



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our Year 1 pupils! We will also be welcoming back our Reception pupils on Monday 8th June, our Nursery pupils on Wednesday 10th June and our Year 6 pupils on Monday 15th June. For those parents whose children are not yet able to return, we will be continuing the home learning which will be sent on a bi-weekly basis. In order to adhere to the government guidelines, pupils returning will be put into 'pods' of 15 with two members of staff. This means that all our members of staff will now be involved in the running of the school day, including those teachers whose pupils have still not returned.

With this in mind, I ask that you please be patient for a response when emailing a class teacher because they will be involved with teaching another year group during the school day. The weekly phone calls to your home may be undertaken by a different member of staff than your child's class teacher. Please see the list for this information. Thank you for your patient and support. The community spirit has really helped us all during this very difficult time. You can read the information that has been sent to the returning year groups here:

<https://arkpriory.org/sites/default/files/ARK%20PRIORY%20REOPENING%20-%20PARENTS%20LETTER%202022.5.20.pdf>

Walk to school maps

On average, 84% of primary school children live less than 1 mile for their school. This can usually be walked in 20 minutes. We have attached to this newsletter the bright yellow, Change for Life, walk to school map for Ark Priory. This might be useful to you as it highlights the routes you can take to walk to our school, or suitable Park and Stride locations. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Grasso

Weekly phone calls to pupils from June 1st

<u>Member of staff</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Class</u>
Mrs Zakaryan	Y2	Armstrong
Miss Holden	Y2	Sharman
Miss Dingle	Y3	Archimedes
Miss Foura	Y3	Brunel
Mr Meetook	Y4	Fleming
Miss Beshirian	Y5	Monet
Miss Lyubomirova	Y5	Mozart

**Miss White and Mrs Georgaki will continue to call their pupils
until June 13th**

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Supporting your child at home

For families who may be struggling and whose children may not be returning to school yet.

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-wellbeing-activities-for-teaching-staff-and-families.html>

This story book which has been written by a nurse for adults to share with

children: https://www.imperial.nhs.uk/~/_/media/website/patient-information-leaflets/childrens-services/coronavirus/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus.pdf?la=en



Welcome back!

We welcomed back our Year 1 pupils this week. Staff worked hard to make sure everything was ready for the arrival of our Year 1 pupils on Wednesday.



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Home learning showcase

Mohammed has been working very hard on his art work at home. He has improved in his skills since the start of the lockdown. Well done!



Please send examples of outstanding home learning to Miss Grasso d.grasso@arkprioryprimary.org

Dear Priory Mathematicians,

Well done to Rebecca from Somerville for receiving a certificate for her participation in the Maths Whizz Competition! Entries from Year 3 and Reception have also been submitted awaiting judging. Great job Priory!

Challenge 3 is below. Send your recording to Miss Broodie, a.broodie@arkprioryprimary.org, by 2pm on Sunday 7th June 2020.

Please submit videos if you are happy for them to be shared on Twitter.

Let's see who else will be getting a certificate in the coming weeks?

Good luck!

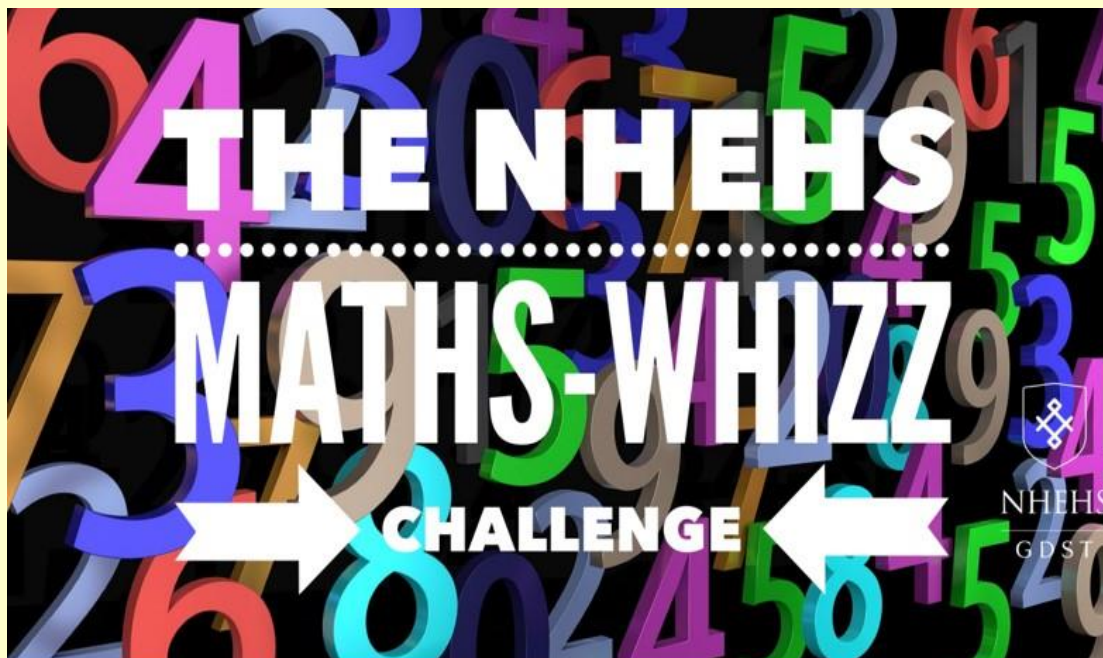
Miss Broodie

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Challenge 3 -

Recite as many prime numbers as you can, in order without missing any, in one minute.

Submit a video recording of you doing this with eyes visibly closed

(to show you're not reading off a sheet)

Please also submit the number you reached.

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.

Hello from APPAA!

We hope everyone has kept safe and well in this period of Covid19 Lockdown. We are delighted to be able to contact you again via the school newsletter. Whether you may have children back at school or still at home for now, we hope we can help unite the community and find ways to share information and initiatives. A reminder that our main and most up to the minute method of communicating to you all is by your class reps via the Year Group What's App Groups - please get in touch if you wish to be added, or let us know if you wish to rejoin.

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Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to those who contacted APPAA to purchase second hand uniform in our on-line sale, in our response to call outs via the What's App group. We sold a good amount of items and raised approx £150 for the school! We hope to do another sale before the end of term and hope we can find a way to allow donations to be collected safely. Until then please hold onto your good quality outgrown second hand items (especially the branded items like blazer, jumper and PE kit) and we will let you know when we have a plan to collect them. If you have any specific requests for uniform please send details via email to appaacommitee@gmail.com and we will keep a list until we can acquire those items.

New reception and nursery starters for Sept 2020

Dear Parents of children starting in September, we hope that we will be able to see you at the New Parents Welcome Meeting, where APPAA have in the past been able to speak briefly about the organisation and how you can get involved. In the meantime please do connect with other new starter parents by joining the new Reception 2020 or Nursery 2020 What's App groups - drop a line with your name and number to appaacommitee@gmail.com and we will get you added to the group!

Year 6 Leavers

We are still planning to give our year 6 leavers a good send off, despite the current situation. We are going to be compiling a "virtual year book" so please start digging out those old photos of the kids from over the years. We are also looking into leavers' hoodies as a lasting momento for the children. More details to follow!

The Giving Machine - Shop online to raise free money for Ark Priory!

The Giving Machine is a site that that helps charities and organisations raise funds just by shopping on line! If you enter a shopping site via this site it generates a small percentage donation from the retailer at no extra cost to you. 1000's of online stores are part of the scheme. This has been one of our silent 'armchair' fundraisers, which regularly made approx £120 a month in recent times. During the recent Covid19 pandemic this has plummeted to only £20 last month! As shops reopen we beseech you to use the Giving Machine - sign up and add Ark Priory as your cause. Remember that many types of stores and businesses are enrolled in the scheme, do check if you are making an online purchase, for clothes, household items, DIY, travel companies, insurance, all sorts!

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

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