



## **Head Teacher's Message:**

Christmas seems like such a long time ago, but I wanted to start by saying how touched myself and my staff were at your generosity and kindness at Christmas. We received many wonderful gifts and countless boxes of chocolates, that we are slowly making our way through, so thank you!

The children have settled back into school really well and continue to make great progress. This month the children have focused on the value of Positivity and once again have produced some fantastic posters based on our Values.

I am pleased that Reception have been able to join the after school activities. We always appreciate parental feedback on our clubs and we will always endeavour to ensure they are successful and popular. Should there be any issues, please contact the relevant club in the first instance.

We have had a very positive start to the year with a recent visit from a practising Ofsted Inspector. Our practise Ofsted went very well and our visitor was very impressed with many aspects of our school. My staff work incredibly hard to deliver a first class education for all the children and I'm very grateful for all their hard work and support. We are certainly on track to achieve outstanding and with continued hard work and the support of all our staff, parents and governors we can achieve this at our real Ofsted inspection.

Instrumental lessons have commenced for pupils in Year 2. I would like to thank Mrs Atkinson (Year 1 parent), who has managed to source two pianos and an array of other musical instruments. If you have any questions regarding instrumental lessons, please contact Ms Beacon (Music Manager).

Finally, the possibility of snow has been forecast over the next few weeks. Whilst the school will make every effort to stay open, there may sometimes be occasions when it is just not safe to do so. In any case, parents will always be notified via text message or email. Conditions can sometimes change very quickly so the notice by the school may be short.

Best Wishes  
Mr Chris Tofallis



### **After School Activities**

If you are unable to collect your child from any of the after school activities, i.e. football, tennis etc., and you are sending someone else, who is not known to the club to collect them, please let the relevant club manager know. If you are unable to get in touch with them via telephone, please email them. Thank you.



## School News and Reminders



### The 'Golden Lock' Cycling Incentive



As part of the Bike It project, we will be running the 'Golden Lock' during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> February, throughout the month. To encourage our pupils to ride to school, one bike will be randomly selected from the cycle racks each day throughout the month and adorned with a Golden Lock! The children that find the Golden Lock will be announced in a special assembly and will receive an award. Good luck!

### Breakfast and After School Club - New Email address

Mr Voskou is now available via email. The new email address is

[basc@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:basc@ashmoleprimary.org)

A huge thank you to those of you that have cleared outstanding payments on parentPay and a reminder to those that still need to clear any outstanding amounts. Please remember that all payments must be cleared otherwise your child's place could go to somebody else on the waiting list. Thank you.

### Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mr Wightman for the fantastic photographs that we have on display around the school. He has managed to capture many amazing shots of the children. The corridors are definitely looking more interesting because of his great work. Mr Wightman will be available for family portraits in one of our KS1 classes on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9am - 1pm and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 1pm. For more information, please contact him on 07736 311037



## Reception News



**Calypso Class** have been learning about addition. The children know that when we add two smaller groups together we end up with one larger group. The children know that we can add more than two groups together to make a larger number too! They have enjoyed exploring addition in lots of different ways, even when using Lego in their play and matching totals to Numicon.

In **Orion class**, we have really enjoyed learning new sounds and we have been practising how to use our sounds to make different words. We have also loved learning all about addition and subtraction and how to write different number sentences.



## Year 1 News



**Luna Class** - This month, Luna Class have been TV chefs! We created an algorithm to make a jam sandwich and used the algorithm to instruct us how to make the sandwich whilst being filmed as TV chefs. Afterwards we put the videos together on i-Movie. We have also been exploring how animals move, in dance lessons and in science, and the similarities and differences in the movements. In History, we have been learning about living in the Victorian period and we have role played living in a Victorian house.

**Nova class** have enjoyed learning about money this week. We set up a class shop and the children enjoyed using real money to buy the different items.

In our Science topic we have been looking closely at different animals. This week the children investigated the different ways a variety of animals move and the body parts they use to do so.







## Year 2 News



**Lyra Class** have been learning about the artist Roger Colson. The children have learnt about how to draw landscapes, focusing on perspective and scaling. The class then did a landscape drawing of the view from our classroom to the secondary school. In Science, we have been learning about how to become a gardener. The children learnt about what it takes to grow a seed and what could effect the growth of it.



**Carina Class** have been learning about the importance of kindness during Ramadan. The children worked hard thinking of their own ways to show and spread kindness to create their own Kindness Calendar.

In Maths the children were able to practically demonstrate fantastic understanding of place value using a variety of resources. They worked well in pairs to solve their tricky questions. Well done Carina Class!



## New Telephone Number

Please remember that our telephone number has changed. Our new number is

**020 8361 1881**

Please save this number as the old number is no longer available!



# School News and Reminders

## School Uniform/Jewellery - Reminder

All pupils should be wearing the correct school uniform, which also includes the correct colour of coat and shoes. Earrings should be a single stud only; please no loops as this could be a potential health and safety risk. For our full list of school uniform, please click on the following link

<https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=26>

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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



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](http://www.ashmoleprimary.org)

## Message from Mrs Chown

You have all been so kind sending in spare items of uniform that I am fully stocked for now! Many thanks.



## Parking

Whilst most of our parents and carers are considerate when parking outside the school, there are still a small number of you who continue to block driveways. This is extremely frustrating for our local residents and I would urge you, once again, to not park over any driveways, even for a few minutes! It is better to walk, scooter or cycle to school. If you do drive, please park well away from the school gates. Barnet Highways will complete the zig zag markings in the Easter or Summer holidays. Until then, we all need to care about where we park so that we do not put our children in any danger. Please note, our car park is for staff ONLY, unless you have been given prior permission from Mr Tofallis. Thank you.



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## Diary Dates

| February |                                    | Value         | Humour  |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
|          | w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>                | All Week      | Safer Internet Awareness Week   |
|          | 5 <sup>th</sup>                    | 7pm           | PTA Art Evening   |
|          | 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | 8.50am        | Happy School Bag Collection   |
|          | 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | 3.15pm        | PTA Bake Sale after school  |
|          | 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9am<br>3.15pm | Early Years Phonics Workshop with Mrs Pavlakos<br>Last Day of Half Term |
|          | 18 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> | All Week      | Half Term   |
|          | 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | 8.50am        | Return to School  |
| March    |                                    | Value         | Respect   |
|          | 4 <sup>th</sup>                    |               | Timothy Knapman – Children's Author in                                  |
|          | 8 <sup>th</sup>                    |               | Book Day – Dress Up   |
|          | 18 <sup>th</sup>                   |               | Science Week  |

## 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



Foundation Sports  
Stage Coach  
Soccer Revolution  
Tennis Rocks  
Chinese School  
Spanish School

[www.foundation-sports.com](http://www.foundation-sports.com)  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate)  
[www.soccerrevolution.co.uk](http://www.soccerrevolution.co.uk)  
[www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com](mailto:www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com)  
[www.huahsia-Chinese.org.uk](http://www.huahsia-Chinese.org.uk)  
[www.olespanish.net](http://www.olespanish.net)

# Useful websites!





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### Attendance

Nova 95.66%

Calypso 94.07%

Luna 95.19%

Lyra 99.14%

Carina 98.57%

Orion 94.29%



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**Humour**

**Q: What are prehistoric  
monsters called when  
they sleep?**

**A: A dinosnore!**



## Celebrating Achievement

### Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

**Orion Class** - Adele, Alborz, Ashok, Melis, Lia, Rikki

**Calypso Class** - Emma, Kieran, Milo, Skye, Alfie, Maria

**Nova Class** - Sofia, Kenan, Sara, Aariyan, Alyssa, Ben Liyana, Charlie, Yiannis. Liyana, Dimitar

**Luna Class** - Alexander J, Tolu, Roan, Aara, Alexander D, Mishika, Nathaniel, Sophie

**Carina Class** - Erin, Nikolaos, Alexandra, Serena, Kiki, Eliza, Seb, Joe, Arabella, Dante

**Lyra Class** - Agastya, Armin, Elizabeth, Jenna, Jimmy, Sia, Andy, Florrie, Zahir

Book Token Award for Determination: Liyana (Nova Class)

Book Token Award for Positivity. Elizabeth (Lyra Class)

## Road Safety Banner Competition

### Winners

Max B M - Y2 Lyra

Keana - Y2 Lyra

Elizabeth - Y2 Lyra

Sofia T - Y1 Nova

Lily K - Y2 Carina

# From the APPTA

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term! We hope the Christmas holidays was a relaxing break for everyone and everyone is again ready fueled for the year ahead!

The PTA are excited for the year ahead and look forward to your involvement in our fundraising events and support of our ongoing school projects, such as the Library, the Playground, and supporting Music within our school.

As a growing school we believe it's important to create a network whereby all parents across the years are connected, to create a strong school community.

We have asked all parents if they could sign up with Classlist as we would like to ideally use this platform to advertise future PTA events. You can register to be part of the Ashmole School Community by clicking on <http://classlist.com/start/uanh9>  
It would be great to get the whole school on it!

So far this term, the PTA have spent...

- £404 on seating and shelving for the Library in the form of bookcases, stools, bean bags, floor cushions, picture frames and materials for the Library decor. The Library is already looking fantastic, thanks to all the hard work of our parent volunteers who make up 'The Library Team', with special thanks to Smitha and Louise Diakou.
- £70 for a freezer for Mrs Chown. This will help store additional ice packs.
- Approximately £300 on recorders for each child in Year 1 in accordance to Yr 1 starting recorder classes in the Summer term.
- £30 on chalk for each child to use during play time, whilst we await permanent floor markings on the playground when the weather improves. The 'Playground Team' of volunteers are currently drawing up some fantastic creative designs to transform the playground space 😊
- The £11,000 spent last term on the playgrounds should see the equipment installed on the 18th February, ready for use after half term 😊

## DONATIONS

- We have received over **2000 books** from 40 individuals within the local community for our school Library, saving the school thousands of pounds!
- Hayley who runs Monica Anne Sweet Creation has generously donated empty **sweet jars** that the Library need for their 'BFG dream jar' display which the children will write and places their dreams in!  
If bought these jars would have cost £8 each!
- Kiva Coffee Shop in Palmers Green have generously donated a **piano** to the school!
- St Michael's School in Enfield have generously donated a **piano**, and **electric piano**, and a **violin**!



- We have received **two violins** from 2 individual members of the community.

We are extremely grateful for all our hugely generous donations which will help support our Library and fuel Music within our school.

Special thanks goes to Jane Atkinson for her involvement in sourcing and collecting these amazing donations.

The PTA have many wonderful events lined up for both the children and parents to enjoy this year.

#### Future dates

- **Parents Art Evening**, Tuesday 5th February 7-8.30pm. £8 per person. In the Primary Hall. *Limited spaces. Please let your class rep know if you're interested in attending!*
- **Happy School Bag Recycling** Wednesday 13th February straight after drop off. Bags can be brought in from Tuesday 12th and can be left in the Hall from the side entrance opposite the bike shelter.
- **Coffee Morning/Afternoon** 1st week of March date and time tbc.
- **Mother's Day Pop up shop** Thursday 28th March
- **Happy School Bag Recycling** Friday 5th April & Thurs 6th June
- **Easter Egg Hunt** Wed 10th April.  
A fun event for the children during school hours.
- **Father's Pop up shop** Thurs 13th June
- **Summer Fair!** Saturday 22nd June 1pm - 4pm
- **Sports Day** Wed 3rd July. A school event where PTA will be selling refreshments.

We are also looking to have a Quiz night, and a fun filled event in May for the whole family to attend!

If you would like to volunteer or get involved in the PTA...please email the PTA

[ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com)

We always welcome new faces! ☺

Zina (Chair)

APPTA