



Ark Priory Primary Academy

Explore

Endeavour

Excel

Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first half term and what an exciting term it has been! This term, we have had two STEM days, educational visits to the zoo, held parent workshops and open mornings, celebrated the success of our children to 'explore, endeavour and excel' in our Celebration Assembly and also enjoyed learning about a variety of topics to name a few!

There are some key dates I would like to highlight for next term. Firstly, our Parent Teacher Conference meetings will be held during week beginning **12th November**. The sign-up sheets will go out on **Friday 2nd November** after school. We hope that all parents will attend.

This term we will also be taking part in Christmas activities such as the Ark Priory Christmas Fair on **Saturday 8th December**. This year the pupils will be involved in an enterprise project – more to follow on this closer to the time. We have our Nursery and Reception Nativity plays (*Reception: Monday 17th December at 9am and Tuesday 18th December at 2pm/ Nursery: PM N Mon 17th at 2.30pm and AM N Tues 18th at 10.30am*) followed by whole school 'Carols Around the Tree' event which will take place at 4.30pm on Thursday 20th December where we welcome all to have hot chocolate, minced pies and to sing some Christmas carols around our tree.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and we will be back to school on **Tuesday 30th October**.

Miss Grasso

Head of School

Reading Volunteers needed to help at Ark Priory

We urgently need parent volunteers to come and read with our children. If you are interested in doing this please come to a meeting at Ark Priory on **Tuesday 30th October at 08.40am**. If you have any questions or cannot attend but would like to volunteer, please email our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Natasha Harper: n.harper@arkprioryprimary.org



Stars of the Week



Well done to this week's Stars!



	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
5	MOZART	Augustin	MONET	Zahra
4	CURIE	Leonard	FLEMING	Ksawery
3	ARCHIMEDES	Mereyem	BRUNEL	Edan
2	SHARMAN	Rohanna	ARMSTRONG	Walter
1	PANKHURST	No SOTW Y1 Open morning	SEACOLE	No SOTW Y1 Open morning

Attendance

Overall School attendance:

98.2%

Class Attendance:

1. Fleming 99.8%

2. Pankhurst 99.2%

3. Brunel & Armstrong 98.6%

Well done to Fleming class!

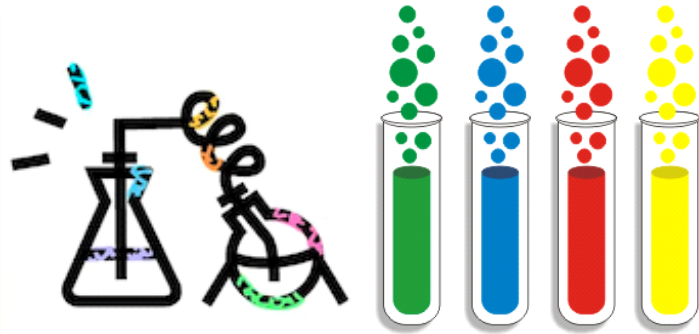


Secondary Options Meeting

Jerry Collins from Ark Schools will be presenting information about Ark Soane and Ark Acton High on Monday 12th November at 5.30pm at Ark Byron.

We welcome all Year 5 parents to attend.

STEM at Ark Priory



Dear Parents,

We are looking for a group of parents to work to develop science, technology, engineering and maths in school and at home. This is with the aim of supporting parents and carers with extra learning, additional science enrichment and communication between school and home. You do not have to have any science background just an interest in supporting parents with these subjects. Please contact myself directly or Miss Grasso.

Many thanks, Miss Terry

Maths and our Ark Priory Curriculum Workshop

A parent/carer workshop will be held with Miss Broodie **on Monday 5th November at 8.40am** in the school hall.

This workshop will explain how we teach Maths at our school and how you can support your child at home.

This is for all parents and carers who wish to understand more about this topic. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parent's Forum Reminder: Wednesday 21st November

I will be holding my Headteacher Parent/Carer Forum on Wednesday 21st November at 6pm until 7pm in our school hall. This is your opportunity to bring any ideas/comments/questions that you may have forward for our meeting. I will be sending out the agenda in the newsletter the week before the forum so the deadline to send any ideas for discussion will be Monday 12th November.

Please send these to my email at d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org. I will aim to add everyone's ideas/comments to the agenda but please be aware that this might not be possible due to time constraints.

I would like the forum to be used as a way of the school and parent/carer community working together to make Ark Priory an even better place for our children, rather than a forum for complaints. May I remind you if you have a personal problem regarding your child/ren specifically, please arrange to meet your child's class teacher to have this discuss. The Headteacher forum will not be used for this purpose.

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!**

**Please keep sending your suggestions for this section of the newsletter!
Thank you!**

APPAA NEWS

Year 4 Bake Sale - thanks to all who organised, baked, helped and supported the Year 4 Bake sale on Friday - it raised £255.45!

Uniform Sale - thanks to all the parents and carers who generously donated their children's outgrown uniform and fancy dress, and to all those who organised and helped to sell it - the second-hand uniform and fancy dress raised a whopping £288.05.

All proceeds for the above go towards the school enrichment and activities fund.

Ark Priory Christmas Fair - Sat 8 Dec 2018 - SAVE THE DATE!

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

The next **Christmas Fair meeting** will be at school on **Thursday 1 November at 2.30 pm**, Miss Grasso will attend. We welcome all parents and carers who wish to get involved in the Christmas Fair Organising Committee.

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

- *Year 4 and 5 – Food and drink.*
- *Year 3 and Reception – Santa's Grotto.*
- *Year 2 – Kids games and entertainment.*
- *Year 1 – Tombola.*
- *Nursery (AM and PM) – Tea/coffee and cakes.*

There will also be a school wide 'student enterprise' initiative whereby the children will 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.

Look out for call outs nearer the time for donations of gift items for the Tombola, also requests to make and bake.

Please respond to your year reps as to how you can get involved!

Estate Agent Boards - thanks to all parents, carers and friends of Ark Priory who have kindly agreed to have a KFH estate agent board to earn funds for the school. APPAA will be in touch to confirm dates.

Christmas Fair Raffle - if you are able to source or donate a raffle prize we would love to hear from you appaacommittee@gmail.com

Christmas Cards - The Christmas / Greeting Card Project is underway again this year. This is a fun and creative way to make money for school. Please check your child's school bag for the information letter (and a label to attach to artwork if you participate in the project). Help and reminders will be issued by APPAA, or please contact Fiona McQuillan.

Christmas Fair Brochure – We will be producing a brochure for the Christmas Fair. It will be A5 colour, professionally printed and handed out to everyone who attends the fair, approx. 450-500 people. We are selling brochure ad spaces: 1/4 page £25, 1/2 page £35, Full page £75, Feature back cover £100. If you are interested to take an ad please contact Laura Wilkin via appaacommittee@gmail.com

Wishing Tree - We have raised £766 from just 9 donors and the goods have been delivered into the classes to the delight of the children. If you wish to donate please see the updated list below. You can pay APPAA with Reference 'Wishing Tree' to account 13386072 and sort code 230580. Contact Charlotte Newlands via appaacommittee@gmail.com

Parent Social - We are looking for volunteers who can help plan, organise, and/or support our traditional Parent Social which fund raises for the Wishing Tree. If you are able to help in any capacity, we would love to hear from you via appaacommittee@gmail.com

Twitter - did you know that APPAA is on Twitter? Follow us @APPAA_ArkPriory - we would welcome your help to like and retweet our posts to thank the local businesses that offer us donations and sponsorship.

<p>Wishing Tree List 2018/19</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Aprons £2.70 x 35 = £95</p> <p>Class box of colouring pencils for £28</p> <p>Electric pencil sharpener £12</p> <p>Noise cancelling headphones £10- x 2 = £20</p> <p>Talk time cards £12 x 4 = £48</p>	<p>Social situation stories £18</p> <p>Chew toys £20</p> <p>Library</p> <p>Book stands 25 for £81</p> <p>Label maker £23</p> <p>Early Years – Nursery and Reception</p> <p>Small world Police Station £300</p> <p>Small World Fire Station and Fire Engines £118</p> <p>Airport and Aeroplanes £35</p> <p>Multicultural People Figures £42</p>	<p>People who help us figures £39</p> <p>Home Corner Role Play Resources tea set £12 x 2 = £24</p> <p>Home Corner Role Play Resources toy food £20</p> <p>Animal Dress up costumes £12 x 3 = £36</p> <p>Story puppets (for popular stories) £22 x 2 = £44</p> <p>Messy Play Resources eg jelly bath etc. £5 each x 6 = £35</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Year 1</p>
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Storytelling Finger Puppets 24pcs-
£39.95 x 2 = £80
Personal CD Player
£13 x 2 = £26
Gears gears gears
gizmo set £18 x2 =
£36
Avalanche fruit
game £17.50 x 2 =
£35

Year 2

Globe £15 x 2 = £30
Book corner sofa
£80
Cross stitch packs
for 30 £21 x 2 = £42
Star lights £9 x 2 =
£18
CD Collection £20
Book set £10 x 2 =
£20
Book set £10 x 2 =
£20

Year 3

Mental Maths Bing
£22 x 2 = £44
Maths
comprehension
cards £21 x 2 = £42
Solar system £32 x
2 = £62
Metallic Sharpie £6
Fabric £12 x 2 = £24
Hog hair brushes
£10 x 1 = £10
System 3 Acrylic
paint £18 x 2 = £36
Science wall
stickers £12.99 x 2
= £26

Board games £12 x
3 = £36
Books for book
corner £30

Year 4

Books for year 4
reading area £7 x2
= £14
Books for year 4
reading area £10 x2
= £20
Books for year 4
reading area £10 x2
= £20
Books for year 4
reading area £8 x2
= £16
Harry Potter book
set £30 x 2 = £60
water colour paints
£1.70 x 30 = £51
Paint brushes
brushes £20 for 50
water colour paper
£33 for 100 sheets
seeds we can grow
indoors £10

Year 5

Visual calculator
£24 x 2 = £48
IKEA tolsby frames
£1 x15 = £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