



Head Teacher's Message:

This month the children have focussed on the value of Resilience and once again have produced some fabulous posters based on our values. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Reception Disco and Y1/2 Cinema Night at the start of the month and it was great to hold these APPTA events early in the autumn term. We also are very pleased to have a new APPTA Committee following our APPTA AGM and I would like to thank everyone who is supporting our school in this capacity. A special thank you goes to our outgoing APPTA Chair - Mrs Liz Warner who did a fantastic job in her role over the last couple of years. Liz, along with her committee worked tirelessly to organise key events for our school and to help raise funds for the school which have contributed to our new Library Area and will include new climbing frames in KS1 and the Early Years. We are looking forward to the year ahead and we wish Zena Shah all the very best in her role as the new Chair with her newly elected committee.

Our Prospective Parent meetings are going extremely well and if you know of anyone that has children starting school in September 2019 please tell them to contact our school office to arrange a tour of the school. By the end of December we will have shown nearly 400 prospective parents around our school which is an amazing achievement!

I also wanted to say a huge thank you to our new Library Committee led by Ms Smitha Reddy and Mrs Louise Diakou. They have been amazing over the last couple of months and I thank them for all their time and efforts in helping to transform the library into an area that is already used by all the classes. Their efforts and creativity have been amazing!

This month our children once again supported the Children In Need charity and raised an amazing £636! Thank you to all our parents for contributing to the Happy Bag collection to help raise funds for our school as well. We raised £388.70 with your help. Thank you!

In December we have many exciting events organised including a Food Taster Day on Thursday 6th December at 2.45pm in the Hall. We also look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 8th December from 1pm-4pm in our Primary School. Other exciting events this month include: Bling Your Bike or Scooter to School Day on Tuesday 11th December; our Pantomime Visit for the whole school to see Beauty and the Beast at the Millfield Theatre and our Christmas Nativity for Reception and Y1.



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Reception News



In Orion Class, we have been practicing how to write our numbers, even in order! We have also been learning how to find one more than and one less than a given number.



In Calypso Class we have loved using the Puppet Theatre! We have explored the different characters and loved making our own stories about them. This has developed our communication skills and allowed us to improve at working together as a team.

Key Stage 1 News



Luna Class we have been creating healthy snacks, designing greeting cards on our new laptops and exploring the new gymnastics apparatus.



Nova Class enjoyed designing and making healthy snacks. We learnt how to handle and cut food safely and once we had tasted our snacks we evaluated the end product.



Lyra Class have learnt how to be photographers in Computing, by taking photos and using software on the laptops to edit their photos.



Carina Class have been enjoying exploring and experimenting with the new PE equipment. They have been trying different ways to move on, across and over the equipment safely.





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Vacancies- Caretaker -
Ashmole Academy (details
attached).

Please ensure
that all clothing
is clearly marked
with your child's
name.



It is absolutely vital that parents/carers
DO NOT park over our neighbours'
driveways or directly in front of the school
gates. We appreciate that parking is at a
premium, but the relationship we have with
local residents is really important to the
success of our school and for the safety of
our children. Thank you for your
cooperation.



For your information, our Child
Protection Officers are:

Mr Tofallis (Primary)
Mrs McLaren (Academy)
Mr Sanders (Governor)

The School Safeguarding Policy is
available on our website:
www.ashmoleprimary.org

Punctuality

There has been a significant rise in the
number of children arriving to school
late. We appreciate that sometimes
things don't always go to plan in the
morning, but it is really important that
children come to school on time.
Lateness is very disruptive for the
whole class as well as the school office.
Your co-operation is very much
appreciated. Thank you.

Do you have a child starting
Primary School in September
2019?

You can now apply online at
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/e-Admissions>

Deadline for applications is 15th
January 2019





School News and Reminders



Thank you to everyone who brought in clothes for recycling as the school has received extra money from the Happy School Bag company. You helped raise an incredible £388.70.



BBC
Children
in Need

The BIG
SPOTACULAR

Children in Need - Our school organised a non uniform day and cake sale to help raise money for less fortunate children and we raised an amazing £636! Thank you to everyone that contributed towards this day.





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Our New School Library



The Library is a working project but already it is looking amazing! A huge thank you to Ms Smitha Reddy and Mrs Louise Diakou for all their input, time and enthusiasm! We are building on our books and following the Christmas Fair the school will contribute at least another £1000 towards topping up all the fantastic donations and contributions we already have received.





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Usborne Books

During the recent parent consultations Mrs Leach held an Usborne Book Sale; the response was amazing! Thank you to everyone that purchased books during the evening. Your purchases meant that the school was able to purchase books to the value of £1,260. A huge thank you to Mrs Leach for organising this and working so hard on so many orders.

A special thank you to the following children and staff member that bought and donated these wonderful books to our library. Your donations have been gratefully received.

Sophie - Luna Class



Henry -Carina Class



Mrs Chown - Medical Officer



Vivaan - Lyra Class



James - Luna Class



Ayra - Calypso Class



Alex - Orion Class



Maria - Calypso Class



Niyan - Luna Class





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Volunteers - we always welcome volunteers to our school that have been DBS checked. If you are interested in helping at our school whether it be in class or to hear individual readers, please contact Mr Tofallis for further details. We currently have ten regular volunteers who we really appreciate.



It's Christmas!

During the morning of Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December, the children in Reception and Y1 will be performing their Christmas Nativity where parents/carers/grandparents are all welcome to attend. A letter with all the details will be sent out soon.

Our Governing Committee

We count ourselves very fortunate to have such a strong Governing Committee. If for any reason you would like to contact a Governor, please do so via the school office. Our Committee consists of the following members:

Mrs Gonul Daniels - Chair
Mr David Everett - Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee
Mr Tim Sanders - Safeguarding Governor
Mr Anthony Ugorji - Vice Chair and Health and Safety Governor
Mrs Pat Wood - Primary Educational Lead and Chair of Curriculum and Standards Committee
Mr Nicholas Scott - Parent Governor
Mrs Andri Charalambous - Staff Governor
Mr Rudi Ramdahan - Early Years Governor



A big hello and welcome to the PTA! Being a parent/carer of a child at Ashmole Primary School automatically makes you a member of APPTA (Ashmole Primary Parents Teachers Association). If you imagine a rainbow on your jumper (even in this weather!) then that is us...the collective consciousness of APPTA! ☺

We are always looking for new ways to fundraise, that are fun to organise and give the children a variety of events to enjoy and take part in, and welcome your ideas and suggestions as to how we can continue to do so. We have had many successful fundraising events in the past such as Mother's/ Father's Day Pop up Shops, International Food Day, coffee mornings, Happy Bag Recycling, Summer and Winter Fairs.

APPTA was founded in 2016 when the school first opened, and is a registered charity (Charity No. 1176120). We are a group of parents that love to meet on a Tuesday evening, have a cup of tea and discuss great fundraising ideas. It's a great way to meet other parents, get involved in your child's school and know that the money we raise goes directly to benefit our Ashmole Primary children. We liaise with the teaching staff to identify where best the money we raise can go to.

If you are interested in joining the PTA please let us know! We always welcome new faces ☺

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the incredible PTA committee members over the past two years who have created some fantastic events, and made the PTA a wonderful community to be a part of. Special thanks go to Liz Warner (Chair), Louise Diakou (Secretary), Lou Hatwell (Vice Secretary), Goksel Mustafa (Treasurer), and Neel Shah (Vice Chair), and our teacher representative Miss Costas, who have all recently stepped down from their positions. Thankyou all for your incredible hard work. The precedence you have set is an inspiration to continue making APPTA as successful as possible!

Your new appointed committee members are Zina Shah (Chair), Ruksana Kamal-Uddin (Vice Chair), Onkar Bhatt (Secretary), Shanaz Miah (Treasurer), Jane Atkinson (Vice Secretary), our elected trustees Ceri Berkovitch and Panny Kasapi, and our teacher representatives Mrs Redshaw and Miss Elia. A warm welcome to you all!

Our two main projects this coming term are **The Library** and **The Playground!**

The PTA are to fund £2000 worth of books and library equipment to ensure the library is up and running soon!

Equally, the playground will need an initial funding of £10,000 to ensure our children have a great climbing frame to use. Our recent fundraising events raised...

Reception Welcome Disco £361.05.... Year 1 and 2 Cinema Night £576.10

Happy School Bag Recycling £388.70. A huge thankyou to everyone who took part, organised and donated! The money we raised will directly be going to the above two projects mentioned.

All eyes (and hands!) are now on deck for the Christmas Fair! And we need you!

WE NEED: Volunteers for stalls on the day, enthusiastic bakers of cakes and handmade treats, bottles for Drinks Tombola, pine cones for Arts & Crafts, loans of at least 10 Christmas trees and lights for the Grotto, Snowflakes for the Decor team, and more volunteers!!!

Match Funding -most of the major banks, retailers and supermarkets will donate money if their employees have helped at an event. Does your business do this? Please do ask! :)

Gift aid - if you pay tax, and donate money to the PTA, by completing a gift-aid form, we can get extra money from the tax office.

Grants - some companies offer grants to charities. Do ask your company!

We have also gained a **£1000 sponsorship** from Unique Estates, so a big big thankyou to everyone who provided their address for a board!

Everything raised goes to our children, so any way you can help is great!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair, and a great year ahead full of new fundraising ideas!

Zina Shah
APPTA Chair



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Resilience

October
2018

Diary Dates

December	5 th	6pm – 7pm	Prospective Parents Open Evening in our Hall
	6 th	2.45pm	Food Taster Event in the Primary Hall for parents and children
	8 th	1pm – 4pm	PTA Event – Christmas Fair at the Primary School
	11 th	9.15am 2pm	'Bling your Bike' Day Sound of Music Show at the Academy for all pupils
	12 th	PM	Trip to Millfield Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast for all pupils.
	13 th	PM	Pupils to eat Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper Day
	17 th	9.30am	Coffee Morning Bike It Talk.
	18 th	9.30	Christmas Nativity - Reception/Y1 for Reception parents
	19 th	9.30	Christmas Nativity – Reception/Y1 for Y1 parents
	20 th	PM	Christmas Parties in Class
	21 st	12.45pm finish	Last Day of Term – Pupils leave at 12.45pm
January	7 th	8.50am	All pupils return to school



Foundation Sports
Stage Coach
Soccer Revolution
Tennis Rocks
Chinese School

www.foundation-sports.com
www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate
www.soccerrevolution.co.uk
www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com
www.huahsia-Chinese.org.uk

Useful websites!



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Attendance

Nova 95.8%

Calypso 94.73%

Luna 96.75%

Lyra 97.65%

Carina 98.57%

Orion 94.6%



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DETERMINATION

*is doing what
needs to be done
even when you don't
feel like doing it.*

DETERMINATION TODAY
leads to
SUCCESS TOMORROW

Celebrating Achievement

Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

Nova Class - Marina, Yiannis, William, Tami, Avash, Aaira, Jude, Elexa, Alyssa, Jayden, Jason, Izabella, Dimitar, Kenan and Charlie. Aston

Luna Class - Alaena, Nicholas, Freya, Rocco, Haris, Ellie, Poppy, Ashwin, Arman, Leyla, Carina Class, Ankit, Arabella, Dante, Ediz, Eren, Erin, Henry, Jasmine, Joshua, Kleo, Kuzey, Naima, Seb, Tilly, Alexandra, Eliza, Joe, Rahi, Rohan, Serena, Sophie.

Lyra Class - Amaya, Armin, Erin, Freya, Lewis, Malaika, Musa, Ted, Vivaan, Ediz, Eisa, Jasmine, Malaika

Breakfast and After School Club Contact Details

If you need to contact Mr Voskou, please email him through the school office or you may call him on 07754 669407