



Head Teacher's Message:



We have had a very busy month at Ashmole Primary School with so many exciting events that the children have participated in. I would like to say a huge thank you to the APPTA for organising an amazing Christmas Fair this year. Thank you to all our parents, staff and families for attending the event. We are very grateful to all our sponsors including our main sponsor- Unique Estate Agents that kindly donated an amazing £1000! In total the APPTA raised nearly £6000, with expenses to be deducted. The APPTA have kindly donated £10,000 to our school to support the purchase of new climbing equipment for KS1 and a further £1000 towards the Early Years Outdoor Play area. In addition the APPTA have helped purchase for each class some classroom games for wet play with a £20 donation per class. As promised all money raised by the APPTA always goes back to the children.

Looking back at this month, it is remarkable the amount of things we have actually achieved at school. We have had a focus on Road Safety with children creating banners; Bling Your Bike to school day; Pantomime Visit; Christmas Jumper Day and lunch; a visit to the Academy to watch the Sound of Music and Reception and Y1 have performed their own Nativity story which was a great success. A special DVD will be available in the New Year. In addition to this the children have continued their Spanish classes each week and Reception classes will also be learning Spanish from the new year.

I am very pleased to say that the school building project is officially over! Morgan Sindall have now left our site and have completed the car park and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Thank you to all our parents for your tremendous patience and understanding over the last couple of years with all the building work that has happened here at Ashmole Primary School. We hope that it has all been well worth it! The car park will be used only by the staff from January 2019. There will be drop off zone eventually in place but not yet. The children at our school are still only in Reception-Y2 and they are too young to just be dropped off in the car park but this is something that we will look at in the near future. The MUGA is now ready and we will purchase two football goals, two netball posts and two basketball posts for this area. This will be used by the children from January- predominantly by Y2 but also for all PE lessons and activities for all the children.

I would like to wish everyone an amazing Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year 2019! We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7th January with school registration at 8.50am. Best wishes and thank you for all your fantastic support.

Mr Tofallis





School News and Reminders

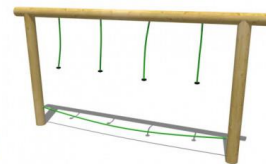
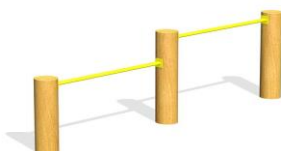
Bling Your Bike

Thank you to all the children for making a fantastic effort by coming to school with either their scooter or by bike on Bling Your Bike to School Day. Everybody that participated received a special sticker and Ellenie from Sustrans handed out a few prizes to the most decorated scooters and bikes. We also held a coffee morning and have planned further events for next term including a Dr Bike session where pupils and parents can bring in their bikes to be fixed and adjusted; a bring your bike day to school where we will all ride around the school building and take part in a competition to see which schools travel the most in an environmentally friendly manner.



New Climbing Frames

A new climbing frame and fixed playground equipment have been ordered for KS1. This will be installed early in the new year. Thank you to the APPTA for their generous donations towards the Bowfell Climber; Roll Over Bars; Walk and Stretch and Rope Swing Traverse. In addition the Early years will have a new slide and apparatus in the new year too! Thank you very much to Mrs Scott for researching this for the APPTA and the school and her input has been most valuable in helping us all achieve value for money and obtaining several quotes for playground climbing apparatus.





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Car Park and MUGA

Morgan Sindall have completed the new Multi Use Games Area and car park. The Local Highways department will complete the yellow lines and zig zags and repair the street paving in the Easter or Summer Holidays 2019. Morgan Sindall will still be around over the next eight months with their After Care Team to ensure of any essential maintenance or repair work. We will also aim to increase the size of the fencing via netting around the MUGA area so that balls do not keep going over onto the field.



Sports Coaches

From January 2019 we will have an additional Sports Coach who will support lunchtimes with Y2 in the new MUGA area. This will support games such as football, basketball and netball. Y1 and Y2 will also have an additional Coach to support PE lessons for at least once a week which will be funded with our Sports Premium money, over the Spring term.



Reception News



Calypso Class loved reading all about Elmer the colourful elephant! We talked about the things that make us different to each other and celebrated these differences as things that make us all special. Then the children spent some time designing their own special elephants. We took them for an 'Elephant Parade' just like in the story.

Orion class have really enjoyed learning about different religious festivals, we especially loved learning about Hanukkah. A big thank you to Alex's dad who came in and spoke to both Reception classes about the story of Hanukkah and how it is celebrated, the children really enjoyed it!



Year 1 News



Luna Class have been learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas in RE. We made Christingles and learnt about the symbolism of the different parts of the Christingle. In Science, we have been identifying different animal groups and this term we have investigated birds and fish.

In Science **Nova Class** have begun to look at the five main animal groups - Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals, Fish and Birds. We looked closely at the different features of a bird and fish.





Year 2 News



Lyra Class have been learning lots about shapes and patterns in maths. They have investigated the different properties that 2D and 3D shapes have and used these skills to apply them to making repeated patterns. The children had an amazing time watching the Beauty and the Beast Pantomime. As they loved it so much, we asked them to write a recount about their trip. In D&T the children planned and designed their bridges before making them.



Carina Class have been exploring taking and editing photos on our iPads and laptops in our Computing lessons. We used the Picasa 3 Software to edit our photos by changing the colours, editing the brightness and adding shadows.

We have also been learning how to safely use a variety of tools in Design and Technology such as saws and glue guns. We used these tools to make our wooden bridges which we had planned and designed in small groups.



New Telephone Number

Our new telephone system has finally been installed. We apologise that it may have sometimes been difficult to get through to the school office, so thank you for your patience. Although our current number is still operational until the end of January, you may contact us on the new number with immediate effect.

Our new number is 020 8361 1881



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Musical Instrument Lessons

Mrs Beacon will notify all parents in the new year in regards to the commencing of instrumental lessons at Ashmole Primary School for our Y2 children.

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

After School Activities

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the after school activities, including term dates, please contact the relevant club directly. The clubs will also endeavour to contact you directly via text message or What's app to keep you better informed.



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

Message from Mrs Chown

If your child has borrowed any items of school uniform including underwear, tights, socks etc., please return them to her as soon as possible as she is very low on these items.

Library Books

If your child has finished with their library book, please return it to school as soon as possible. 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





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MERRY CHRISTMAS! SHOWTIME



The children in Reception and Year 1 did an amazing job of showcasing their talents in our recent Christmas Nativity. All the children worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of them. A special DVD will be available in the New Year.

We look forward to seeing Year 2 showcasing their wonderful talents next year in their Summer Production!





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Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who made an extra effort to wear their Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children. You helped raise £123. If you didn't manage to contribute on the day, it's not too late! The money raised will help Save the Children, give the world's forgotten children, a brighter future. Thank you.



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Volunteers

A huge thank you to all our regular volunteers who come into class every week to hear readers or work with groups of children. We now have twelve regular helpers as well as many other parents that come in to help with our Library and to support with decorating the school. Your help is always very much appreciated. This term our Christmas decorations have looked amazing with special thanks to Mrs Wishart and Ms Wilson who have organised this with the help of others. A huge thank you once again to Ms Reddy and Mrs Diakou for giving up so much time to organise our new library. Thank you to many others who also give up selected time to help us in any other ways such as school trip days, lunchtimes and donating items for the school. Special mention goes to Mrs Atkinson for an amazing amount of book donations that have been gathered for the school and to Mrs Leach for her support with fundraising via Usborne Books. I would also like to thank Mr Wightman for his photography and video skills this term. Everyone has worked together as a great team and this is so important to build on our success story so far.



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Diary Dates

January	7 th	8.50am	First Day of Spring Term
	9 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
February		Value	Humour
	w/c 4 th	All Week	Safer Internet Awareness Week
	5 th	7pm	PTA Meeting
	13 th	8.50am	Happy School Bag Collection
	15 th	3.15pm	Last Day of Half Term
	25 th	All Day	Inset Day
	26 th	8.50am	First Day of Half Term

Club Information and Contact Details

Foundation Sports – Tom Boxer 07505 097340

Soccer Revolution – Stel Ekkeshis 07795 033492

Tennis Rocks – Paul Rock or Ria 07934 118211/020 84495560

Stage Coach – Kate Diaz 020 8689993

Tatty Bumpkin – Dia Alford 07789 798297



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Spanish School
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www.foundation-sports.com
www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate
www.soccerrevolution.co.uk
www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com
www.huahsia-Chinese.org.uk
www.olespanish.net
www.winchmorehill@tattybumpkin.com

Useful websites!



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Attendance

Nova 94.35%

Calypso 93.2 %

Luna 95.69%

Lyra 95.03%

Carina 92.36%

Orion 93.28%



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Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Celebrating Achievement

Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

Nova Class - Ariyan, Jason, Jennah, Anoushka, Raffy, Ben

Luna Class - Taylan, Aaryan, James, Mishika

Carina Class - Aston, Eliza, Natalie, Rahi, Rohan, Sophie, Arden, Elodie, Dante

Lyra Class - Eisa, Evie, Gabriella, Keana, Laurence, Sia

Book Token Award for Truth: Alaena in Y1 and Max BM in Y2.

Book Token Award for Resilience- Serena in Y2.

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.