



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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## Upcoming Events

### 19<sup>th</sup> December

Reception end of term celebration 1500 -1600  
Yr3 carol service 1600 – 16.30

### 20<sup>th</sup> December

Yr1 & 2 Carol Service  
15:00 – 16:00

**December 20<sup>th</sup>  
2016 – the  
Academy will  
close for  
Christmas at  
16.00.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the year draws nigh and this the penultimate newsletter of 2016 is focused on something pleasant. This week has been full of the kind of things that show the school and community at its very best, the reception/nursery nativity where all the children truly excelled with not only their performance but also in the way the parent body supported all the children. The Christmas jumper day where the children engaged with the idea that they were not only dressed for Christmas (some truly outstanding Christmas attire was on show!) but also that they were engaged in a charitable act that would improve the lives of others with no obvious benefit to themselves.

Finally, this week we published the outline of our plan to work through Ark Byron’s truly lamentable situation and I can only thank the you all for the response. I received a handful of emails regarding the situation and spoke to a few parents who I can only say have shown nothing but the highest standards of objectivity, politeness and a solution mindset with an emotive issue that was always going to be unpalatable. All these conversations have been held in a mature and considered manner – something that I appreciate as I understand that this is something where your stoicism is tested to the very limit. However, I wanted to highlight some elements from one email is received.

*“We hope all the parents will pull together to support the staff and children to make the temporary arrangements a success.*

*Thank you for continuing to foster the community spirit that binds Priory and Byron together.”*

We are stronger together and these children deserve the opportunity for the best education we can give them – if we are to talk of charity to the children surely we should be ready to offer this at home first? If we are willing to promote only our own interests no matter what the consequences - what example are we setting for these children?

Next Tuesday we will be sending out a bumper photo issue covering the performances, wishing tree and Christmas jumper day.

Best Wishes and a great weekend Mr Martlew and the Staff



## Attendance and Punctuality

Form	Punctuality	Attendance
ARCHIMEDES	97	98
ARMSTRONG	95	99
BRUNEL	98	94
COLUMBUS	98	98
NURSERY AM	92	94
NURSERY PM	94	97
PANKHURST	97	98
SEACOLE	98	96
SHACKLETON	97	99
SHARMAN	99	99

### **REGULAR DATES**

*Tuesday AM 10/1 - 21/3 Seacole Swim*

*Friday AM 13/1 - 24/3 Pankhurst Swim*

*5th Jan Spring Term Starts*

**9th–13th Jan Parent Consultations & Reports**

**Week 16:30–18:30**

*17th Jan Armstrong Class Assembly 08:45–09:05*

*18th Jan Reception Trip to Natural History Museum*

*25th Jan Parent Forum 08:30–9.00*

*1st Feb Sibling and Individual photos*

*2nd Feb Yr2 trip to Shepherds Bush*

*7th Feb Safer Internet Day*

*8th Feb R trip to Science Museum*

*9th Feb Sharman Class Assembly 08:45*

YEAR 1, 2 & 3 need BLAZERS, TIES and full uniform for their performances on Monday and Tuesday PLEASE try to ensure all children have everything they need.

### **Admissions Consultation**

A reminder this closes on the 16<sup>th</sup> Jan – all submissions must be clear and in written form submitted to the correct body – details are here <http://arkpriory.org/admissions-policy>

### **End of Term**

Term finishes on the 20<sup>th</sup> December at 16:00

### **Uniform**

Can all parents please check they have the right uniform and that it is clearly labelled – we have had a spate of uniform going missing – in particular in year 2. I am sure this is an honest mix of uniform but please be considerate of your fellow Priory parents and return the uniform as quickly as possible.

### **Nursery Thanks**

A BIG Thank you to all parents who helped on our trip to the Lyric Theatre, it is much appreciated!

**Book fair – raised £474.17 for the academy THANK YOU!**

**Christmas Fair (including sponsorship from RSK  
and More Space) made over £7,000**

**There are still 14 Panettone left as well!**