



# Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our first newsletter of the year! This week we welcomed all our Reception pupils to school- they had a wonderful first week. They are delighted with their new EYFS outdoor area which was completed over the summer holidays.

I would like to thank the school community for all their support for what continues to be a very challenging time for the whole country. As far as Ark Priory goes, I have observed some very happy children working very hard in their class with their enthusiastic and dedicated class teachers. It has been a delight to see the children where they belong- excited to be in the classroom, focused and thoroughly enjoying their learning! Please ask your child about the virtual 'Star of the Week' assembly this morning; it was a lot of fun!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Grasso

## Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's Stars!

|   | Class       | Child's Name | Class     | Child's Name |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| 6 | SOMMERVILLE | Zahraa       | EINSTEIN  | Christian    |
| 5 | MOZART      | Malak        | MONET     | Rafaela      |
| 4 | CURIE       | Zain         | FLEMING   | Markus       |
| 3 | ARCHIMEDES  | Clementine   | BRUNEL    | Hamza        |
| 2 | SHARMAN     | Mohamed      | ARMSTRONG | Roqaya       |
| 1 | PANKHURST   | Sophia       | SEACOLE   | James        |

## STEVE McQUEEN YEAR 3

Explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, this vast new art work is one of the most ambitious portraits of children ever undertaken in the UK. It offers us a glimpse of the capital's future, a hopeful portrait of a generation to come.

Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers. They included children from state primaries, independent schools, faith schools, special schools, pupil referral units and home-educated pupils.

These class photos are brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 pupils in a milestone year in their development.

Our current Year 5 pupils took part in this amazing opportunity and you can still go and see if you can spot their picture until January 2020 which is allocated in Section 1 of the installation.

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## Start and end of day routines

From **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, we will reinstate our usual morning routine which is a 'soft' start to the day but with an addition temporary five minutes to allow for staggered entry and to maintain social distance. Please can I request that only **one adult** per family drops off/collections their child/ren.

**Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 can arrive between 8.20am and 8.40am** and go to their classes through the main doors on the playground. Staff will be placed at points along the corridors to ensure that pupils go to class as quickly as possible. The start time for **Reception pupils is 8.30am promptly as per normal. Please note that we have gone back to our earlier finish on Fridays.**

| <u>Surname of family</u> | <u>Reception Monday-Friday start time</u> | <u>Monday – Friday start time</u> | <u>Monday to Thursday finish time</u> | <u>Friday finish time</u> |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A-M                      | 8.30am                                    | As per normal from 8.20am-8.35am  | 3.50pm                                | 3pm                       |
| N-Z                      | 8.30am                                    | As per normal from 8.20am-8.35am  | 4pm                                   | 2.50pm                    |

No child should miss any opportunities while face-to-face clubs are closed. Speak Like A Native has moved its Spanish clubs online so that Ark Priory children can have fun with languages when they get home from school. These clubs are exclusive to Ark Priory pupils. Come and join the fun! Fees, times and booking form: <https://www.speaklikeanative.com/schools/ark-priory>



## Young Artists' Summer Show 2020 exhibition opens in October!

We are delighted to announce that the Young Artists' Summer Show 2020 exhibition will open at the RA from Monday 19 October – Sunday 22 November.

Despite everything that has happened this year, we are very proud to be able to bring this exhibition to you; a visual celebration of imagination, innovation and young artistic talent.

The exhibition is free but must be booked as part of a free ticket to the RA. Book your ticket online to enjoy access to all our free exhibitions and displays.

We hope that you are able to visit and enjoy the humour, the insight, the humanity and the innocence of the works on display. Please join us in celebrating the persistence and encouragement from teachers in the UK and beyond, and the brilliance of young artists everywhere.

[https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2020?utm\\_source=wordfly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ME\\_YASSonsiteannouncement\\_14\\_0920&utm\\_content=version\\_A&sourceNumber=](https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2020?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ME_YASSonsiteannouncement_14_0920&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=)

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# Notices from APPAA\*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory Contact us at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@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. **If you want to know how you can get involved or help out at any of the upcoming events then drop us a mail at the email above.**

**Wishing Tree - £1500 OF £3100 RAISED SO FAR - £1600 TO GO!**

## NEW WAY TO DONATE VIA PAYPAL LINK

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far towards the Wishing Tree 2020. This is a list of items, compiled by all the teachers, that they would love to have in their classrooms but are not part of the school budget. These items really make a difference to the children and their environment.

The approximate total cost of these items this year is £3100, every donation is appreciated. To make it easier to donate we have set up a separate Paypal link below.

<https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=DNYRLEBCRSLTE>

OR you can continue to pay by bank transfer (Sort Code 230580 and Account Number 13386072) or cash donation - please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com)

## TEACHERS' COMMENTS ON THE WISHING TREE

*"A massive thank you to APPAA for the wonderful resources that we received this morning - myself and the TA's gave an audible squeal!"*

Mrs. Kelly and the Nursery Team

*"Thank you APPAA for organising all the class wishing trees every single year! Everything is always so well organised and resources are always delivered on time. Thank you for being so helpful and on top of it. Your work never goes unnoticed!"*

Miss Beshirian

*"What a wonderful thing for parents to do for the school! I am planning on an Arctic theme for our new class named after Matthew Henson, I think the children will really love it."*

[Once Reception has seen the new class]: *"The children love the stars beanbag in our igloo reading area!"*

Miss Holden

*" Thank you! Our teachers are so lucky to have APPAA support."*

Miss Grasso

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## Second Hand Uniform Sale - THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT

**FRIDAY 18 SEPT 2020 - 3.15pm**

Thanks to those who donated preloved uniforms, and to those who helped to run the sale or supported.

All proceeds will go towards enrichment and activities for all our children.

## School library books - PLEASE RETURN TO CLASSROOMS

Thanks to those who have already returned their children's library book to school during the lockdown days or since returning this term. If you still have a school library book at home, please return it to school. If you are unsure which book your child had brought home, please email Fiona (parent library helper) as she has the borrower lists for all years - [fionamcq68@hotmail.com](mailto:fionamcq68@hotmail.com).

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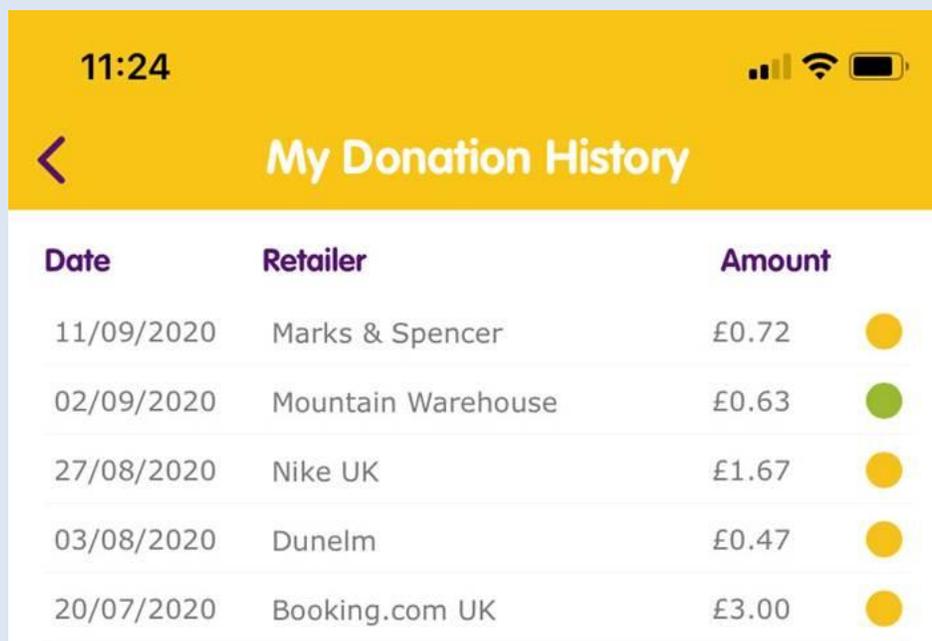
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## The Giving Machine - EARN MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ark-priory-primary>

Do you ever shop online at big retailers like EBay, Argos, Amazon, Sainsbury's or Boots? The Giving tree is a way to donate a percentage of everything you spend (at no cost to you) to the school. Simply download the app, create an account, click 'go shopping' and shop in the way you normally do. This is one of the easiest ways to donate to the school. If you need help downloading the app drop APPAA a mail at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com). As many of our usual fundraising methods are not possible this year due to the current social distancing measures, it is more important than ever to us that non contact fundraising methods are fully supported. Please do try this if you haven't already. The donations to the school will soon add up, at no extra cost to you.



| Date       | Retailer           | Amount |
|------------|--------------------|--------|
| 11/09/2020 | Marks & Spencer    | £0.72  |
| 02/09/2020 | Mountain Warehouse | £0.63  |
| 27/08/2020 | Nike UK            | £1.67  |
| 03/08/2020 | Dunelm             | £0.47  |
| 20/07/2020 | Booking.com UK     | £3.00  |

Example of how one parent using The Giving Machine has raised £6.49 from 5 transactions.

As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) for further information.

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