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Dear Parents and Carers,

December is almost upon us which means it will soon be time for our annual Christmas Jumper Day and our festive school lunch! First, we have our Year 2 production to look forward next week on Thursday and Friday- we look forward to welcoming you there.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents about points of contact with regards to worries and concerns. Please make sure to email/speak to your child's class teacher as the first point of contact, then if you are not satisfied with the outcome, the issue will then need to be escalated to me or another member of the Senior Leadership Team. This approach is in place as your child's class teacher is with them daily and will be able to talk through in greater detail your worries or concerns and hopefully resolve the issue faster. Many thanks for your support.

Miss Grasso

Dear Miss Grasso  
we would like to borrow please the play ground on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> December straight after school. This is because we would like to collect fresh food for the Felix project. The Felix project helps millions of people in England who are hungry.  
  
We think it is important to help people at this cold time of year and at Christmas. Thank you in advance, we look forward to sitting it up if you say yes!  
Yours dearest Noah and Eve Chadwick  
P.S say yes



## The Felix Project- please help!

I received a letter from two of our pupils, Noah and Eve, asking if our community could support 'The Felix Project' which helps those in England that are hungry. The children said in their letter that they think it is important to help people in this cold time of year and at Christmas- I agree wholeheartedly!

Please bring any fresh food donations to the playground after school on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

<https://thefelixproject.org/about/our-story>

## The Wishing Tree



Year 3 would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to APPAA and the community for their class gifts they received from 'The Wishing Tree' this week. All the additional items will be put to good use!

43 Parents check your emails!



You have been selected for the Alternative Lunch Selection Trial!

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## Homework links

Year 1	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwv39j6">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwv39j6</a>
Year 2	<a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm</a>
Year 3	Learn a few basic words in a European language: <a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a>
Year 4	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/games/embed/guardians-mathematica?exitGameUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fbbc.com%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fzn2y7nb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/games/embed/guardians-mathematica?exitGameUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fbbc.com%2Fbitesize%2Farticles%2Fzn2y7nb</a>
Year 5	<a href="https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-5/determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors">https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-5/determine-the-meanings-of-similes-and-metaphors</a>
Year 6	<a href="https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6">https://uk.ixl.com/ela/year-6</a> (E.6-E.10) Mathletics practice (algebra)

### **Donations:**

Please donate any clean spare underwear to the school if you have them, especially for boys, which we have none at the moment. All ages and all sizes wanted!

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is: **96.8%**

#### Class Attendance:

**1. Sharman 98.3%**

**2. Fleming 98.2%**

**3. Armstrong 97.7%**

Well done to Sharman class again!

### House Points

*Our winning team this week was:*



### 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	JESSICA	EINSTEIN	NIAH ELIA
5	MOZART	KHAMAL FRANCISCA	MONET	OLA UMA
4	CURIE	KAITO ANGELICA	FLEMING	STEVEN
3	ARCHIMEDES	RUBY	BRUNEL	ZAYNAH ELIN
2	SHARMAN	OTTO EVE	ARMSTRONG	HARRY
1	PANKHURST	NORA FELIX	SEACOLE	POPPY
R	COLUMBUS	SANYA	SHACKLETON	AMELIA SOPHIA

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### **The Toy Project: please donate a toy if you can!**

This year, Ark Priory are supporting the amazing charity, The Toy Project. We are NOT asking you to donate money, but instead - with the help of your children - to choose a new or used (in good condition) toy to donate to a child in need. We will be collecting the toys under our Christmas tree from now until our Carols event on 12th December, to deliver to the Islington based charity HQ on the 13th December in time for their Christmas deliveries all over London (and beyond).

The Toy project is an inspirational London-based charity. This Christmas they are giving presents to hundreds of children in care, to the children at the Grenfell Tower nursery; to children attending safe spaces for women who have escaped domestic violence; to children of ever father in Wormwood Scrubs and Pentoville prisons on the festive visiting days; and to many low income families who simply cannot afford to buy their children a gift. No gift is too small. They do not need to be wrapped or labelled (but can be if you wish).

This amazing charity is especially significant to one of our parents as it was introduced to her by a good friend, a local Acton mum, as a way to remember her baby boy Rocco, who passed away on 11th December last year. In spreading this powerful message of kindness far and wide, through random acts of kindness and giving, even the shortest of lives can have a massive, far reaching, wonderfully positive impact.

We are really hoping that the children will enjoy choosing a toy to give away, or to buy, knowing they are spreading kindness to others, as well as remembering that this time of year is about giving not just receiving gifts!

For more information, please email [vicrobinson@me.com](mailto:vicrobinson@me.com) or have a look at the website [thetoyproject.co.uk](http://thetoyproject.co.uk)

## **Key Dates for Autumn 2:**

Thu 5 Dec	Y2 Show (PM)
Fri 6 Dec	Y2 Show (AM)
Mon 9 Dec	Reception Nativity Play (PM)
Tue 10 Dec	Reception Nativity Play (AM)
Wed 11 Dec	Nursery Nativity Play
Thu 12 Dec	Carols Around the Tree @4:30pm
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
<b><u>Thu 19 Dec</u></b>	<b><u>Last day of term finish at 1:30pm</u></b>

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# Notices from APPAA\*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA\_ArkPriory Contact us at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto: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. **If you want to know how you can get involved or help out at any of the upcoming events then drop us a mail at the email above. We are all busy people, but working together as a team of carers, dads and mums we can make great things happen for our school and our children.**

## **Carols around the tree - MAKE SURE THE DATE'S IN YOUR DIARY**

DATE FOR THE DIARY - Thursday 12th December 4-6pm

Please save the date for the Carols around the tree event co-hosted by the school and APPAA. There will be Carol Singing, Arts and Crafts, A raffle, Santa's Grotto and a whole host of Christmassy food and drink. If you want to bake, cook or have a crafty talent and can donate something to be sold then mail [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) Also we are still looking for Elves to work in the Grotto so drop us a line or sign up on one of the sheets if you can help.

## **Santa's Grotto - BOOK YOUR TICKET TO SEE SANTA**

Santa will be in his Grotto on the afternoon of the 12th December during the Carol's round the tree event. You can buy tickets before school on Monday and Thursday and after School on Tuesday and Friday next week. Tickets will be £5 each and £2 for each additional sibling (they don't have to attend the school) Every child receives a gift from Santa and there will be a photo included of your child and Santa or the whole family if you fancy it. If you are stuck for a Christmas card / family gifts this year, copies of this photo would work well!

## **Christmas Card Project - A BIG THANKS**

A BIG (final) Thank You to all those children and parents/carers who got involved with the APFS Christmas 🎄 Card Project this year. It raised £245.85!

The cards were delivered to your child's classroom on Tuesday this week so please check their Book-bags.

## **APPAA Strictly Social - WE RAISED A MASSIVE £2613.07 !!!**

**We have raised enough to buy every item on The Wishing Tree Lists! THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and who donated to this really worthwhile and meaningful cause. We have fulfilled the lists in record breaking time, and have been overwhelmed with the response from all members of our school community, both on the night and afterwards (we had an additional £577 in donations after the event. Wow!!) The best news is that we have reached our target and will be busy buying and delivering ALL the items into the classrooms over the next couple of weeks. Not only have we fulfilled every item on the teachers' Wish lists but we also have the funds to buy the kids' wish lists of books they have chosen for the library 📖! Incredible!

## **The giving machine - DONATE WHILE YOU SHOP**

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

Do you ever shop online at big retailers like EBay, Argos, Amazon, Sainsbury's or Boots? The Giving tree is a way to donate a percentage of everything you spend (at no cost to you) to the school. Simply download the app, create an account, click 'go shopping' and shop in the way you normally do. This is one of the easiest ways to donate to the school. If you need help downloading the app drop APPAA a mail at [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com).

As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact [appaacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:appaacommittee@gmail.com) for further information.

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