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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have received news of your new class teacher today for September and I hope this brings some reassurance especially if your child is not in one of those year groups who are able to attend at the moment. We are hoping to be 'back to normal' in September but we will, of course, follow the government guidelines in relation to schools and be sending further information to you in due course.

Thinking ahead to the new school year, I am sad to announce that Miss Canavan will be leaving the team at the end of this academic year to return to her home in Ireland. I would like to thank her for her contribution to the growth of Priory in the years that she has worked here and wish her well on her new journey. Miss Dingle will also be leaving us to return to home in the South. We thank her for all the work she has done in Year 1.

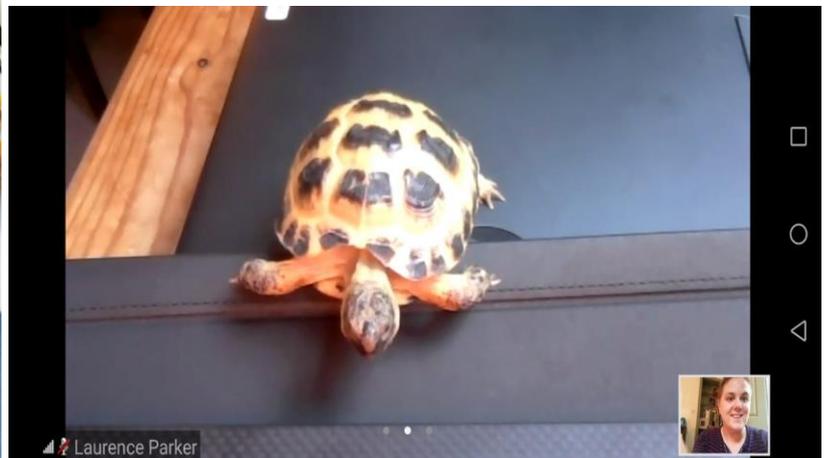
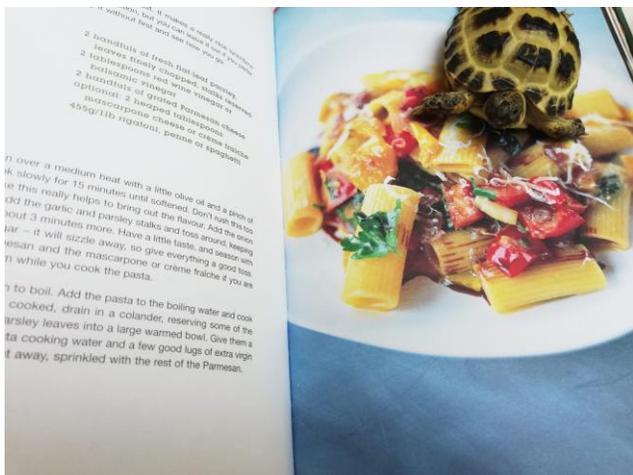
I am very excited to announce that Miss Holden and Miss Hassan will be continuing their teaching journey at Ark Priory as they have both successfully passed their teacher training year. I am also very happy to announce that even though Miss Blazejewski will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, she will be nearby as she is joining the team at Ark Bryon. We will see her on our joint school events, so it won't feel like she is too far away! Congratulations to all!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Grasso

What has life been like for Toby in lockdown?

Toby has been learning a range of new skills in lockdown such as cooking, embroidery and playing the ukulele. He has also played computer games with his friends and has had some zoom calls for work!



More photos of Toby's adventures at home next week!

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Support for families

www.glasspool.org.uk Glasspool Trust is a UK wide grants giving charity that provide one off grants to individuals.

www.savethechildren.org.uk Save the Children run a grant programme called Eat, Sleep, Learn, Play! For low income families, this programme provides beds, white goods, toys and books to children who are disadvantaged and in need.

www.familyfund.org.uk The Family Fund gives grants to families raising disabled and seriously ill children aged 17 and under.

www.npower.com/healththroughwarmth Health through Warmth is an initiative set up by NPower to assist vulnerable people in England and Wales who have long term, cold related illnesses and need assistance to fund and install heating and insulation in their homes.

www.edfenergytrust.org.uk The Trust helps families and individuals living in fuel poverty, or who are struggling to pay for their gas and/or electricity. They award grants to clear those debts. The Trust also offers help via Further Assistance Payments to clear other priority household debts or purchase essential household items.

www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk The British Gas Energy Trust has a particular focus on fuel poverty, helping those who are struggling to pay for their consumption of gas and electricity get back on their feet and remain debt free going forward. In exceptional cases the Trust can also help with other priority household costs and items.

www.fhaonline.org.uk The Family Holiday Association provides holidays for parents and children who experience disadvantage as a result of poverty.

www.actionforkids.org Action for Kids supports young people with physical and learning disabilities through the provision of mobility aids, employability training and family support.

www.caudwellchildren.com Caudwell Children provide equipment, treatment, therapies and family support for disabled children and their families across the UK.

www.family-action.org.uk Family Action have both welfare and education grant programmes to help address the needs of disadvantaged families and individuals that struggle to afford basic needs and to pursue educational and employment ambitions.

www.roalddahl.com/charity/family-grants Marvelous Family Grants are for families facing financial hardship while caring for a seriously ill child.

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School open on Friday 3rd July 2020

I would like to remind you all that school will be NOT closed to pupils on **Friday 3rd July** as our INSET day has been cancelled. 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



Notices from APPAA*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA_ArkPriory Contact us at appaacommittee@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.

Some members of the APPAA Admin Team had a call with Miss Grasso this week. Please see updates from the meeting below:

Next spending priorities for APPAA funds

We asked Miss Grasso to think about next spending priorities for APPAA funds. She is looking into enhancing the microphone equipment in the hall so that performances/ assemblies etc can be heard properly. She will get quotes, but would welcome any recommendations or advice from parents with relevant experience or contacts who can help with this; please get in touch if you do.

She is still unsure about buying new equipment (such as playground equipment) until the details of the school landscape when they return are clear.

All monies given for enrichment theatre trips to date will be carried over and resumed as soon as possible.

KFH Estate agent fundraising update

Appaa Admin Team members met the new manager of KFH Acton. They are still happy to work with us going forward and hope to line up sponsorship later in the year, but summer sponsorship was put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic, so unfortunately APPAA will not have income from estate agent boards this summer.

The Wishing Tree 2020

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The Wishing Tree is APPAA's annual fundraising drive to get teachers' 'Wishlist' items into classrooms and school departments. Our parents have the opportunity to pledge to buy items on the list that will directly benefit the children. Miss Grasso has advised the staff that this will go ahead and will give a deadline of week commencing 13 July for lists to be submitted to APPAA, so that any queries can be addressed before school break up. Then issuing the lists to parents and buying can possibly be commenced over the summer or ready for start of term. Thanks to Cristina Leung and Laura Brown who have agreed to run this initiative this year.

APPAA calendar

APPAA will submit provisional dates as usual for APPAA events in 2020-2021. School calendar/key dates have not been done yet as the school is awaiting instruction about what the landscape will be like, also awaiting term dates and inset days from the Ark network.

New parents meetings for Reception and Nursery 2020

APPAA members participated in the New Parents meeting today in order to introduce APPAA to the new Reception parents. Meetings for Nursery new starters will follow. We welcome all our new parents and hope that they will participate in the Association and actively in the school community.

APPAA reps for next year

We are really keen to hear from parents who would like to take on the responsibility of being a rep' for any year next year, especially for the new Reception or Nursery. This would involve being involved with the APPAA Rep's discussions and passing on communications to the year group, managing the What's app group, organising the bake sales and teachers' gifts. Please send us an email if this appeals!

Year 6 Leavers

There are just 3 weeks to go before our Year 6's leave Ark Priory!!

The school is hard at work coming up with ways to commemorate the Year 6 leaving, including a possible event at the start of the next school year/when we can.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaire about Leavers' Hoodies. They have proved really popular so we can now confirm that we will be arranging these. More details to come imminently (via email and what's app) about how to order one and how to ask for financial assistance if needed with purchasing one .

These will have every child's first name only in a large Number on back. They come in a large variety of colours and can be personalised with your child's nickname/name and come in a choice of colours.

If you have not yet, please do fill in the questionnaire To show your interest.

<https://forms.gle/R81QYTiQF2wQDdp98>

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 . a:s trips, school plays, attending a school fair and so on. We will set up a secure drop box to share these.

Thank you

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