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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term at Ark Priory. As restrictions are slowly lifting, I am hopeful that we will be able to hold some of our normal events such as Sports Day, and end of year assembly etc – please see the key dates calendar which will be sent out with next week’s newsletter for more information of up and coming events.

Next week, we will be holding our parent/carer teacher consultation meetings- you should have already received an invitation on Monday to a virtual meeting on our platform Teams. I hope this will be useful to give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you have about your child/ren’s progress after receiving their mid-year report today. Teachers will also provide you with information about how you can support your child/ren at home with the next steps in their learning.

Have a great weekend – the sun is shining!

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: Julia	EINSTEIN	SOTW: Naima AOTW: Samuel
5	MOZART	SOTW: Tuleen AOTW: Olive	MONET	SOTW: Asil
4	CURIE	SOTW: Leon AOTW: Indy	FLEMING	SOTW: Rebecca
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Ryan AOTW: Tyreece	BRUNEL	SOTW: Eemaan
2	SHARMAN	SOTW: Nora AOTW: Yosil	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Iman
1	PANKHURST	SOTW: Bayan	SEACOLE	SOTW: Ryan AOTW: Maya
R	HENSON	SOTW: Yusuf	SHACKLETON	SOTW: Ela AOTW: Ayanna

Individual School Photos Tuesday 27th April



As we have yet to do our traditional school photos this year, Tuesday 27th April 2021 was supposed to be our class photos but it will be changed to the individual photos.

As we need to keep our bubbles separate, we are unable to do sibling photos this year.

P.E.

Please make sure children come to school in their uniform, and if they have PE that day, to bring their PE kit in a bag so that they may get changed.

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Get your child's voice heard and make a difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children. In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives.

It's an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it's a chance for every child in England to have their voice heard.

[Find out more and take part](#)



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

I am delighted to announce that we have successfully achieved our 'Artsmark Silver Award'. Arts Council England made the following comments about our submission which reflects our work within the arts at Ark Priory over the last few years:

You clearly have a firm commitment to providing rich arts and cultural opportunities for your pupils, and this is having a positive impact on pupils' self-esteem and confidence. We commend your commitment to continuing to offer the children opportunities to participate in interactive, online singing assemblies and choir during 'Music Wednesdays', hosted by music specialists throughout the school closures due to the pandemic. You've also utilised online resources produced by arts and culture organisations, such as The National Theatre, as part of your remote learning offer. A wide range of extra-curricular clubs, led by your teachers, are planned to include pupils' interests, and these are enriching children's learning. You have wisely capitalised on the ballroom and Latin dancing skills of your head teacher, who has taught a unit as part of the P.E. curriculum; as well as the talents of your professional pianist and composer school governor, who has performed for children and led workshops. Growing opportunities to watch the work of arts professionals, such as the Shakespeare Globe Company and the London College of Music, have engaged and inspired both children and staff.

A huge thank you to Mr Conard for all his hard work in collecting the evidence and writing the report for our submission, and a big well done to the entire Ark Priory community for their contributions.

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Online safety guidance for parents

Please click on the link below to read guidance for parents on appropriate ages for different online platforms and key information about important online safety.

<https://www.policedsc.com/security-advice/safeguarding>

Swimming this term

Unfortunately, not all pupils will be able to have swimming lessons this academic year due to the closure of the pool because of the pandemic. The timetable has changed for the summer term.

Day	Summer 1	Summer 2
Tuesday	Shackleton	Seacole
Thursday	Henson	Pankhurst
Thursday	Armstrong	Sharman

Notices from APPAA*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA_ArkPriory Contact us at appaacommitee@gmail.com

*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.

APPAA Open Meeting - MON 26 APRIL 8.30PM VIA ZOOM
Find out more about your Parent Association - ALL WELCOME!

APPAA is pleased to host a virtual get together on Mon 26 April at 8.30PM. Please join to find out more about the Ark Priory Primary Academy Association, our aims for strengthening our community and our fundraising initiatives, as we strive to bounce back as we all come out of lockdown.

Everyone is welcome to join to find out more, share ideas, and get involved!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81730970475?pwd=amxxc1RDWHBnR3RCbFJFcmJkYktoQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 3097 0475

Passcode: 773608

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Next APPAA Second Hand Uniform Sale - FRI 30 APRIL 2021
Save the Date - HELPERS REQUIRED TO SET UP AND SELL

Please save your good quality, pre-loved school uniform, **especially branded items like blazers, jumpers and PE kit, and particularly in larger sizes**, for our next second hand uniform sale. This will be on Friday 30 April at 2.45pm in the school playground.

We are looking for people to help set up, sell and pack away on Friday 30 April between 1.30pm - 3.30pm approximately. Please let us know if you can assist with this, as it takes a few people to run this event in a short time! Many thanks to those who have offered already!



Contact Details - PLEASE KEEP APPAA UPDATED!

APPAA DATABASE - please let us know of any joiners, leavers, or updates

Most parents give their email contact details to APPAA when their children join the school. We use them to contact you about APPAA events and fundraising initiatives from time to time. If your email address changes, please do let us know. If anyone is leaving the school please do let us know so we can remove you from our records. If you have not yet given us your details and would like to do so, please email appaacommitee@gmail.com

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

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