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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the winter season is almost upon us, it is the time of year that you may start to think about buying your child a warm winter coat. If you do, please make sure that you read the school uniform policy first. All coats should be in the academy colours as well as hats and scarfs. Thank you for your cooperation.

A few parents have asked if their child can be granted permission to walk to and from school alone. Due to the dark mornings and nights that are fast approaching, **no child** has permission to walk alone to school. In Spring, term 2, we will give permission to **Year 6 pupils only** to walk home alone. Parents must always bring their children to school. This is in the interest of their safety. Thank you in advance for your understanding. We will send out more information nearer the time. Have a great weekend.

Miss Grasso

Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's Stars! Our Authors of the Week are in green!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	Noah Daniella M	EINSTEIN	Gracie
5	MOZART	Lucas G Dilys	MONET	Josette
4	CURIE	Ilyas	FLEMING	Zakir Rupert
3	ARCHIMEDES	Ava Noa	BRUNEL	Joe B
2	SHARMAN	Natalie	ARMSTRONG	Adnan Tom
1	PANKHURST	Adam	SEACOLE	Miles Faye



Phonics Workshop

Miss Beshirian will be running our first parent workshop of the year on **Monday 23rd September at 3.15pm**. This will be to new parents and parents of children in Reception and Year 1 to learn about the RWI Phonics program and how to support your child at home with their Phonics. We look forward to welcoming you.



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Notice for all Nursery and Reception Parents:

There will be an Assessment and EExAT workshop on **Tuesday 1st October at 9am** in the hall with Miss Charlton. We strongly encourage all parents to attend. If your child is in Reception and has been in our Nursery, please do come along as there will be additional information shared.

Ark Priory School Uniform

**Please make sure your child is in the correct school uniform every day.
Thank you.**

Outdoor clothing – Black or Priory Blue, Red or Grey

Smart, shower proof, jacket-style coats, with embroidered ARK Priory Primary Academy logo, are available. Hats and scarves are also available in the academy colours but should not to be worn inside the academy building. No denim.

Girls	Boys
<u>Autumn/Winter/Spring</u>	<u>Autumn/Winter/Spring</u>
Fine knit V-neck jumper or cardigan (Priory Blue + gold /red stripe) with Priory logo	Fine knit V-neck jumper (Priory Blue + gold /red stripe) with Priory logo
White shirt*	White shirt*
School Tie – Priory Blue with gold and red stripe	School Tie –Priory Blue with gold and red stripe
Grey skirt OR grey trousers*	Grey trousers*
Grey tights OR grey socks*	Grey socks*
Black Shoes	Black shoes

*All the items above are readily available from the high street – if parents and carers find any item difficult to obtain, please contact the academy office. Our uniform has been kept simple to avoid unnecessary expense and can be purchased from our Kalsa Schoolwear.

Acceptable	Unacceptable
Girls' Shoes	
	
Boys' Shoes	
	

Footwear

Pupils must wear closed-toed, hard-soled, **all black** plain shoes with a flat sole. Footwear with flashing lights is not appropriate for school. Boots are not allowed.

Hats, Headscarves or Headwear

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the academy building unless it is due to religious or cultural reasons. Any head covering for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in academy colours (Priory blue, red & gold). An academy hat with the ARK Priory Primary Academy logo is available for both summer and winter outdoor wear.

Hair

Long hair (shoulder length) on both girls and boys should be tied back using academy colour hair bands. Pupils may not wear designs or words cut into their hair or have permanent or temporary coloured hair.

Key Dates for Autumn 1:

Fri 20 Sep	APPAA New Parents Coffee Morning @8:45am
Mon 23 Sep	Phonics workshop for Reception parents at 2.20pm
Mon 30 th Sept	Assessment and EExAT workshop for Nursery and Reception
<u>Fri 4th Oct</u>	<u>Inset Day</u>
Tue 8 Oct	Open Morning Y1 + Y3
Wed 9 Oct	Open Morning Y2, Y5, Reception
Thu 10 Oct	Open Morning Y4, Y6, Nursery APPAA AGM & New Parents Drinks Eve @6pm
Fri 11 Oct	Y4 Bake Sale
<u>W/c 21 Oct</u>	<u>Half term</u>
<u>Tue 29 Oct</u>	<u>First day back to school</u>

If your child plays a woodwind, brass, percussion or string instrument, is of a Grade 1 standard or above and would like to play in an ensemble with other young musicians, then they should be a member of Cadenza!

Cadenza is Ealing Music Service's Saturday Music School and has a variety of ensembles catering for singers and instrumentalists between Grades 1 and 6. Our ensembles rehearse once a month at The University of West London and offer a variety of 'packages' to support young people in their journey to make music with others. Concerts take place twice a year at the fantastic Ealing Christian Centre in Northfields.

Orchestras and more!



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Our two orchestras, wind bands and string ensembles are lead by expert Ealing Music Service teachers who ensure high quality music making whilst also making rehearsals relaxing, fun and informative for everyone. These ensembles are for Grades 1-3 and Grade 3+.

Jazz Band!

Ealing Junior Jazz Band is suitable for jazz musicians who are at a Grade 2 standard or above. The band play classic and more popular jazz music and is always a hit with the audience!

Choirs!

We have two choirs at Cadenza which are open to pupils between Year 2 and 5 and Year 6 to 9 who love to sing! Our choirs sing a variety of pop, rock, classical and jazz music, as well as musical theatre.



For more information, rehearsal dates and times and to sign up to Cadenza 2019/20 – please visit www.ealingmusicservice.com/cadenza or for further information please email Caroline Swan (ensemble development lead) SwanC@ealing.gov.uk

Ark Soane Opening Evening

We are excited to announce the opening of the new Ark Soane Academy in September 2020. We are hosting an open evening to introduce the school to perspective students and parents. This open evening will take place at **5pm on Wednesday 25th September at Ark priory.**

Ark Soane will be a brand new school in the heart of Acton which will deliver an excellent education for local students. More details on Ark Soane can be found on our website: <http://arksoane.org/>

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What is APPAA? 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**. As a parent of a child at Ark Priory, **you are automatically a member** of the association, and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming years.

APPAA 'What's App' Groups - APPAA oversee 'What's App' groups for the parents/carers of each year group. Please do let us know if you would like to be added if you are not already.

Year 5 Bake Sale last Friday 13 September - Thank you to Year 5 parents and carers who hosted the first of the 2019-20 bake sales last Friday. We are pleased to advise that the bake sale raised £206.70 and an additional £26 was raised from the sale of the sundry items! All funds raised will go towards enrichment and activities for all our children.

New Parents Coffee Morning Friday 20 September - thanks to those who came along to meet other parents this morning, we are delighted to welcome you to the school and the APPAA community!

APPAA AGM - Wednesday 2 October at 6pm - **** PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ADVISED **** the Annual General Meeting of the Association, and official end/start of the APPAA Committee year - attended by members of the school Leadership team. All parents and carers welcome to find out about APPAA achievements of the past year and how you can help going forward.

New Parents Welcome Drinks - after the APPAA AGM on Wednesday 2 October 2019 (from 6pm) ****PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY ADVISED **** in the school hall.

Year 4 Bake Sale and second hand uniform sale - Friday 11 October at 3pm. Please save the date! APPAA will host a second hand uniform sale alongside the Y4 bake sale. **Please donate your outgrown good condition uniform**, particularly branded items (blazers, jumpers and cardigans, PE kit), winter & summer grey trousers/ shorts and dresses, to APPAA reps or to the school office marked for APPAA prior to this date.

APPAA needs you!

APPAA - the Parents Association to which you all belong - requires your help to ensure the continuation of the association! Several of our class reps, who have been involved for a few years, will not be continuing in their role this year. We have vacancies across all year groups and would love to have different people step up. We particularly require help in Year 6, Year 5, Year 3. Please see below details of what the role would entail:

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Class Reps - ideally each class would have 2-3 parents designated as APPAA representatives. You will be part of the APPAA reps community, shaping the future events and role of APPAA in the school. The role includes:

- Sharing notices from APPAA to your year group regarding upcoming events and fundraisers and to support and galvanise support for those events.
- Sharing reminders about daily school life via the Whats App group
- Moderating the year group Whats App group/adding new members etc
- Organising the year group bake sale (one a year) and any other social or fundraiser that you wish to unite your community
- Organising teachers gift collections

Admin Team - currently we have a team sharing the administration duties (in other words, we have merged the Chairperson and secretarial roles to spread the work load). These roles include:

- Leading the committee and overseeing the running of APPAA, organising meetings where necessary.
- Planning the calendar of events
- Managing the APPAA email inbox
- Compiling the weekly APPAA newsletter contribution
- Meeting with the senior staff to discuss fundraising aims
- Maintaining the database of parent contacts
- Organising the Wishing Tree
- Obtaining external sponsorships

If you have skills in administration, art and design, fundraising, event management, we would love to hear from you - there are many ways you could help!

The APPAA Committee Year formally starts at the AGM Meeting (Wed 2 Oct 2019 at 6pm) but we would love to know as soon as possible if you would like to put yourself forward. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact appaacommittee@gmail.com

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