



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that we have received a very generous donation of £300 from KFH Estate Agents in Acton, as a gesture of their ongoing support. We are so happy to receive this kind donation with the support of their branch manager Liam Bray as it will go towards this year's Wishing Tree.

Please be reminded the school finishes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18th December at the earlier time of 1.45pm. We have lots of festive fun planned before then – please see the newsletter below for information about dates/times. We are also very excited that our pupils are taking part in a pantomime workshop next week and the following week, thanks to funds raised by APPAA – look out for photos on our Twitter feed! Have a lovely weekend.

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: Oscar S. AOTW: Meily	EINSTEIN	SOTW: Lamees
5	MOZART	SOTW Kaito	MONET	SOTW: Emily AOTW: Isaac
4	CURIE	SOTW – Indy AOW: Ava Sylvan	FLEMING	SOTW: Mihailo
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Tyreece AOTW: Asma	BRUNEL	SOTW- Claudia
2	SHARMAN	SOTW: Sarah	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Safia AOTW: Mark
1	PANKHURST	SOTW: Florence	SEACOLE	SOTW: Jana AOTW: Malak

Online Safety – please read

It has been brought to our attention that children are playing online games that include an option to chat online. We are working as a school to educate children on the effects of cyberbullying and the dangers of chatrooms online. Please click on the links below and read through with your child to learn more about child appropriate games and cyberbullying. **Please make sure all games are age appropriate for your child/ren.**

Childnet link to appropriate games for different ages:
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/gaming>

Advice for parents and very helpful links:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444865/Advice_for_parents_on_cyberbullying.pdf

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School lunch update

We have been working very hard on our school lunch plan over the past few weeks. We have ordered salad bars which introduced in January to Year 5/6 at first and then to the other year groups.

The prefects have conducted a whole school survey to find out what the pupils liked and disliked from the current menu. We will be replacing the following lunches; *spaghetti Bolognese/ fish pie/ chilli con carne/ chicken and vegetable tray bake* with the following for Spring; *katsu curry/ hearty beef stew/ salmon gnocchi and roast beef*. Please see the new Spring menu for further details.

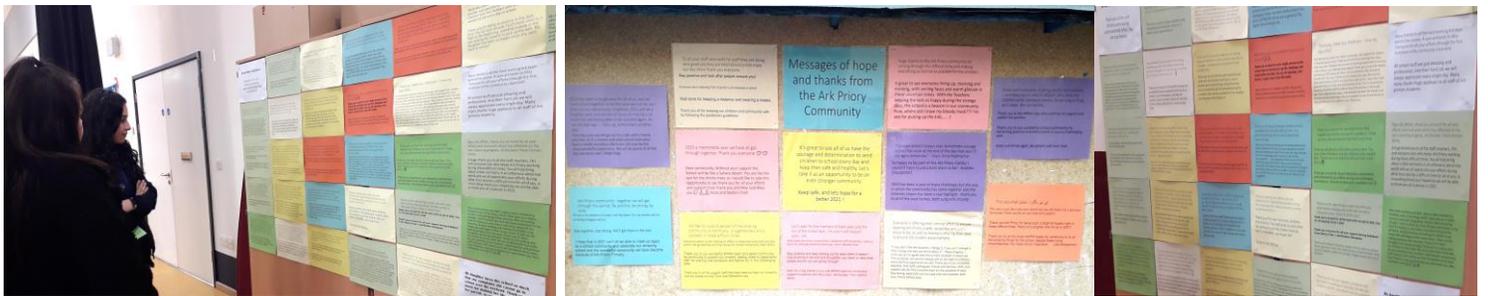
This term we have also had the support of a parent for our community who works in the industry and came to look at our systems and processes at lunch time. She has written a report and we are working hard to implement the recommendations.

Miss Louise and the team have also started working with our pupils To help them understand how food is made. Have a look at the Pictures of her making bread with Seacole class this week on our Twitter account.



Messages of hope and thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent a message of hope and thanks to our staff and to the community. The staff were so surprised this morning to see all the wonderful messages from our school community - a huge thank you! Please have a look on the notice board for messages for the community. It is so wonderful to read such lovely messages of supportive and kindness to one another. It has been a challenging time but I know we will continue through this together as the Ark Priory community!



What are we learning next week?

Nursery	Next week in Nursery we are reading the book Sammy Spider's First Hanukkah. We will be learning all about the traditions of Hanukkah and how the festival is celebrated. We will be playing games with dreidels and practicing our counting skills using a Menorah.
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Reception	<p>Our story of the week next week is 'Goldilocks and the three bears'</p> <p>Literacy: We are going to be tasting some porridge! Plain, sweet and salty. We will describe which one we like best using our senses and write the describing words to match our pictures.</p> <p>Maths: In maths, the children will be counting the number of spoonful's they use to make their porridge. They will also be learning numbers to 8 and playing matching games to understand the quantity and concept.</p> <p>Expressive Arts & Design: Using junk modelling and different materials and felts, the children will attempt to make a bed for Goldilocks!</p>
Year 1	<p>English: We are continuing to orally re-tell our story (ask us to perform it at home) and we are writing our re-tells in three parts (beginning, middle, end)!</p> <p>Maths: We are exploring simple worded problems and using our knowledge of methods to solve them. (Part-part whole models, jumps on a number line and using cubes.)</p> <p>Other: We are continuing to explore and compare old and new toys - if you are interested in participating in a 'teams call' and sharing your experiences of toys when you are younger, please contact your class teacher. A huge thank you for those who have already offered!</p>
Year 2	<p>In Maths, we will be exploring different strategies for multiplication and division.</p> <p>In English, we will be looking at poetry.</p> <p>In History, we will be discussing how the Great Fire of London could have been prevented.</p>
Year 3	<p>In Year 3, pupils will be using worded problems and bar modelling to solve problems involving addition and subtraction of three digit numbers with regrouping. In English, pupils will be writing a set of instruction on how to build a Stone Age home. In history, pupils will write about the different theories as to why Stonehenge was built. Our driving question is which era was the best, Stone, Iron or Bronze age so ask your child/ren what ideas they have ahead of our essay writing on the final week of school.</p>
Year 4	<p>In English, Year 4 will be writing an essay to answer the questions, 'How did the Romans influence and change Britain?'. In maths, we will be adding and subtracting fractions. On Friday, we will hold our Big Roman Day as a celebratory conclusion of our Topic on the Romans.</p>
Year 5	<p>Brianna has finally joined the adventure and is going to help Uncle Magnus and Alva solve the mystery of the Runes. In History, we will learn how William of Normandy is going to become the King of the English. In English, we are writing our recount of the Battle of Edington, when William, Duke of Normandy will defeat Harold Godwinson. In Maths, we will start working on volumes and develop our understanding of cube numbers, linking them to the calculation of the volume of cuboids.</p>
Year 6	<p>Continuing with fractions and planning a balanced argument in English and analysing author techniques in reading.</p>

EYFS Zoom Live Nativity

This year, we will be hosting our class nativity online. Please see below for dates/times for your child's class. Miss Dunford will be sending out the Zoom links next week. Many thanks

Shackleton class	Thursday 17 th December	9.30am
Henson class	Tuesday 15 th December	9.30am
Nursery A & C	Wednesday 16 th December	9.45am
Nursery B& C	Wednesday 16 th December	2.30pm

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Parent Information Zoom Meetings

We look forward to welcoming you to our next parent information Zoom meetings. These will be held on **Tuesday 8th December**- please see the timings below. Miss Dunford will be sending the Zoom meeting links to parents on Monday. We look forward to welcoming Claire Dacam, our Chair of Governors who will explain the role of Governors at Ark Priory and the work they do to support us. In the meantime, if you had any questions that you would like addressed, please send them to me at d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org by Monday 7th December at 12pm so I can cover them during the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

EYFS	9am- 9.30am
Year 1 & 2	9.30am – 10am
Year 3 & 4	10am – 10.30am
Year 5 & 6	10.30am – 11am

Ealing council signage on Acton Lane

Some parents brought these new signs to our attention. We contacted the council and they said:

These signs have been in place since early September, when we were due to launch the School Street. Drivers would only get tickets if the scheme were enforced by ANPR cameras and there are no cameras in place. These schemes are enforced by a stewarded barrier, so when the barrier is in place, vehicles cannot enter the scheme area.

From this information, we believe that cars cannot receive a ticket when entering this area at this moment as the School Street is not currently in action.

Please can all parents be thoughtful to the residents in the area when dropping off/collecting children from school in cars.

As always, we encourage families to walk, cycle or scooter. Many thanks for your support.

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.



MANY THANKS TO KFH ACTON FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARK PRIORY WISHING TREE!

£300 WORTH OF SCIENCE EQUIPMENT DONATED BY KFH ACTON

We are delighted to advise that we have received a generous donation of £300 from KFH Estate Agents in Acton, as a gesture of their ongoing support. In this year, which has been particularly challenging for APPAA Fundraising for Ark Priory, we are so happy to accept this donation towards the 2020 Wishing Tree. This means that the whole list is now complete, from donations from our

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parent community, and culminating with this fantastic donation from our friends at KFH! We thank them wholeheartedly for their ongoing support and look forward to working with them again in the future!

In the meantime, if anyone is interested to get in touch with them, do contact the manager Liam Bray on l.bray@kfh.co.uk

Their donation has covered some pretty special items - 5 Raspberry Pi Starter Kits! These are mini, affordable computers, used for teaching simple coding in schools. At £60 each they were the remaining items on the list, and we needed to be able to buy at least 5 so that a whole class could use them in groups in a lesson. They have now been delivered to school, and we look forward to hearing about how they are being used.



Raspberry Pi Kits (left) and Other Wishing Tree resources delivered to school this week: for Y1 and Music (right)

**APPAA Second Hand Uniform Sale - POSTPONED!
NOW ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 3.30PM
CAN YOU HELP OUT ON THIS DAY?**

Due to wet weather on Friday we have postponed the Second Hand Uniform Sale to next Wednesday 9 December at 3.30pm (gates will open earlier than normal pick up for those who wish to attend sale). We are still looking for some helpers to aid with set up, selling and packing away, please let us know if you are available from 2pm-4.30pm.

We thank everyone who has donated their pre-loved uniform and Christmas Jumpers so far. All funds raised will go towards enrichment and activities for all our children.

**Christmas is coming - TREATS IN STORE FOR THE CHILDREN!
PANTOMIME WORKSHOP AND CHRISTMAS 'PARTY IN A BOX' - APPAA hoping to spread some
Christmas joy!**

We are delighted that APPAA will be funding a Pantomime Dance workshop at school for all years. Last year our main fundraising aim was to raise enough funds to take all children to see a live theatre performance. Unfortunately our plans were thwarted by the Covid pandemic, and theatre visits are off the cards for at least the remainder of this year. We were pleased to be able to put

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some of last year's funds towards a dance company who are able to visit the school and spread some fun to all the children.

The planning for the 'Party in a Box' for all years is well underway, look out for further news about them in future newsletters!

Also special thanks to the generous parent who donated an 'Elf on the Shelf' toy to each class, for them to enjoy this Christmas season!

APPAA Committee 2020-2021 - PUT A FACE TO THE NAMES!

Updated poster will be up on the board in the side entrance

Look out for the updated APPAA Committee poster in the side entrance to school - many thanks to Laura Wilkin for compiling it for us!
Now you can work out who is who!!

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