



Ark Priory Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our final week this term, we will be holding our annual 'Dream Big' week in school. This is an opportunity for our pupils to experience learning in a different way, and we hope that it will be a fun yet engaging week for all. Please have a look at the information in the newsletter, and your class teacher will also be sending you more detailed information specific to your child/ren's year group next week.

As things start to open and restrictions lift, we are aiming to give pupils a 'normal' end to the school year with events such as sports days etc. Currently we are awaiting guidance from the DfE around school events and I hope to share more information with you as soon as possible, including around mask wearing etc- watch this space!

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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: Beaumont AOTW: Danae | EINSTEIN | SOTW: Tomasz |
| 5 | MOZART | SOTW: Tatiana | MONET | SOTW: Dylan AOTW: Sophie |
| 4 | CURIE | SOTW: Hanad | FLEMING | SOTW: Liberty AOTW: Daniyal |
| 3 | ARCHIMEDES | SOTW: Natalie | BRUNEL | SOTW: Max AOTW: Bethany |
| 2 | SHARMAN | SOTW: Sarah | ARMSTRONG | SOTW: Ibrahim AOTW: Hamdan |
| 1 | PANKHURST | SOTW: Marina AOTW: Maya | SEACOLE | SOTW: Ruqia |
| R | HENSON | SOTW: Ateyah AOTW: William R | SHACKLETON | SOTW: Adam |

Happy Eid!



We hope all our families who celebrated Eid this week had a wonderful time.

We look forward to getting together again in person to continue our usual annual Eid celebration together as a community next year.

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Love of learning at Ark Priory

Our pupils are always exploring, endeavouring and excelling in their learning both at home and in school. Here are some of examples from Year 2 and Year 4 of their wonderful work!

Yesterday, Year 2 had an exciting creative music lesson titled "*Year 2 create their beat*". First, the children revised the notes. Then they discussed octaves and tempo and explored those concepts using different musical instruments (keyboard, boom-whackers, electric drums) and their voice. Finally, they collaboratively created their beat using an electric drum pad. Mr Cameron led the lesson and the pupils loved it!



In Maths, Year 4 have used the method of trial and improvement to investigate reasoning problems. You can see from this photograph how engaged the children were with their problem solving.



Dream Big Week

'Dream Big' week will be during the week of 24th of May for children to explore the curriculum in different ways. We will also be exploring our school values in greater depth and encouraging children to be bold, ambitious and creative. Please see below for the timetable for the week and if you have any further questions, please ask Miss Terry or your class teacher.

Curriculum fair- This follows on from the great success of previous STEM fairs. Children will create a project on any part of the curriculum they are interested in. There will be prizes for those we can see who have put in a great deal of effort and thought into their project. We are looking for a presentation which can take the form of a display, object, project or demonstration. We are looking for children to be curious in learning, explore the world and show us what they are interested in.

Some examples are below.



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| Monday | Wonder Day | Children will be exploring their learning in exciting ways | <u>Class teachers will advise what is needed</u> |
| Tuesday | Explore | Children will be learning about exploration, explorers and how to develop this thinking skill | |
| Wednesday | Endeavour | Children will understand and experience how to endeavour | |
| Thursday | Excel | Children will see the importance of excelling in all that we do. | |
| Friday | Big Me day and Curriculum fair | We will be thinking about what we want to be when we get older and what skills and knowledge, we need to accomplish this. In the afternoon, we will be running a curriculum fair. | <u>Children to come school in non-uniform as who they aspire to be when they are older or their hero</u> <u>Curriculum fair project</u> |

Key Dates for Parents/Carers



Summer term 2021



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| <u>19 Apr</u> | <u>Inset day</u> |
| <u>20 Apr</u> | <u>First day back</u> |
| <u>3 May</u> | <u>Bank holiday</u> |
| w/c 24 May | Dream Big Week |
| <u>31 May—4 June</u> | <u>Half Term</u> |
| 10 Jun @9am | Parent Forum |
| 29 Jun | Sports Day KS1 (Y1+2) |
| 30 Jun | Sports Day EYFS (N and R) |
| 1st Jul | Sports Day KS2 (Y3-6) |
| <u>2 & 5 July</u> | <u>Inset Days</u> |
| 7 Jul | CLASS PHOTOS |
| w/c 12th Jul | Around the World week |
| 15 Jul | APPAA Summer Social (after school) |
| 16 Jul | End of Year Reports |
| 19 Jul | Transition Day/Welcome Day for new parents |
| 19 July + 20 July | Y6 Show (Time TBC) |
| 21 July | Y6 Graduation |
| <u>22 July</u> | End of Year Assembly <u>Last day of term - 2pm finish</u> |

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Please check weekly newsletters for updates

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Notices from APPAA*

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.

New events - SUMMER SOCIAL AND SUMMER RAFFLE! SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 15 July!



We are excited to be planning a 'Summer Social' party on Thursday 15th July, after school at 4pm. This will tie in with 'International Week' celebrations at school, and will involve food, drinks, music, maybe some performances - details TBC and dependent on Covid restrictions.

As well as a joyful event for our community, this event will also be a chance to raise some much needed funds for the enrichment and activities that the school is planning for the children; we are pleased to hear that theatre trips are being booked now for the next few months.

- We need people to help to organise the event, artwork and communications, help with set up, manning a stall, and clear up on the day.

We are also planning a 'Summer Raffle' fundraiser, to highlight our local businesses and raise additional funds. Our hugely popular raffles have raised hundreds of pounds in the past, and always are well supported in the community.

- Can you help organise this? Please get in touch and we will add you to the team involved.
- Are you a local business owner with a product or service to donate? We would love to hear from you!

If you are interested to get involved with either of these events, please let us know at appaacommitee@gmail.com

APPAA Committee is recruiting - JOIN US Everyone is welcome - MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

APPAA is our Parents' Association and everyone who has a child at school is welcome to get involved. We want to grow the Committee and restart the activities and events that are so popular in our community.

These are positions we would love to hand over - do you have some time to commit and willingness to get involved??

- **General admin and project management:** Answer queries, liaise with school leadership, pass information to the class reps and wider parent community, plan the calendar of events.

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- APPAA Newsletter: write notices for APPAA that are published in the Ark Priory newsletter every week.
- Finance: are you interested in managing the accounts of the Association? We are looking for someone to learn what is required/assist the current Treasurer with a view to taking over the Treasurer role in 2022.
- The Wishing Tree: our yearly fundraiser to get the teacher's 'wish list' items that are beyond the normal school budget into the classrooms as soon as we can for the new school year. We are looking for someone to assist our existing lead on this (starting in the Summer Term after next year's teachers have been confirmed.)

6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

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| <p><u>FOR THE CHILDREN</u></p> <p>BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.</p> <p>THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.</p>  | <p><u>FOR YOU</u></p> <p>VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE</p> <p>WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.</p>  | <p><u>FOR THE SCHOOL</u></p> <p>HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.</p> <p>HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.</p>  |
| <p><u>BE CONNECTED</u></p> <p>THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.</p> <p>MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.</p>  | <p><u>IT IS FUN!</u></p> <p>WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.</p> <p>FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!</p>  | <p><u>KEEP THE PTA GOING</u></p> <p>AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.</p> <p>COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!</p>  |

"I work full time and help when I am able"
 "I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"
 "I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"
 "I've made life long friends"

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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