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Dear Parents and Carers,

This continues to be a challenging time for us while we head into new national restrictions. Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to ensure the health and wellbeing of our staff and our students – and we will always put our school community first.

Our school remains open. I am pleased to let you know that we had a whole school attendance of 97.7% this week which is incredible. All students should continue to come to class unless they or someone in their household has tested positive for Coronavirus, and everyone is self-isolating. The best place for students is at school where they can continue their learning and development. Please follow the new government guidance and please stay safe.

In further response to the parent/carers survey, I have included information about what our pupils will be learning next week in school. You can find this information under the heading 'What are we learning next week?'. I hope this enables parents/carers to further support their child/ren at home. This week we held our first virtual parent teacher conferences which I hope were useful and gave you an understanding of the progress of your child/ren and their next steps but also what you can do at home to support them in the learning. 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: Danae AOTW: Dylan	EINSTEIN	Habon
5	MOZART	Freddie	MONET	SOTW: Conrad AOTW: Isaiah
4	CURIE	SOTW: Ava AOTW: Lillyanna	FLEMING	Elemi
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Mateo AOTW: Ryan	BRUNEL	Ahyaan
2	SHARMAN	Zander	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Kaja AOTW: Jacinda
1	PANKHURST	Omer	SEACOLE	SOTW: Ruqai AOTW: Malak

Children In Need non-uniform day

On **Friday 13th November**, we will also be celebrating 'Children In Need' day with a non-uniform day. We are asking children to bring in £1 to raise money for the cause. <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



Donations of PE jogging pants and clean underwear needed!



Don't forget, if we've sent your child home in some of our spare clothes, please make sure to return them to the school office. Thank you!

Toy collection for Great Ormond Street Children's hospital



We are really pleased to announce that we will be collecting **plastic and wooden** new and second-hand toys and books (in excellent condition and suitable for children) to donate to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH) from **next Monday 9th November 2020**.

We are collecting plastic and wooden toys, as well as books, as they need to be washable with wipes (so plastic and wooden materials and some metals are fine). Please can you clean them and check for broken parts before donating, to ensure they are suitable for hospital use.

Not only is this a fantastic cause for a wonderful hospital, this initiative is inspired by a member of our own school community, Caroline, whose son Maxence was due to start at Ark Priory in September, but who is now receiving treatment for a brain tumour at GOSH. Due to covid-19, the hospital have had very few donations and she would very much like to collect much-needed toys to bring some joy to the children at the hospital, including Maxence, which she will take with her on their weekly trips there for treatment. We believe that as a school community we can help her with this pledge.

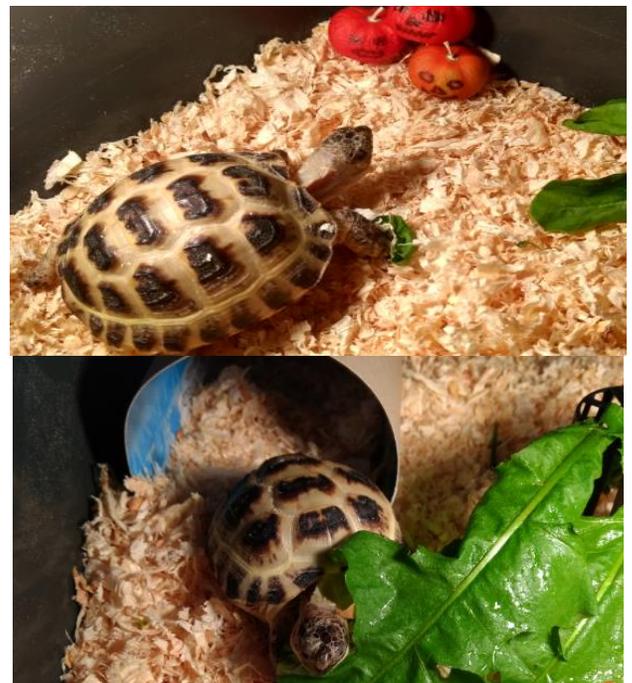
She said, "Maxence was supposed to attend Ark Priory nursery this year but was diagnosed with a brain tumour in June and stayed at GOSH for 3 months receiving treatment. The play specialists and play worker team are amazing and really help the children to get through their disease in the best way they can. For that, they use toys during play sessions with the children or during treatment or as a therapy when the children have difficulties coping with the nurses and doctors' manipulations. The toys are a source of joy for the kids for whom the days are very long, especially with the covid situation which doesn't allow them to have visits and sometimes go out of their ward just for a walk around the hospital."

Please donate as generously as you can.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE!!

Half term holiday for Toby

Sir Tobias Priory Royce (Toby the tortoise) has had a wonderful half term exploring Emily and Mark's house. He even had a Halloween home for the day! He has come back to school looking very well fed and full of adventures. What a lucky tortoise!



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ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



The week of 16th- 20th is November is Anti-bullying week. We will be kicking off anti-bullying week with **Odd Socks Day** on **16th November**. This is a fun and stress-free way for parents and children to celebrate what makes people unique. Please follow our Twitter account @arkpriory to see what we get up to during the week!

What are we learning next week?

Nursery	Developing speech and language by discussing how we celebrate birthdays with our families and our books of the week will be How Many Sleeps? and Kippers Birthday. We will improve our understanding and have an experiential learning experience by following the instructions to make our own birthday cupcakes. In maths we will be counting candles on birthday cakes, sharing the dates of our birthday and discussing numbers of personal significance.
Reception	Our story of the week next week is 'Hovis the Hedgehog'. Literacy: At the beginning of the week, we will be learning how to sequence our story in the correct order. We will be identifying what happens first, next, then and last. We will also be learning how to write a 3-step plan for Hovis the Hedgehogs new home. We will be using our phonics knowledge to sound out the words and write down 3 instructions. Maths: In maths, the children will be learning about numbers from 6-10. Together, we will be learning the quantity of each number and we will be practicing practically how to count these numbers correspondingly. Expressive Arts & Design: Using junk modelling, saw dust, glitter and paint, we will be making a home for our hedgehog. We will complete this together as a class project and will use the home to play with at the end of the week.
Year 1	English: Introduction to our new story (Traction Man) and retelling the story to our partner. Maths: Addition and Subtraction within numbers to 20. Additional Other: Sharing our current knowledge of toys

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Year 2	<p>In Maths, we will be using bar models to help us to solve addition and subtraction word problems.</p> <p>In English, we will be writing narrative stories based on Jack and the Beanstalk.</p> <p>In History, we will be learning what were the key events on the Great Fire of London.</p>
Year 3	<p>In our maths next week, we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing mental strategies for addition and subtraction • Calculating with column addition • Calculating with column subtraction • Applying understanding to solve problems. <p>During English, we will continue to read ‘Stig of the dump’ and use talk for writing strategies to get to know the story and build towards a narrative. We will also look at the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanded noun phrases 2. Setting: Prepositional phrases 3. Character: Show don’t tell 4. Character: Direct speech 5. Using co-ordinating conjunction to extend sentences <p>ACP: We are starting our stone ages topic. We will be answering questions like ‘What do we know about earliest people? What was life like in early Stone Age Britain’</p>
Year 4	<p>Next week, we are interpreting discrete and continuous data in maths. This will be done through pictograms and bar charts.</p> <p>In English we will be practising the skills of narrative writing, adopting the point of view of one of the characters in Varjak Paw.</p> <p>In reading we will be continuing to read Varjak Paw and working to answer the question, “How does S.F. Said show Varjak is feeling overwhelmed and confused?”</p>
Year 5	<p>Next week in Year 5, we are going to start learning about the Vikings. When the Anglo-Saxons had invaded Britain, they did not plan that the country would be soon invaded by tribes coming from Scandinavia... the Vikings!</p> <p>In English, we will start reading Riddle of the Runes, by Janina Ramirez and will be writing diary entries.</p> <p>In Maths, we will explore multiplication and divisions</p>
Year 6	<p>Next week, Year 6 are writing an opening to narrative, and how Louis Sachar uses irony in our novel, ‘Hole’. We are also doing our mock SATS tests all week as our first practice. In PE, we are doing gymnastics and will be focusing on balancing,</p>

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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.

The Wishing Tree 2020 - LAST FEW DAYS TO DONATE!

ONLY £400 LEFT TO FUNDRAISE AND COMPLETE THE WHOLE LIST

We have received £2,680 in donations so far, with just £400 outstanding. Huge thanks to everyone who has been able to contribute to this initiative.

We are still accepting donations until next Monday, 9 November 2020.
If you would like to donate please do so by using the Paypal link below.

<https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=DNYRLEBCRSLTE>

OR you can continue to pay by bank transfer (Sort Code 230580 and Account Number 13386072) or cash donation - please contact appaacommitee@gmail.com



Most recent resources delivered to school

Creative Card Project - OVER 100 ORDERS! £300+ RAISED!

ARTWORK IS NOW SUBMITTED - Cards back by 19 November (approx)

We were very impressed by the lovely artwork we received this week, and the huge amount of orders (101 orders - the most ever!!) placed. We look forward to seeing the finished cards and products back at school, where they will be distributed to the children to bring home.

This project will raise in excess of £300 for Ark Priory too!

Thank you to everyone who took part!

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Ark Priory School Library - ADDITIONAL BOOKS ADDED!

£100 of NEW BOOKS - in advance of reopening this term

56 books have been sourced for the library, paid for out of existing APPAA funds from last year's 'Happiness' fundraising initiative. The new selection of fiction and non-fiction will be available when the library reopens for issuing later this term.

If you still have library books at home from before the lockdown in March, please do return to the classroom or school office.

Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital - TOY APPEAL

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN - Excellent quality pre-loved or new toys required!

We are collecting good quality toys and games for children of all ages, and wipeable preschool books, for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please donate only wooden, plastic or metal toys that can be wiped clean! No soft toys can be accepted!! There will be a large labelled box at pick up/ drop off for your donations.

Contact Vic Robinson for any queries (07973196738 / vicrobinson@me.com)

Christmas Jumpers and School Uniform - DONATIONS REQUIRED

SALE PROVISIONAL DATE FRI 4 DECEMBER - we will start collecting soon!

Please put aside your good quality, pre-loved or outgrown Christmas Jumpers and Ark Priory school uniform (particularly branded items in larger sizes) for APPAA who will hopefully run the next second-hand uniform sale at the end of the current lockdown.

We will start collecting soon, please keep your items for us and we will let you know how to donate in the next few days.

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

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