



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Year 6 pupils! It has been wonderful to see so many of our Year 6 pupils return to school.

Some parents have asked me about how the Ark Network has contributed to the national picture during this time. Some of you would have used the Oak National Academy as a part of the home learning: <https://www.thenational.academy/>. Oak National Academy was set up at Easter to respond to school closures with a mission to make sure children at home had access to high quality lessons. It brings together teachers from a number of schools and trusts who volunteered their time to make video lessons for a range of subjects. Ark Schools contributed all the primary maths lessons. These have been tremendously successful – over 500,000 Ark maths lessons have been watched at home by nearly 400,000 pupils! We are really proud of the way Ark teachers have volunteered their time to help pupils across the nation learn at home.

I am also very proud of the dedication and hard work shown by our staff at Ark Priory as we are one of the few schools in the borough that has opened up to all the year groups that were mandated by the government. Thank you to those parents and families who have sent kind messages of support. It means a lot to us in this challenging time and keeps our morale high! Thank you!

Miss Grasso

Welcome back Year 6!

We welcomed back our Year 6 pupils this week. They were very happy to be back at school but also very tired- they had forgotten what it was like to be in Year 6! We were delighted to see so many Year 6 pupils return to school.



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National School Sport Week at Home 2020

The annual National School Sport Week campaign takes place in the last week of June every year to celebrate the important role of Physical Education and school sport in enhancing young people's wellbeing.

This year, the Youth Sport Trust has teamed up with Sky Sports to run a national campaign which will aim to unite the country - families, schools, sport and businesses - in a celebration of the power of sport to bring people together, even during isolation.

The UK-wide campaign will challenge people to take on their families, friends and neighbours in virtual sporting challenges – helping them to connect in an unprecedented period of school closures and social distancing.

It will be supercharged by Sky Sports who will be helping to inspire families across the country to take part.

The campaign builds on the Youth Sport Trust's [#StayHomeStayActive campaign](#) which has been supporting schools, parents and young people with daily free resources to get young people moving and enjoying the PE curriculum while at home.

How it works

The Youth Sports Trust will provide everyone who registers with free videos and activity cards to help you plan a series of challenges across National School Sport Week at Home. You will receive these well in advance of the week itself so you'll have plenty of time to plan your activities.

The active challenges will all have an emphasis on togetherness, inclusivity and wellbeing. They will be things you can do within the home, and where you can engage in straightforward virtual competition with friends, neighbours and family outside your home.

They will also provide you with ideas for sharing your challenges online during the week using the hashtag **#NSSWtogether**.

Register

Anyone can register to take part in National School Sport Week. Click on this link:
<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-school-sport-week-home>

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The Duchess of Cambridge led an online assembly on mental wellbeing among children



Yesterday, the Duchess of Cambridge led an online assembly for the Oak National Academy during which she spoke about the importance of mental wellbeing among children. The theme of the Duchess' assembly was 'spread a little kindness' and is based on a lesson plan which is available on the Mentally Healthy Schools platform. This platform was developed in collaboration with children's mental health charity Place2Be and encourages children to explore ways in which they can show kindness and recognise the benefits of kindness to others.

You can find it here: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/kindness>

School closure – Friday 3rd July 2020

I would like to remind you all that school will be closed on **Friday 3rd July** as on our school calendar for a Network INSET day. This is for all pupils including those from key worker families. Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Priory Mathematicians,

Check out the details below for this weekend's mathematical challenge. Who will be next at Ark Priory to earn a certificate and have their super maths learning shared on Twitter?

Send a picture of your working out and answer to Miss Broodie, a.broodie@arkprioryprimary.org, by 2pm on Sunday 21st June 2020.

Good luck!

Challenge 5 -

Using a 6-digit expiry date on an item in your house, create the biggest value you can.

You may use only addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and brackets.

You can create 2 or 3 digit numbers but you must include at least one operation.

Submit a photo of your full, non-calculator working out with the expiry date of the item visible in the photo.

Note: MM-YYYY or DD-MM-YY are the 6-digits we are referring to. E.g. Sept-2020 is the digits 092020, 2nd May is the digits 020520



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Notices from APPAA*

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*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.

Tomorrow (Saturday 20 June) would have been the date of the Summer Fair! We are hugely disappointed to be missing out on our biggest community and fundraising event of the year, and hope that we will be able to resume these types of events in the new school year. We are discussing ways of fundraising 'virtually' in the meantime, watch this space for future ideas and events...

Year 6 Notice

There are just 6 weeks to go before our Year 6's leave Ark Priory!!

We know that school are hard at work coming up with ways to commemorate the Year 6 leaving, but in addition we parents wanted to add a couple of fun ideas.

1. Leavers' Hoodies!

We are hoping to order every child a "leavers' hoodie" as a memento which they can wear with pride in the weeks, months and maybe even years to come. These will have every child's name on the back, can be personalised with your child's nickname (see pics attached) and come in a choice of colours.

Please can you fill in this questionnaire ASAP so we can gauge interest!

<https://forms.gle/R81QYTiQF2wQDbp98>

2. We are going to put together a virtual "year book" of photos of the children from over their years at Ark Priory. Please can you start looking for old photographs of the children you would be happy to share with the rest of their year (and the school) - ideally doing school related activities such as trips, school plays, attending a school fair and so on. We will set up a secure drop box to upload this in the coming days.

Thank you in advance for your support and help in giving all of our children the "send off" they deserve!

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