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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your generosity for our 'Children in Need' day last week. I am delighted to announce that as a school we have raised £821. What an amazing achievement from our school community! I would also like to draw your attention to the beautiful picture of Maxence on the second page of the newsletter today, who was amazed by all the toys/games etc we collected as a school community. Thank you so much for your support for these two great charities. Our next time to support a charity will be our 'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 16th December. Miss Dunford is setting up another 'JustGiving' page for this event which will be sent out asap. Many thanks!

We are so grateful for the continued support the community gives us via APPAA. I would like to say a personal thank you for all those involved in running APPAA. Your continued support is so valued by us all at Ark Priory. Please see further information below with regards to the 'Wishing Tree'. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Grasso

Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's stars and authors!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	SOTW Naya AOTW Asia	EINSTEIN	SOTW Ahmad
5	MOZART	SOTW: Salma	MONET	SOTW: Emilio AOTW: Rafaela
4	CURIE	SOTW: Reon AOW: Walter	FLEMING	SOTW: Younes
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Albert AOTW: Ethan	BRUNEL	SOTW: Victor
2	SHARMAN	SOTW: Alexandra	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Sana AOTW: Iza
1	PANKHURST	SOTW: Amanah	SEACOLE	SOTW: Hanin AOTW: Romy



THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our parents/carers for contributing to the APPAA Wishing Tree this year. Over £2776 raised, and 284 items delivered to classrooms for our pupils. Wonderful!



Year 6 using the art items delivered from the Wishing Tree.

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Festive Events at Ark Priory in December

The festive season is going to be a little different this year due to the current restrictions, but we are still planning to do some special events that parents/carers can join us for!

Dates for your diary:

Early Years Nativity Plays on Zoom - *Live!*

Shackleton	17 th December* (New date)	9.30am
Henson	15 th December	9.30am
Nursery 15A & 30H	16 th December	9.45am
Nursery 15B & 30H	16 th December	2.30pm

Zoom links will be sent via email to parents on Monday 14th December 2020.



Festive Sing-a-long event

Years 1 – 6 on Wednesday 16th December at 9.15am

Link to be sent to parents via 'Teams Live' to join us! (Fingers crossed that we do not have any technical difficulties!)

For pupils:

Festive Extravaganza Day on **Wednesday 16th December.**



Pupils will be encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on this day. We will be taking part in the 'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day on this day and not the advertised 11th December. They will also have our usual special Christmas lunch. In the afternoon, classes will receive a 'party box' sponsored by APPAA which will contain arts and crafts, a Christmas quiz and other things to have a special afternoon!

Parent Virtual Meetings

Due to the success of our parent information virtual Zoom session last term, we are planning to hold further meetings like this in December.

In order to provide more opportunity for better discussion, we are planning to hold them in year groups as below on **Tuesday 8th December:**

EYFS	9am- 9.30am
Year 1 & 2	9.30am – 10am
Year 3 & 4	10am – 10.30am
Year 5 & 6	10.30am – 11am

Our Chair of Governors, Claire Dacam will be joining us to explain the role of the governors at Ark Priory.



Meet Flo (here with Maxence), play specialist at GOSH who took all the toys this morning. She was super happy and grateful for the generosity of the Ark Priory community. She will take some of the toys for the ward she works in (paediatric intensive care unit) and give the rest to her colleagues on the other wards. Thank you again so much to all of you for your help and generosity. **THANK YOU!**

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What are we learning next week?

Nursery	Our book of the week will be The Three Little Pigs. The classroom will be transformed into brick, wood and straw houses for roleplaying the story. The children will develop their planning and construction skills to build the best houses in different materials, create little piggy collages in the creative area and count how many bricks we need in maths.
Reception	Next week we will be reading the story The Gingerbread Man. For literacy we will also be looking at the ingredients needed to make a delicious gingerbread man. For maths, we will be consolidating shapes.
Year 1	English: We are reading a new story called The Wooden Camel by Wanuri Kahiu. We will be learning about camels and where they are from. We will be labelling their body parts and learning how to write facts about camels. Maths: Next week we are learning about odd and even numbers and recapping the make ten strategy. Other: We are discussing which toys parents and grandparents played with and we are learning over the rainbow in our music assemblies.
Year 2	In Maths, we will be learning how to measure lengths in centimetres. In English, we will be writing instructions about how to grow a beanstalk. In History, we will be learning about why the fire spread so quickly.
Year 3	In English pupils will be writing their own story with the same plot of Stig of the dump but their own characters and setting. In Maths, they will be continuing to add three digit numbers with and without regrouping using column addition method. In History, pupils will be exploring the Bronze age to compare and contrast the lives of people during this period to those in the Stone age.
Year 4	Year 4's learning for next week: In Maths we will investigate patterns in multiplication. In English we will make our own Roman sandals and write instructions about them; in Reading, Varjak will be developing the skills Jalal has been teaching him and his friendship with Holly and Tam.
Year 5	Next week in Maths, we are going to explore long multiplication and divisions with greater numbers. In English we are starting to study a new genre : recounts. In History, we will learn about what life was in Viking Britain. In PE, we will build a routine using the jumps and rolls we have been practising over the last two weeks and perform in front of our classmates!
Year 6	Year 6 are focusing on negative numbers and fractions in maths. In English, they are continuing to read 'Holes' and write an inspired narrative writing in English which will be published on the computer.

Ealing Parent/Carer Survey

Ealing Parenting Service has been working exceptionally hard since the first lockdown earlier this year to bring families as many useful parenting workshops, classes, support, advice and guidance as possible working to help with existing and new parenting challenges.

It is essential in these hard times to understand exactly what challenges parents are facing with their children of all ages. They have prepared a five minute survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QBRVQJZ> to gather feedback from parents as to what more they can provide to best meet their needs. They want to ensure that the limited resources they have and the team at Ealing Parenting Service are directed towards the exact help and support parents need. Thank you!

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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.

Creative Card Project - ALL ORDERS NOW RETURNED ORIGINAL ARTWORKS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN SCHOOL HALL WINDOW!

If you took part in the Creative Card project, you should have all received your cards via the children's book bags this week, and picked up any other mugs and gift items from Fiona directly. We hope you are happy with your items, we have enjoyed seeing the beautiful artworks produced. In fact Miss Grasso and the SLT were so impressed that they have agreed to a display of artwork from the hall windows onto the Acton Lane road side so everyone can see them! (If anyone would like their original artwork back before Christmas please let us know via appaacommittee@gmail.com). NB. Names will not be displayed as they are on the reserve side.

Many thanks to all who took part, you have helped raise over £300 for Ark Priory, that will go towards enrichment and activities for all the children.

Special thanks go to Fiona Mc Quillan who has run this project on behalf of APPAA for the last 6 years!! What a superstar!

Second Hand Uniform and Christmas Jumpers - DONATIONS REQUIRED SALE PLANNED FOR FRIDAY AFTER LOCKDOWN - Friday 4 December 2020 2.30pm

Please donate any GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN, second hand uniform (particularly blazers, jumpers, PE kit in larger sizes) and pre loved Christmas jumpers if you can.

We will leave a marked box for donations near the side doors in the side entrance at drop off every day from next week.

Please do not give items that are so worn out that you would not let your own children wear them!

We cannot sell these items and end up having to dispose of them ourselves!

We hope the sale will be able to go ahead on Friday 4 December, providing the lockdown ends as planned.

Festive Fun Planned - APPAA ELVES AT WORK ALREADY HOW YOU CAN HELP

At this time of year APPAA would normally be planning the Christmas Fair, Santa's Grotto, and various other fun fundraisers and community events. Even though we are restricted in what we can do, APPAA reps are working together with the school staff to put together some treats for the children in school at the end of term. If you would like to get involved please contact your class rep or drop an email to appaacommittee@gmail.com.

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

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