



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am proud to announce that we raised we raised £302 for 'Save the Children' on our Christmas Jumper Day last term. This is a fantastic achievement!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful book donations that have been received for our school library. Please keep them coming into school as we really appreciate everything that we receive. If you also have any old board games that are no longer wanted, please bring them into school as well to be handed over to myself or Mrs Harper. Thank you in advance.

I would also like to remind parents that Nursery children should be either walking, using a scooter or a bike to come to school. Please do not bring/collect your nursery child to school in a pushchair. Thank you for your cooperation.

The next few weeks before half term are going to be rather busy. Please keep checking the newsletter and your emails for up to date information about events taking place in school, such as trips and open mornings.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Grasso

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019*

As you will remember, letters went out last term asking you to verify the photo permissions for your child.

If you have still not returned yours, Miss Dunford will send an email reminder to you.

If we do not get it back before Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019, your child will not be able to have their photo taken on photo day. This is a condition outlined by our photographers to ensure they are GDPR compliant.

Thank you.

## Upcoming Dates: Number Day

On **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**, we will be taking part in Number Day 2019 to raise money for NSPCC! This day will be in non-uniform and children will be allowed to attend wearing with numbers visible or symbols related to maths. Children are encouraged to donate £1 to the charity as we would like to support the work of the NSPCC. Below are some examples of number day outfits children can wear on the day:



We cannot wait to take part!

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## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is:

Class Attendance:

1. Fleming 98.6%
2. Pankhurst and Brunel 98%
3. Archimedes 96.9%

Well done to Fleming class! Let's see which class is the first to gain 100% attendance!



## Stars of the Week



Well done to this week's Stars!



	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
5	MOZART	Seren	MONET	Philip
4	CURIE	Joshua	FLEMING	Layla
3	ARCHIMEDES	Abdulahi	BRUNEL	Fleur
2	SHARMAN	Karim	ARMSTRONG	Daniyal
1	PANKHURST	Max	SEACOLE	Beatrice

## Notices:

- PE kit- Children **must** wear PE kit on their PE days only.
- On swimming days, children **must** wear their school uniform. (*Brunel have PE lesson and swimming on the same day so must wear their PE kit to school*).
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January: STEM Day
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January- Mid-year reports will be issued to parents.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January- Reception Trip
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Number Day
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Year 3 Trip

## Felix Project

I would like to say a big thank you to Noah, Eve, Nell and Maeve for spending time on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December collecting fresh food for the Felix Project for over 2 hours. The family then drove the children to the Felix Project warehouse where they helped pack the food ready for delivery.

The Felix project collects and delivers fresh food to charities so that vulnerable people have a healthy meal or snack

<http://thefelixproject.org>

I believe lots of Priory families donated many items of fresh food so I would like to **thank you** all for doing something so wonderful for others in our community! It is fabulous to hear stories about how thoughtful our pupils are to do something good and kind for others.



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## Parents Corner:



**THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL,  
WINDSOR CASTLE**



You are invited to apply to attend our  
**Chorister for a Day**  
event to be held on  
**Saturday 9th February 2019 from 12.30pm to 6.30pm**  
at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ  
Please see overleaf for further details.

Advance booking is essential.  
Closing date for applications: Friday 1st February 2019

Please contact Francesca Alden  
Tel 01753 848797 Email [cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org)

*Chorister for a Day* is a wonderful opportunity for boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of boys and professional adult singers. Designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of choristership auditions in March, the programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Choristers at St George's sing services on five days a week and rehearse every day except Saturday. This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices. The choir was founded in 1348 and sings regularly in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal family. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for TRH The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In recent years the choir has performed overseas on many occasions, and broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for boys between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

[www.stgeorges-windsor.org](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org)

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## APPAA Notices

**Year 1 Bake Sale:** thanks to all who baked, helped and supported the first APPAA community event of 2019! All proceeds (along with proceeds from all other bake sales, uniform sales and ice lolly sales) will go towards enrichment and activities for all our children.

**Next bake sale and uniform sale:** On Fri 8 Feb 2019 Reception will host their first bakesale - and alongside it APPAA will run a **second hand uniform sale**. We will be collecting donations of logo / branded school uniform (blazer/jumpers/cardigan/ PE kit etc and grey trousers especially in the larger sizes) in the next couple of weeks so please put any donations aside and look out for further messages about when we will be collecting.

**APPAA meeting Thurs 10 Jan 2019:** Thanks to Miss Grasso and those who attended. The minutes are issued alongside the newsletter. Please read them for detail on fundraising spending, ongoing projects and future events.

**The Wishing Tree - exciting news!** We agreed at the APPAA meeting that the outstanding items on the Wishing Tree list for 2018 (with an approx value of £700) will be bought with money remaining from Summer Fair 2017 fundraising and this years list will be closed. Thanks to all the parents who contributed so generously to the Wishing Tree (contributions have valued £2079 since its launch in September), we have seen a variety of items already in the classrooms and departments in school and the rest of the purchasing will be complete very soon.

**Next events** - we are currently planning APPAA events for the Spring Term - please contact us at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved or wish to find out more. And remember to follow us on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory for all the latest updates.

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