



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers at our Parent Teacher Conferences this week. I was delighted to hear such wonderful stories from parents/carers about how well their children are doing and how much they enjoy school! We will be holding these again during Spring 2.

This coming Wednesday at 6pm, we have the Headteacher Forum which will be held in the school hall. The format will be different to last year and will be an opportunity for me to share school developments with the school community as well as discuss parental concerns. We will also have a time set per item in order not to overrun or to stay on one topic as there is plenty to be discussed and shared. Thank you for your cooperation in advance .

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the APPAA Committee for organising the Year 3 bake sale and thanks to all who organised, baked, helped and supported – they raised an amazing **£341.64** for enrichment and activities for all our children!

Miss Grasso

Dahlicious Day-Friday 23rd November

On **Friday 23rd November**, we will be holding a **Dahlicious Day** at Ark Priory to help raise money for the Roald Dahl Children's Charity. We will also be holding a Grand Opening Ceremony for our new Outdoor Library during the day for the children. On the 23rd, children should come to school dressed as a Roald Dahl character and bring in £1 to donate!



We have the Book Fair arriving at Ark Priory again from **27th November – 4th December**. It will be held in the hall from 4 – 4:30pm (3 – 3:30pm on Friday). Last year, we raised a whopping £1200+ which helped us buy new books for Year 5. Please come along and see if there are any books you would like to buy and help support us in buying new books for the school.

Stars of the Week



Well done to this week's Stars!



	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
5	MOZART	Grace	MONET	Fatima
4	CURIE	Isabella	FLEMING	Ahmad
3	ARCHIMEDES	Noah C	BRUNEL	Harper
2	SHARMAN	Ava	ARMSTRONG	Jude
1	PANKHURST	Rosie	SEACOLE	Zakariya

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Attendance



Our whole school attendance for the week is:

Overall School attendance: **98.1%**

Class Attendance:

1. Fleming 99.6%
2. Armstrong 98.8%
3. Brunel 98.6%

Library Meeting

There is going to be a meeting for the library volunteers on **Tuesday 27th November at 08.40 am**. This meeting is for current volunteers and anyone else who would like to help out with our school library. If you would like any further information please contact Natasha Harper: n.harper@arkprioryprimary.org

Primary Science Quality Mark



On Wednesday evening, Miss Terry and I attended Primary Science Quality Mark Awards night in Central London. This award 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!

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Parent's Corner

This will be a new regular segment on the newsletter to highlight some of the activities of our children and parents outside of school. 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 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!**

This week's Parent Corner:

One of our parents, Emma Webster works for a charity called YESS (Your Employment Settlement Service www.yesslaw.org.uk) which is an employment law advice charity. They provide affordable employment law advice on all employment law related issues. Unfortunately it isn't always free - but they do charge according to income so operate a cross subsidy model and give 10-15 minutes free advice to anyone that calls them and occasionally take on pro bono work.

However, last week they launched a FREE advice service with the Fawcett Society that is aimed specifically at Equal Pay as part of 'Equal pay Day' on November 10th. The BBC China editor Carrie Gracie has gifted Fawcett all her backing from the BBC in order to help set up this advice service on the proviso that they work with the charity. They will provide free advice and support to people earning under £30,000 who think that they are being paid unequally. To access the scheme people need to fill in a form on the Fawcett website which is at <https://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/equal-pay-advice-service>.

If you want to read more, then you can have a look at their website page <https://www.yesslaw.org.uk/equal-pay-advice-support/> or at Emma's blog which is in the Huffington Post https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/equal-pay-day_uk_5be45de5e4b0e843889517ce?utm_hp_ref=uk-equal-pay

Thank you Emma for this support!

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A message from our APPAA committee.....

Ark Priory Christmas Fair - Sat 8 Dec 2018 - HAVE YOU SAVED THE DATE?!

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

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

- **Year 5 – Bar and International Food** – Year 5 will be manning the bar and the ever popular International Food stall. Contact Leisel (Bar), Souraya (International Food) or Vic (Year 5 rep) to offer your support in advance and on the day. We will be calling out for your delicious International food donations nearer the time!
- **Year 4 - Hot Food/ kids food from kitchen** We will be selling yummy hot food for adults and kids out of the school kitchen. Please sign up to offer your support.
- **Year 3 and Reception – Santa's Grotto.** Santa will be visiting the fair and we want to ensure a magical setting for your child's meeting with main man. Contact Stef (Reception Rep) if you can help set up a magical backdrop, or help with the running of it on the day. **We will be announcing the details of advance ticket sales soon - look out for notices/posters next week!**
- **Year 2 – Kids games and entertainment.** We would love to run a Scavenger Hunt, and other traditional fair favourites to keep our little ones entertained on the day. We are asking for Year 2 parents to get behind this, contact Nino (Year 2rep) for more information.
- **Year 1 –Tombola donations please**
Please have a rummage at home for anything you think someone would like to win and donate it to the tombola!!
For kids (ideally New or in really good condition): soft toys, games, books, toys etc.
For adults (ideally New): any unwanted gifts, bottles (of scent, wine, spirits, shampoo, etc!!), household items, etc!
You can leave donations at the Christmas fair table once it is up and running in the next couple of weeks. If you have donations already, please leave them in the front office, labelled tombola! Contact Amanda (Year 1 Rep) for more information or if you would like to get involved.
- **Nursery (AM and PM) – Tea/coffee and cakes.** This year both Nursery classes together are in charge of the tea and cakes stall. They are looking for Nursery parents from AM and PM groups to help set up, run the stall on the day or clear up. Contact Dek (Nursery PM Rep) for more info. For our fabulous bakers amongst the school community, start planning your bakes, as we will be calling out nearer the time!

Student Enterprise - each class is preparing for the children to create and make goods to sell at the fair - we will be calling out for parent helpers for this in advance and at the fair itself.

Rotas - Thanks to those who signed up for a rota slot at Parents Consultation Evenings. If you would like to volunteer to help, the rotas will be going up on the noticeboard in the side entrance.

External Stalls - we welcome any entrepreneurs with links to our community (parents/friends etc) to have a stall at the fair to sell their own (non conflicting) products. Price per table £30. Limited availability. Please contact appaacommitee@gmail.com for further details.

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We need an electrician! - We would love to be able to re-use our Christmas lights and other electrical items that we need to run the fair, but regulations state that we need a yearly PAT test in order to do this. Can you help test and certify? Please contact appaacommitee@gmail.com

Christmas Decorations - do you have any large size Christmas baubles that you could donate or lend to transform our venue into the 'happy' Christmas Fair. Please bring them to the APPAA table when it is up and running!

Christmas Fair Brochure - Last call for those who may be interested to take an ad in our professionally produced, A5, colour Fair brochure. Please contact Laura Wilkin via appaacommitee@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle - loads of great prizes have been secured - look out for further info on our fabulous prizes, and tickets appearing in book bags next week!

Other news

Year 3 Bakesale - thanks to all who organised, baked, helped and supported - we raised an amazing **£341.64** for enrichment and activities for all our children!

Wishing Tree - many thanks to those who have contributed so far in order to fill the classrooms with additional resources for our children. Goods to the value of £1348 have been acquired by 18 donations. Please see updated list below and spread the word to family and friends in case anyone would like to make a donation. Contact Charlotte Newlands via appaacommitee@gmail.com

Wishing Tree List 2018/19

Art

Aprons £2.70 x 35 = £95
Class box of colouring pencils for £28
Electric pencil sharpener £12

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

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Year 2

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

Star lights £9 x 2 = £18

CD Collection £20

Year 3

Maths comprehension cards £21 x 2 = £42

Hog hair brushes £10 x 1 = £10

System 3 Acrylic paint £18 x 2 = £36

Board games £12 x 3 = £36

Books for book corner £30

Year 4

Books for year 4 reading area £7 x 2 = £14

Books for year 4 reading area £10 x 2 = £20

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Books for year 4 reading area £8 x 2 = £16

water colour paints £1.70 x 30 = £51

Paint brushes £20 for 50

water colour paper £33 for 100 sheets

Year 5

Visual calculator £24 x 2 = £48

IKEA tolsby frames £1 x 15 = £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

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