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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week marks the first of December and the countdown to Christmas. We have many wonderful events taking place over the coming weeks, kick starting with our APPA Christmas Fair On Saturday 8th December from 11-3pm. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will not be attending due to training commitments for my role on both Friday and Saturday. I hope the event will be a great success so please show your support and come along.

We have our Nativity in Nursery and Reception on the following dates: (*Reception: Monday 17th December at 9am and Tuesday 18th December at 2pm/ Nursery: December 19th NAM 10:30 and NPM 2:30pm*) followed by whole school 'Carols Around the Tree' event which will take place at 4.30pm on Thursday 20th December where we welcome all to have hot chocolate, minced pies and to sing some Christmas carols around our tree.

Please make sure your child comes to school in the appropriate coat as it is getting colder outside and we would like the children to stay warm and happy! Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Grasso

Roald Dahl day!

On 23rd November, we welcomed the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity at Ark Priory. They held an assembly for the children to raise awareness about their 'MARVELLOUS' organisation. We also launched a new outdoor library, 'Dahl's Den'. The children were thrilled to see Marvin the Enormous Crocodile cut the ribbon. The children shared extracts of their favourite Dahl book and we were all amazed by the wonderful outfits! Be on the lookout because each week a new Roald Dahl character will be added to our den.



If you have any unwanted outdoor furniture/used books that you would like to donate to our 'Dahl Den', please email Miss Cox (e.cox@arkprioryprimary.org)

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Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the week is:

98.0% 

Class Attendance:

1 Fleming 99.6%

2. Archimedes and Brunel 98.7%

3. Seacole 98.2%

Well done to Fleming class! Champions again!
Let's see which class is the first to gain 100% attendance!



Book Fair



The book fair will be at school for one more day on
Monday 3rd December 2018
In the Cookery/Music Room
Do come and grab a fabulous read!



Stars of the Week



Well done to this week's Stars!



	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
5	MOZART	Tessa	MONET	Alice
4	CURIE	Alexander	FLEMING	Maia
3	ARCHIMEDES	Rafaela	BRUNEL	Polly
2	SHARMAN	Zyad	ARMSTRONG	Zain
1	PANKHURST	Basty	SEACOLE	Asma

Anti-Bullying Week- What a success!

Odd Socks Day was a great success and the perfect way to start Anti-bullying week. Throughout the week we sent each other kindness notes and carried out team building activities. We were also very lucky to have the NSPCC team in school. We enjoyed taking part in the workshops and also learnt about staying safe online.



Useful websites: www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

childline.org.uk/kids

If you would like to join in with spreading random acts of kindness, please visit the Mental Health Foundation website:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/blog/random-acts-kindness-blue-monday>

STEM PHOTOS



Please see our weekly scientists. If you would like your child to show their STEM learning at home, send a picture to s.terry@arkprioryprimary.org to be in the next newsletter.

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APPAA NOTICES

Ark Priory 'Happy Christmas Fair' - Sat 8 Dec 2018 at Ark Priory from 11am -3pm.

An email was sent out to all parents and carers from APPAA last week with lots of information about the fair, and how you can get involved.

If you did not receive it, please drop us a line at appaacommittee@gmail.com and we will check that we have your contact details held correctly.

Raffle Tickets -The fabulous Ark Priory Christmas Fair raffle is a highlight of the Christmas Fair. Over 40 amazing prizes to be won, See attached for the fabulous prize list!

A book of tickets was sent home in every child's book bag last Friday. £2.50 for a book of 5 tickets. For sale in the playground every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at drop off and pick up until the fair. Please help us by selling them to your family and friends!

Santa's Grotto Tickets – remaining tickets on sale at the APPAA table. Timed ticket slots. Tickets £5 - additional siblings £2. All children receive a gift from Santa. One ticket entitles one photo per family. Should you require individual photos please purchase additional tickets. Limited availability, please ensure you get yours to avoid disappointment!

Shooting Starz - we are delighted that Shooting Starz will be running some multi sports and football sessions in the MUGA

We have a few slots still available (correct at time of going to print!) for pre-booking at £2 a session at the APPAA table in the playground.

Rotas - Rotas are up on the board in the side entrance. Please sign up to help - the day cannot be successful without your support. Help is required for each year group area:

- Bar and International Food - Year 5
- Hot food for adults and kids - Year 4
- Santa's Grotto - Year 3 and Reception
- Kids games - Year 2
- Tombola - Year 1

Additionally we need help in the following areas: Gate security, Arts and Crafts table, etc
Sign up on the noticeboard or email APPAA Committee at appaacommittee@gmail.com to volunteer.

Donations required - We will be collecting in advance at the APPAA table or hand into office:

- Adults and Kids Prizes for the Tombola - **For kids** (ideally New or in really good condition): soft toys, games, books, toys etc. **For adults** (ideally New): any unwanted gifts, bottles (of scent, wine, spirits, shampoo, etc!!), household items, etc!
- Giant baubles to decorate the Grotto
- Party favours and sweets that could work as prizes for kids games.

Please start thinking about **making the following for donating on the day**. (No nuts please).

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- International Food (finger food, served cold)
- Whole Cakes and individual treats
- Mince pies and brownies

Other News

Giving Machine - have you signed up to the Giving Machine yet? Earn money for Ark Priory whilst you shop at NO cost to you - the on line retailers give a small percentage to your chosen cause. Download the App to your phone or the Shop and Give Reminder to your desktop to ensure you never miss a donation opportunity. We will be running a prize draw at the Christmas Fair for our 'active givers' - there has never been a better time to sign up!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ark-priory-primary/support/?pbid=63154>

Wishing Tree - thanks to the 23 donors who have made generous donations to the value of £1831 so far this year! The resources that you choose go straight to the classrooms for the benefit of the children. Please see the list below for outstanding items. Contact Charlotte Newlands at appaacommitee@gmail.com if you would like to donate.

Ark Byron Christmas Fair –Ark Byron Parents Association (APBA) warmly invite Ark Priory families to their Winter Fair on Saturday 1st December 2018 11-3pm.

Wishing Tree List 2018/19

Art

Aprons £2.70 x 35 = £95

Size 12 paintbrushes £7.40 for 10 x 4 = £30

Library

Book stands 25 for £81

Label maker £23

Early Years – Nursery and Reception

Small world Police Station £100

Small World Fire Station and Fire Engines £118

Airport and Aeroplanes £35

Animal Dress up costumes £12 x 3 = £36

Messy Play Resources eg jelly bath etc. £5 each x 6 = £35

Year 1

Storytelling Finger Puppets 24pcs-£39.95 x 2 = £80

Gears gears gears gizmo set £18 x2 = £36

Year 2

Cross stitch packs for 30 £21 x 2 = £42

Star lights £9 x 2 = £18

Year 3

Maths comprehension cards £21 x 2 = £42

Board games £12 x 3 = £36

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