2021/>
Find events for adults, including author talks and workshops here: <https://www.chiswickbookfestival.net/speakers-2021/>

STREET DANCE ACADEMY

- HAVE FUN
- MAKE FRIENDS
- BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE
- TRANSFORM YOUR DANCE SKILLS
- IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL SKILLS
- CLEAR PROGRESSION ROUTE
- PERFORM
- WIN AWARDS
- GET FIT

SATURDAYS
STARTING 11TH SEPT

AGES 4-7
10-10:45AM

AGES 8-13 / BEG
11-11:45AM

AGES 14-17 / INT
12-1PM

VENUE:
ACTON GARDENS
COMMUNITY CENTRE
W3 8UU

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TRIAL CLASS:
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Follow us on Twitter @APPAA_ArkPriory Contact us at appaacommitee@gmail.com

*APPAA is ARK Priory's Parents' Association, run by the school's parents and carers to **raise funds, hold events, and bring our academy community together**. All Ark Priory parents and carers **are automatically members** of the association because you are members of the community.

Happy New (School) Year! - AND A BIG HELLO TO OUR NEW FAMILIES!

Welcome back to all Ark Priory families, and a warm welcome to the new families joining this year, from APPAA, Ark Priory's Parent Association! Please look out for notices of events and fundraising initiatives, which we are hoping can resume in this school year after being curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic.

Reception and Nursery 2021 and new starters in all years - JOIN OUR 'WHATSAPP' PARENT GROUPS

The groups for the new Nursery and Reception intake are already set up - do let us know if you wish to be added, to stay informed about school and APPAA initiatives and get reminders and advice about day to day school events.

For parents of new starters in the higher years - please also get in touch to be connected via WhatsApp and our email database (separate to the school database).

We are happy that many of you have already submitted your email contact details to APPAA (form in the Ark Priory Welcome Pack) so we can keep you up to date with any events and fundraising initiatives we have planned. If you have not already, email us at appaacommitee@gmail.com

The Wishing Tree 2021 - LAUNCHING SOON!

'The Wishing Tree', our yearly fundraiser to get extra resources that are beyond the school budget, into the classes, is underway behind the scenes and will be ready to launch in the next few days - do watch this space and we look forward to your continued support! (Last year this initiative raised £3066 for 'wish list' extra items for the classes!)

Second Hand Uniform - BLAZERS AVAILABLE FROM SIZE 22-28

Until we can confirm a date for the next Second Hand Uniform sale, if anyone has a specific need for uniform items, particularly Priory blazers, please send an email to appaacommitee@gmail.com, and we will endeavour to get one for you from our stocks.

APPAA Committee is recruiting ... COULD YOU BE A CLASS REP OR ADMIN?

To ensure the future of the activities and events that are so popular in our community, we really need new energy, enthusiasm and ideas!

We really need new class reps!

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We really welcome anyone who wishes to be a class rep or join the committee (in an admin or treasurer role). Many of the existing reps have been in their positions for many years and would love to hand over to, or share the load with another person. We are also losing key admin' members at the end of this school year so want to prepare for the future.

As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact appaacommitee@gmail.com for further information.

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