



Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers

This month the children have focused on the value of Friendship and have produced some wonderful posters based on our value. Well done to Florrie in Year 3 for winning the Equality value last month - Florrie received a £5 book voucher. The Friendship award will be handed out next week in our Merit assembly.

Our Prospective Parent tours have been very successful - if you know anyone that has children starting school in September 2020, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a tour. This month the children raised £385 for Children In Need by bringing in their preloved belongings and selling them in our Bring and Buy Sale. Thank you to everyone who supported this. We have enjoyed many wonderful events this month including an African Drumming Workshop, a Cyber Security parent workshop and of course our wonderful Bikers Breakfast this morning. I have been amazed at the amount of work the children have put in to decorating their bikes and scooters. Thank you to Mollie and Joe from Sustrans for hosting this event and who also had the difficult job of choosing the winning bikes and scooters.

We have many events and workshops taking place in December including a Mindfulness Workshop for our parents in the school hall which will be hosted by Anna Zannides on Thursday 12th December at 9am, as well as a Food Taster event for all our parents and families at 2.45pm until 3.45pm. This will be hosted by Chef Ellie in our hall. Everyone is welcome to come and sample some of our lovely school meals and speak to the Catering Team.

I would especially like to thank Mr & Mrs Patel (Amaya, Ria and Tia's parents) for their very generous donations of classroom books for all our year groups.

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the APPTA Christmas Fair next Saturday 7th December from 1pm-4pm.

Best Wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception News

Calypso Class have enjoyed exploring the concept of 1 less and 1 more. They have been using practical resources to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We then moved on to adding larger groups of numbers together. The children grasped the concept well and they were excited to learn some Maths symbols too... +, - and =.

In Phonics we have been using our bodies to help us with using robot voices to sounds out words! We have been jumping as well as using our fingers to count out the sounds we can hear. The children have been working so nicely together in pairs.

Orion class have had a great month in November! We have now learnt all of our phase 2 sounds and we are trying really hard to practise making words and blending our sounds together. We have also been looking at addition and subtraction in Maths and creating number sentences! Orion class have been busy learning our nativity songs and dances and we can't wait to show you them!



Year 1 News

Nova class have enjoyed learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. We spent some time in the wildlife garden exploring the different leaves and deciding whether they were from deciduous or evergreen trees. Nova class discussed how the deciduous trees and leaves change as the seasons change. Whilst there, we collected leaves and used them for observational drawing, collage and leaf rubbing activities. We had great fun!

In literacy we went on an exciting treasure hunt as a class. We followed the clues which took us around the school until we found the special chocolate coins. Once we had completed the treasure hunt we wrote a recount and explained each part of our adventure.



This month Luna Class have had a fantastic fun-filled month! We took part in a drumming workshop and got to play and sing songs from a different countries in Africa on African drums. To celebrate Black History month, we painted a drip paintings inspired by the artist Frank Bowling. This painting technique is abstract and colourful, we really enjoyed this activity! As part of our Christmas topic in RE, we made Christingles to help us learn more about the celebration of advent and the symbolism of the Christingle.

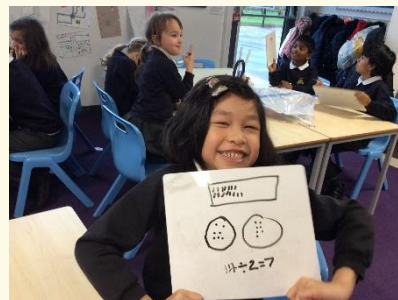


Year 2 News

We have been extremely busy in Carina Class this month. We really enjoyed our African drumming workshop as part of Black History Month and our weekly mindfulness sessions. In our Design and Technology lessons we have been learning about vehicles and axles, and have designed our carts which we can't wait to make next month. In class we have also learnt lots about Mary Seale and Florence Nightingale and are looking forward to our trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum!



In Lyra class this month we have been working so hard. In Literacy and History we have been learning all about the amazing nurses who paved the way for our nurses today; Florence Nightingale and Mary Seale. In maths we have covered so many new themes, column subtraction and dividing being our favourites. In division we have covered sharing, grouping and arrays!



Year 3 News

Lynx class have been super busy this November in Maths and have been learning about mental math strategies for multiplication and division. Lynx then moved onto learning about formal written methods for division and multiplication and we ended the month of November learning about time to be able to identify the correct time on a clock to the nearest 1 and 5-minute intervals.



Astra Class have been finding out about the cause and effect of earthquakes. In Geography lessons, they have been spending time researching major earthquakes and have started creating their own news reports on the earthquake that shook Japan in 2011.

In class, the children used DIY seismographs to investigate how earthquakes are recorded. They created their own 'earthquakes' using classroom chairs. Some earthquakes were stronger than others and the children saw the effect of this on their seismograph readings. We can't wait to read their final articles next week!



Latest news and events

Breakfast and After School Club

We currently have a few spaces available in Breakfast Club. If you wish to book your child a permanent place, please speak to either Ms McDowell, who is now running the club, or Mrs Mittins, who will be in dealing with the admin for the club.

The opening/closing times for Breakfast Club are 7.45am to 8.50am and 3.15pm - 5.45pm for After School Club.

The cost for Breakfast Club is £5.00 and £10.00 for After School Club. Please remember that if you have reserved a place at the club and your child does not attend, you will still be charged, unless the club is cancelled or your child is unwell and absent from school. Any outstanding balance on your child's account should be settled before the end of each half term via Parent Pay, unless there is a valid explanation, as this may result in your child's place being withdrawn. If your child already attends the club, please remember that any changes to the days that you initially requested must be made in writing to Mrs Mittins before the end of the term.

As the school is increasing in size, the number of pupils attending the clubs are also increasing. If you do need to use the club on a one off basis, you must contact Mrs Mittins at least two days in advance, via e-mail to basc@ashmoleprimary.org to check if there is any availability. Please do not just turn up at the club without warning. Thank you for your support.

Competition Time!

JTA Competition



Enter our JTA competition in order to win prizes!!!

To enter the competition all you need to do is design a poster/banner to promote walking/ scooting or cycling to school.

Rules:

- Must include at least two facts about why it is better to travel to school by scooter/bike or walking

Competition closing date: Friday 13th December



Meet our new Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA), Oliver, Jennah, Sophie and Eren. On behalf of TFL, their job is to make travelling to and from school safer and more active for their classmates. They have each received a booklet with information they need to research, plan, promote and deliver safer, active and independent travel activities in our school.



These can be assemblies, competitions and events. A JTA will wear their badge at all times so everyone in school knows the important job they do.

To start with, the JTA are running a fantastic competition and there are lots of prizes to be won!! To enter the competition your child will need to design a poster/banner to promote walking/scooting or cycling to school.

COMPETITON DEADLINE: FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER



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APPTA NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy month, and much is going on behind the scenes!

A big thank you to Louise Diakou, Hamideh Afkarielou and Smitha Reddy for all their help upstairs in the Junior Library, and for their continued help in the downstairs Library. The PTA funded £400 towards the Junior Library furniture; book shelves, tables, benches, and newspaper and magazine stands. Upstairs, Louise and Hamideh have been hard at work hand-painting the furniture to make it exciting and enjoyable for the children to use this space! A huge thank you to Louise and Hamideh for all the hours of work they have put in! The PTA have also agreed £500 towards books for the Junior Library! The PTA have also recently contributed £1000 towards the whole school Chickenshed Theatre Trip to see Snow White. This contribution has helped to lower the costs for all parents. The PTA have also given £325.39 towards the D&T department for a Yr 2 and Y3 project, £280.50 for the purchase of 30 dictionaries for Year 3, and £459 for the purchase of four mini ovens and a freezer for the KS1 and KS2 Food Technology Department. Everyone's valuable donations and contributions towards the PTA enable the PTA to support the school with enriching the children's school life, with materials and experiences they can value. A big thank you to everyone.

Christmas Fair!

Planning and preparations have been taking place since October, and a huge thank you goes to Leila Wishart and Kayt Wilson, and the whole Decor Team for their incredible ideas and their non stop creative hard work at every given opportunity! The wonderful Decor we see at our Fairs come from parent volunteers' ideas and passion. And for that a big thank you to the Decor Team from us all.

We need:

- *Volunteers across all stalls, especially elves for the 2.30-4pm slot!
 - *Cakes, savouries and homemade treats for our Food Stall. Please remember NO NUTS!
 - *Bakers to bake Gingerbread for our Gingerbread Decorating Stall.
 - *Bottles for the Drinks Tombola - Bring in by Friday 29th Nov.
 - *Loan of trees and fairy lights for the Grotto
 - *Donations of red, green and gold tinsel, baubles and paper lanterns for the Decor.
 - *Helpers to set up on Friday 6th Dec from 3.15-8.30pm and to tidy away on Saturday 7th from 4pm. Events such as a Christmas Fair take many hands to work!
- Please come forward if you can help on the Friday and Saturday!
- *Class Hampers for the Raffle; each parent to donate an item to create a lovely Class Hamper for the Raffle.

Dates for the Diary

- *Saturday 7th December 2019 1-4pm Christmas Fair
 - *Wednesday 8th January 2020 9am Happy School Bag Collection.
 - *Parent Social and Coffee Morning in the New Year. Date/time tbc
- Looking forward to an amazing Christmas Fair event on the 7th!
Together we can create a fantastic event for our children!

Zina Shah, APPTA Chair.

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Christmas Events at Ashmole

Monday 2nd December - Chickenshed Whole School Theatre Trip to see Snow White.

Tuesday 3rd December - Children's Christmas songs recorded by Mr Wightman.

The children can bring to school any Christmas hats, hairbands or tinsel for the recording of the Christmas videos for the Fair. Thank you.

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Fair at Ashmole Primary School 1pm till 4pm

Monday 9th December - Year 2 trip to The Florence Nightingale Museum

Tuesday 10th December - A Christmas Carol - show at the Academy.

All our children will walk to the Academy to listen to some of the songs from the show at 2pm. They will all be back for normal home time.

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm - Christmas Carol Concert

Our school choir will be singing to all our children and some of our parents. We would like to invite all the parents of the children who are in the choir and who learn to play piano and recorder to come to our concert. Thank you.

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day.

We will be once again supporting the charity and ask everyone to come to school dressed in their Christmas clothes/ jumpers and donate £1 for charity. On this day, the children will all have a Christmas Meal at lunchtime.

Wednesday 18th December - Reception and Year 1 Christmas Nativity starting at 9.30am

On this day, we would like to invite all our **Reception** parents/carers and family to watch the show in the hall. The hall doors will open at 9.30am so thank you for your patience as we will need to get the children ready in the hall before the parents walk in. Parents/ carers and family can wait in the Community Room or outside in the plaza. The show will last for about 45 minutes.

Thursday 19th December - Reception and Year 1 Christmas Nativity starting at 9.30am

On this day, we would like to invite all our **Year 1** parents/ carers and family to watch the show in the hall. The hall doors will open at 9.30am so thank you for your patience as we will need to get the children ready in the hall before the parents walk in. Parents/ carers and family can wait in the Community Room or outside in the plaza. The show will last for about 45 minutes.

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Class Parties in the afternoon.

Friday 20th December - School finishes at 12.45pm. The children will have an early school lunch before they go home.

Important Reminders

School Photos - By now you will have received your child's school photo. All orders must be returned to the school office in the sealed envelope provided by Tuesday 3rd December.

Christmas Cards - If your child would like to design their own Christmas cards, all orders must be sent to the school office no later than Monday 2nd December. Please remember to use FELT TIP ONLY on an A6 sheet of paper (a quarter of an A4 sheet of paper). Please ensure you have completed the tear off slip and return them both in a sealed envelope.

Thank you.

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School News and Reminders



Lost Property

If your child has lost any of their belongings, please speak to your child's class teacher or come to the school office.

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

School Uniform - New Supplier

We continue to use ORC Sports to supply our uniform, however we have also sourced another supplier; Uniform 4 Kids www.uniform4kids.com

Club Information and Contact Details

Foundation Sports - Tom Boxer 07505 097340 www.foundation-sports.com
Soccer Revolution - Stel Ekkeshis 07795 033492 www.soccerrevolution.co.uk
Tennis Rocks - Paul Rock 07934 118211/020 84495560 www.tennisrocksltd@gmail.com
Stage Coach - Kate Diaz 020 8689993 www.stagecoach.co.uk/southgate
GG Maths - Giuliano Grasso 07956 519802 www.ggmaths.co.uk
Lego Club - Donna Hussey 07860 777638 bluchildrensclub.co.uk
Mindful Kids - Anna 07518018088 www.mindfulnessapproach.com



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Diary Dates

December	2 nd 3 rd 3 rd 5 th	All Day 9am 7pm 2.45pm	Whole school Trip to Chickenshed Theatre to see Snow White Mr Wightman to record children singing Christmas Songs APPTA meeting in the School Hall Drop Everything and Read
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	11 th 11 th 12 th 12 th	2pm 9.30am 9.00am 2.45pm	School Choir Carol Concert Prospective Parent Tour Parent Workshop on Mindfulness for children with Anna Zannides in the School Hall Food Taster Event for all parents
	13 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for charity Christmas Lunch for pupils
	18 th 19 th	9.30am 9.30am	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production for Reception parents ONLY Reception and Year 1 Christmas Production for Year 1 parents ONLY
	19 th	PM	Christmas Parties in class - children to wear their party clothes
	20 th	12.45pm finish	Last Day of Autumn Term

January	6 th	8.50am	Return to school for Spring Term
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Value for January - Compassion	6 th	pm	African Drumming lessons (every Monday pm for the term)
	8 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
	9 th	am	Mindfulness Project for Year 3 (every Thursday am for the half term)



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Attendance

Calypso Class 96.28%	Orion Class 94.54%
Luna Class 96.75%	Nova Class 94.76%
Lyra Class 96.02%	Carina Class 97.22%
Astra Class 96.96%	Lynx Class 97.93%



Celebrating Achievement Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

Year 1

Luna Class - Alfie, Ayden, Hazal, Henry, Jansu, Kornelia, Onegie, Skye, Alfie, Ali, Edward, Elisia, Maria, Michael, Neve, Ayden, Anabelle, Kayden.

Nova Class - Akwasi, Aryan, Ayaan, Isabella, Lia, Roven, Sienna, Amani, Callum, Johan, Almira, Melis, Nora, Riki, Sebastyan and Ashok.

Year 2

Carina Class - Ben, Izabela, Sofia, Zhane, Jude, Liyana, Charlie, William, Dimitar, Elexa, Jayden, Jennah, Rory, Ariyan and Alyssa.

Lyra Class - Alexander, Anya, Della, Ella, Ellie, Haris, Kheon, Leyla, Mishika, Nathaniel, Niyan, Tolu, and James.

Year 3

Asta Class - Agastya, Amaya, Armin, Eisa, Elizabeth, Evie, Jasmine, Jimmy, Lara, Laurence, Malaika, Max, Musa, Vivaan, Zahir, Ediz, Erin, Jake and Gabriella.

Lynx Class - Arabella, Aston, Eliza, Henry, Joe, Joshua, Kleo, Rahi, Serena, Henry, Lily and Dante.



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