



Ark Priory Primary Academy

- Explore
- Endeavour
- Excel
- Courage to fly!

Upcoming Events

N- Nursery
R – Reception
Y – Year

26 Oct – 3 Nov
(inclusive)
Half Term break and
Staff Training days

4th Nov
Pupils return to the
Academy

9th Nov
Parent Consultation
week

13th Nov
Children in Need
Pyjama Day

16th Nov
Yr1 Open Morning
09:30-10:00

17th Nov
R Open Morning 09:30-
10:00

18th Nov
Yr2 Open Morning
09:30—10:00

19th Nov
N Open AM 09:30—
10:00
N Open PM 12:45—
13:15

25th Nov
Reception trip to St
Mary's

30th Nov
Parent Surgery 08:30

4th Dec
Last Sharman Swim

Dear Parents and Carers,

Incredibly the first half term is now finished and the children have completed 1/6th of their academic year! In lots of ways, the first half term is one of the best parts of the academy year, as it is not only full of new beginnings and promise, but almost transformational progress is made by the children to meet the challenges of their new year group. In particular, the progress made by Reception is truly astounding from the first days of wobbly tears and shyness, to the confident, articulate scholars we now see.

Look at all we have achieved in seven weeks and imagine how much progress we will have made by the end of the year!

Have a great half term – Mr Martlew and the Staff

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

	COURAGE	EXPLORATION	ENDEAVOUR	EXCEL
Reception	Harper	Edan	Oliver M	Zakir
Year 1	Josette	Naima	Rikki	Julia
Year 2	Rudy	Harry	Rose	Janelle



HANDWRITING AWARD



Reception	Meryem & Hassan
Year 1	Bajan & Callum
Year 2	Dexter & Aleksandra



TOP TABLE



KSI	To be awarded for the first week back
RECEPTION	



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery AM	97	100
Nursery PM	96	97
Shackleton	99	99
Columbus	100	100
Pankhurst	98	100
Seacole	98	99
Armstrong	98	99
Sharman	98	99

TOPICS AFTER HALF TERM...

Year Group	Mathematical Concept	Book/English Concept
Nursery	Number 1 – 5	Rhyming Words
Reception	Shapes 2D	Rhyming Words
Year 1	Shapes 3D and 2D	Beegu
Year 2	Multiplication	The Blue Planet

Notices

Flu Vaccination – Years 1 & 2: A letter will shortly be issued requesting consent from the Central and Northwest London NHS foundation for your child to undergo the flu nasal spray vaccination. If required Reception parents are asked to contact their GP directly if they wish to organize their own vaccination.

SATs Workshop - For parents who were unable to make the previous meeting an additional date has been set for 19th November 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm. Please note no childcare will be available.

Swimming – Please note swimming is part of the academy curriculum and is treated as seriously as any other subject. If your child is unwell enough not to be swimming they would need to be unwell enough not to attend any lesson – if there are extenuating circumstances, a letter needs to be provided THE DAY BEFORE the swimming session.

Shackleton – Endurance Centenary Project: The academy will be tracking the progress of the team walking Shackleton's route across Antarctica, but we would encourage everyone to check out this amazing feat for themselves as well. Details can be found here - <https://www.shackleton2015live.com/>

Half Term Home Learning: Each child will have received some home learning for half term and guidance on how to complete it. We have endeavoured to make this as meaningful and fun as possible so would very much appreciate it if parents could ensure their children complete this.

Children in Need: The academy will be having a PYJAMA DAY for Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children will be expected to provide a £1 donation to participate and PLEASE wear your normal school shoes NOT slippers.

Reception: A big thank you to everyone who participated in the paper dolls competition. We managed to beat last year's amount and our total was £37.70! The paper dolls measured 18 meters!

Sharman Staffing: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Miss Eszter has left the academy to pursue opportunities elsewhere; we wish her all the best in her endeavours and thank her for her hard work this half term. Miss Tapakki will be taking over Miss Eszter's choir duties and a new TA will be appointed in Sharman as soon as possible. Until then there will be a supply TA in role.

Academy Lunches: The academy has trialed and now confirmed that we will be running both Halal and NON-Halal options for children at lunch times.

Ark Byron: This week a letter was sent home in book bags detailing the latest information on the Ark Byron building project. A copy of which can be found here <http://arkpriory.org/life-school/communications>

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – EVERY CLASS STILL HAS PARENTS MISSING FROM THE LISTS – IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND W/C 9th NOVEMBER WE EXPECT ALL PARENTS TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR CLASS TEACHER

ACADEMY REOPENS AFTER HALF TERM ON 4th NOVEMBER