



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

To remind you, due to government guidance, the last day of term has changed to **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, with Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December as an Inset day for staff. Many thanks for your cooperation with this change, I appreciate it was very last minute, but we only received this directive from the DfE earlier this week.

We have been very busy at Ark Priory this week. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Sunderland who came into school to film our new promotional video- I will send this out to parents as soon as possible. I am really looking forward to seeing the final cut! Secondly, thank you to Mr Cunningham who offered to be our 'Santa'. The children were delighted to see him via video during this morning's SOTW assembly. You catch watch it here: <https://twitter.com/ArkPriory/status/1337335083439706112?s=19> We look forward to welcoming him back on Wednesday for question time! It is great to have so much support from our school community- we really appreciate it! Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and happy Hanukkah to those families who celebrate.

Miss Grasso

## Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's stars and authors!

|   | Class       | Child's Name                     | Class     | Child's Name                  |
|---|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 6 | SOMMERVILLE | SOTW: Ola                        | EINSTEIN  | SOTW: Khamal<br>AOTW: Lukas   |
| 5 | MOZART      | SOTW Genevieve<br>AOTW Abdullahi | MONET     | SOTW: Yasser                  |
| 4 | CURIE       | SOTW: Shireen                    | FLEMING   | SOTW: Sophie<br>AOTW: Ronnie  |
| 3 | ARCHIMEDES  | SOTW: Gabriel                    | BRUNEL    | SOTW: Beatrice<br>AOTW: Basti |
| 2 | SHARMAN     | SOTW: Nidal<br>AOTW: Finn        | ARMSTRONG | SOTW: Elif                    |
| 1 | PANKHURST   | SOTW: Sofia<br>AOTW: Bayan       | SEACOLE   | SOTW: Omar M                  |

## Attendance



Overall School attendance:

97.2%

Class Attendance:

1. Henson 100%

2. Seacole 99.6%

3. Mozart and Sharman 99.1%

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## Pantomime Dance Workshops with 'West End in Schools'



Our pupils had a great time yesterday at the pantomime dance workshop ran by theatre group 'West End in Schools'. It was a real treat for the children to have such fun, dancing and singing in this workshop. We will be welcoming the team back next Thursday to continue the workshops for the rest of the pupils. This was possible due to the funding raising done by our wonderful parent committee APPAA- **thank you so much!**

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day!

We will be holding a day of festive celebration on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at Ark Priory. We will be asking pupils to wear a Christmas Jumper in support of 'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day. If you can, please use this link to donate to the charity <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200019557>

The pupils have been practicing their festive songs ready for our 'Christmas Extravaganza' which will start at 9am. The Zoom link will be sent to parents on Monday. Please see the song list attached, practice and be ready to join in from the comfort of home! We look forward to seeing you there!

The day will also include our special festive lunch and an afternoon of fun activities with each class receiving a 'party box' from APPAA- thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to sharing this special festive day with you.



Save the Children  
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

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## Running order for Christmas Extravaganza

|     | Classes                  | Song                                |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.  | <b>Pankhurst (9 AM)</b>  | Rocking around the Christmas tree   |
| 2.  | <b>Seacole (9:05)</b>    | Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer      |
| 3.  | <b>Armstrong (9:10)</b>  | Frosty the snowman                  |
| 4.  | <b>Sharman (9:15)</b>    | Santa Claus is coming to town       |
| 5.  | <b>Brunel (9:20)</b>     | Do you hear what I hear?            |
| 6.  | <b>Archimedes (9:25)</b> | Twelve Days of Christmas            |
| 7.  | <b>Curie (9:30)</b>      | Feliz Navidad                       |
| 8.  | <b>Fleming (9:35)</b>    | Merry Christmas Everyone            |
| 9.  | <b>Mozart (9:35)</b>     | Merry Christmas Everyone            |
| 10. | <b>Monet (9:40)</b>      | Little drummer boy                  |
| 11. | <b>Einstein (9:45)</b>   | You're a mean one, <u>Mr</u> Grinch |
| 12. | <b>Somerville (9:50)</b> | We Wish You A Merry Christmas       |

### Notices from APPAA\*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory Contact us at [appaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale - THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED, HELPED, SUPPORTED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SALE - £320 raised

The latest second hand uniform sale took place on Wednesday. Thanks to everyone who donated, helped to run the sale, and those who came and supported. All proceeds will go towards enrichment and activities for all our children, like the Pantomime Dance Workshops that the children are enjoying this week - all paid for by APPAA Fundraising!!

### Wishing Tree - LAST DELIVERIES

#### ART SUPPLIES AND OTHER ITEMS ALL NOW IN SCHOOL

APPAA are delighted that all the 'Wishing Tree' items requested for the classrooms by the teachers have all now been bought and delivered to school. The total value of the items was just under £3100! This is a phenomenal achievement! Thank you to all the school families and KFH Estate agents for their generous donations to make this happen.

Many thanks again to Cristina Leung for organising the initiative this year, and to all the other APPAA reps who helped with deliveries and messaging.

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*Wishing Tree items delivered to school this week*

**Christmas Card Artwork - DISPLAY IN HALL WINDOW AND MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS  
SOMETHING TO BRIGHTEN THE WAY TO SCHOOL!**

We are delighted that the lovely Creative Card Project art work is now up in the school hall and entrance all windows facing out for all to see. Thanks to Mr Dave for putting up the display! The Christmas/Greeting Card project was so popular this year, we hope that seeing the art work up will encourage even more families to get involved next time!

**Christmas Collections for teachers and staff - REMINDER  
LAST FEW DAYS TO DONATE**

The links to the Paypal gift collections for each of the class teachers, and for all non-classroom staff, have been circulated via WhatsApp. If you wish to donate we urge you to do so as soon as possible, the collections will be closing soon. If you are not on the WhatsApp group for your year group, but are interested to donate, please contact your class rep directly or email [appaacommitee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommitee@gmail.com)

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

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