



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn is upon us so please make sure your child is dressed in our winter uniform and brings a coat to school. It has been a rather wet week!

We will host our Open Mornings again during the week of October 7th. We welcome parents/carers to come and spend time in their child's classroom from 8.50am until 9.30am. Year 1 and Year 3 will have theirs on Tuesday 8th October, Year 2, Year 5 and Reception will have theirs on Wednesday 9th October and Year 1, Year 6 and Nursery will have theirs on Thursday 10th October. Ark Soane Academy will also be holding it's 'Open Day' in the hall school from 9-10.30am where you can come and talk to the senior leadership team and Principal, Miss Facer. This is open to all parents who would like to find out more about the school as a Secondary school option.

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	FATIMA Mariam	EINSTEIN	DAMIAN
5	MOZART	EMILIA	MONET	SEBATHIAN Uma
4	CURIE	JAMES Genevieve	FLEMING	ASIL
3	ARCHIMEDES	WILLIAM	BRUNEL	ANASTASIJA Liberty
2	SHARMAN	KASPAR Eve	ARMSTRONG	VICTOR
1	PANKHURST	NIDAL Lilly-Mae	SEACOLE	IDREES

Meet our new school pet!

We would like to welcome our new school pet, our tortoise, Tobias Priory Royce. The pupils have visited him in his new home over the past week and he now even has his own Twitter account. We are very excited to welcome Tobias to the Ark Priory Academy community.



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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.

Homework at Ark Priory

Last term, I consulted with parents at the Parent Forum about the homework children received. This matter was also discussed with teachers. There was a general consensus that although they started out very well, the project-based homework was not sustainable. We agreed as a community that children would receive reading homework, spelling homework and timetables to practice weekly as well as access to Mathletics. It was decided that teaching staff would provide a link each week in the newsletter for children to practice at home. We believe that this is sufficient for home learning as pupils here at Ark Priory have an extended day and therefore have around an additional 7 hours on average than most schools offer. Please see the links for each year group below.

Year 1	https://www.math-salamanders.com/addition-subtraction-to-10.html
Year 2	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/place-value-odd-and-even
Year 3	https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/application/files/4614/5573/1621/prehistory-pottery-photo-pack.pdf
Year 4	http://flash.topmarks.co.uk/3439
Year 5	https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-5
Year 6	https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6/which-sentence-is-more-formal

We encourage children to read every day at home with someone. To support this, we have invested in a new reading scheme which will be levelled and therefore enable children to bring home reading level appropriate books for them to practice reading aloud and their fluency when reading. We need to spend some time organising this in school so the system works quickly and effectively- this is currently in process, and we hope this begins closely after the half term. In the meantime, we encourage parents to read their child's library book with them at home and ask them questions about what they are reading.

Ark Acton Opening Evening

We are hosting an open evening for **Ark Acton** to introduce the school for our Year 5 and Year 6 families. This open evening will take place at **4.15pm on Monday 7th October at Ark Priory.**

Mr Oli Knight, the school principal will be here to answer any questions you have. We look forward to welcoming you. www.arkacton.org



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Key Dates for Autumn 1:

Tuesday 1 st October	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
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

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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. To all those new families: we look forward to getting to know you over the coming years.

New Parents' Welcome Drinks

From 7pm after the APPAA AGM (6pm) on Wednesday 2 October 2019 in the school hall. Everyone is welcome, old and new!

APPAA AGM - Wednesday 2 October at 6-7pm

Annual General Meeting of the Association, and official end/start of the APPAA Committee year. This is attended by members of the school Leadership team, including our head teacher Ms Grasso. All parents and carers welcome to come and find out about APPAA achievements of the past year and how you can help going forward!

Year 4 Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform sale - Friday 11 October at 3pm.

Save the date!

APPAA will host a second hand uniform sale alongside the Y4 bake sale. **Please donate your outgrown good condition school 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.

The Giving Machine - have you registered to support Ark Priory via 'The Giving Machine' yet? It is a really simple way to raise money for Ark Priory FOR FREE, just by doing your regular on-line shopping with more than 2000 shops and services like Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, Next, also holiday companies, ticket sites, car hire companies, insurance companies etc. All you have to do is enter the site via 'The Giving Machine' website or app, and for each purchase you make, these companies donate for free to your cause! We currently have 112 registered Givers who have over the last 5 years raised £2203.63!! Can you sign up and tell your families, friends, colleagues too?

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ark-priory-primary/>

APPAA needs you!

Could you help to ensure the continuation of the association? We hope so!!

APPAA has a committee made up of parents and carers who help oversee events, and foster community. Mostly, they try to bring the community at Ark Priory together through effective communication, via whats app, email and in person. Everyone with a little time (from work or at home) and lots of enthusiasm is warmly encouraged to PLEASE come and join the committee! It is a great way to feel more part of your child's education and know you are doing something positive within the community. Quite simply - APPAA doesn't run without people and those essential funds don't get raised to enrich the children's education.

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Class Reps - 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 involved. We particularly require help in Year 6, Year 5 and Year 3.

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 What's App group
- Moderating the year group What's 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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