



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your attendance on Monday morning at the 'Meet the Head' coffee event. It was fabulous to see so many of you there. If you were unable to attend, I am holding the same event for EYFS parents this coming Monday which you are also welcome to attend. I hope you are pleased with the changes that have been made and I look forward to working with you all over the coming months.

Our first week back has been extremely busy and I am sure the children (and staff!) will be ready to relax this weekend. Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Grasso

Head of School

## Key Dates:

w/c 17th Sep	INTERNAL CLUBS START THIS WEEK
17th Sep	HEAD TEACHER PARENT MEET YN+R @8:30AM  Yom Kippur Assembly
18th Sep	NURSERY AND RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS @8:30am  NURSERY MEET THE TEACHER @4pm
<b>20th Sep</b> (was 19th)	RECEPTION MEET THE TEACHER @4pm
21st Sep	APPAA New Parents Coffee Morning @8:40am

## Healthy Snacks

Please make sure you send your child to school with **one** healthy snack. Children will be asked to return a snack to their snack box if it is one of the items outlined in the list below from the school policy. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



## ACADEMY MEALS

The following foods and drinks are not allowed at the Academy:

1. Crisps
2. Sweets/Chocolate
3. Chewing gum
4. Fizzy drinks of any description
5. Lucozade or other 'energy drinks'
6. Any other food or drink product that the Headteacher deems unsuitable



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## Primary Science Quality Mark



I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded Primary Science Quality Mark, which has only been awarded to 230 infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning

This is an amazing accomplishment for Ark Priory. Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *“Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”*

I would like to personally highlight how proud I am of Miss Terry, our STEM lead and the team for all their hard work in gaining this award for our school. What an outstanding achievement!

### Pencil Cases

Please make sure your child does not bring any toys or games into school, including their own pencil case. This is to stop things being lost. All children have equipment for everything they need to do in school and therefore do not need to bring their own. I kindly ask for your support on this matter. Many thanks.

### STEM Day



On Wednesday this week, we had our first STEM day of the year. All the children’s learning for the day was focused around Science, for example, Year 5’s Reading session was about the Solar System. We hold these days regularly to teach children about Science but also to highlight the significance of STEM in the world around us. The focus this year is to ‘think and do’ as a Scientists so that the children not only learn about the past heroes but have the potential to go on and become future Scientists.



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## **A note from APPAA**

Welcome back to all Ark Priory Parents! Please note some upcoming APPAA events:

New Parents Coffee Morning - next Fri 21 Sept after morning drop off - to welcome new families and introduce APPAA - the Parents Association to which you all belong! All new families welcome, and anyone interested in joining the APPAA Committee (from any year) is welcome to attend to speak to members of the current team.

Year 5 bake sale Friday 21st September at 3pm - any nut free bakes to be dropped off in the morning or before the bake sale. If you would like to help please get in touch with the year 5 reps.

AGM - Thursday 4 Oct 6pm - the official end/start of the APPAA Committee year - attended by members of the school Leadership team. All parents and carers welcome to find out about APPAA achievements of the past year and how you can help going forward.

If you would like to be involved in APPAA and are thinking of taking a Committee role we would love to hear from you - whether it be class rep / events planning /or an admin role - please do get in touch with APPAA at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)

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