



Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely Autumn term. The children have worked so hard and definitely deserve their holiday along with all the staff. Well done to Rory in Y2 on winning the Friendship Award - Rory received a £5 book token. Well done to everyone who took part in the Bling your Bike/Scooter project last month. The judges had a very difficult task of selecting the winning bikes/scooters, but the following children were named winners: Isabella in Nova Class; Elias in Calypso Class; Melis in Nova Class; Elexa in Carina Class; Keana in Carina Class; Azra in Orion Class and Ayden in Calypso Class.

Thank you and well done to all the children involved in the Reception and Y1 shows and to everyone for supporting our various charities this term. For the Christmas Jumper appeal we made £184 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Christmas Hamper Appeal, that will go to families in need in Enfield. Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Atkinson for coordinating this.

Our Christmas Fair was amazing once again. Thank you to Zina and all the APPTA for their organisation and efforts. The APPTA made £5,915, which was a superb achievement. This money will go towards new projects for our children. Thanks to Dale Wightman for recording all the class songs and for filming the Christmas Nativity as well. The DVD will be available after the school holidays. Thanks to Mrs Toal and to Mrs Pocock for organising the school choir at the recent Carol Concert. The choir have really grown in confidence and maturity and we look forward to hearing from them again later in the year.

We have now completed the new fence to give the EYFS more protected space to play outside which is great to see. In January we welcome Miss Alkiviadou as our new Reception TA.

Well done to the Blue House for becoming the 'Autumn House Point Champions', with 28 house points. They will get a special treat in the new year. The Greens were closely behind with 25 points, Yellows with 19 points and the Reds with 17 points - well done everyone! Our JTA Road Safety Competition winners are all from Y3, they are Nikolaos, Lily, Arden and Elizabeth, who have all received a special 'goody bag'!

I would like to wish everyone a great Christmas Holiday and a restful two weeks. Enjoy the time with your families and Happy New Year 2020!

Best Wishes

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception News

Christmas Jumper Day this year was extra special as we were lucky enough to have reading buddies from Year 2! Calypso paired up with Lyra Class and loved listening to books being read by the older pupils. It was lovely for them to see what amazing readers they will soon become if they keep practising and working hard. Calypso Class have also been exploring with height this month. They have been working together to make many wonderful creations. They have been comparing their models to the models of their friends and have been having intriguing discussions, where great comparative language has been used!



Orion Class have had such a fantastic term! In Phonics we have been working really hard to listen to the sounds that we can hear in words and having a go at writing some cvc and tricky words too! In Maths we have been identifying 2d and 3d shapes, using mathematical language whilst exploring capacity and trying really hard to order our numbers to 20! We were also very fortunate to be given the opportunity to buddy up with Carina class and share some of our favourite stories together! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Year 1 News

This month Luna Class have continued learning about different animal groups. We closely observed a fish and identified its body parts. In art, we have been exploring portraits following our trip at the beginning of the term. We have enjoyed using different types of paint and looking at varying portrait styles. We have learnt about algorithms in IT and we programmed a beebo to move around a treasure map. In the past few weeks we have also been practising for the nativity show. We hope you loved our show and performance! Luna Class wishes you a wonderful break with family and friends!



The children in Nova class have enjoyed practising and performing in our Nativity show. We have loved learning all of the new songs and learning our lines off by heart. We were very proud when we were able to showcase all of our hard work to our parents on Thursday. Well done Nova Class!

Our favourite part of the week was our Christmas party, we had lots of yummy food and a wonderful time!



In Science, Nova Class have been learning all about different animals. We have investigated fish and their different features, as well as birds and looked closely at their feathers. We have also investigated the food that different animals eat and sorted them into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



Year 2 News

Carina Class have had a brilliant December! We have had lots of fun learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seole in History. We particularly enjoyed it when our classroom was turned into a filthy hospital. There were rats everywhere! We also really enjoyed our Florence Nightingale day where we got to make lanterns, sashes, aprons and a hearty vegetable stew. In Carina Class we have also been reading lots and have had opportunities to read under the tables, in the darkness and with other classes as part of our Sponsored Read.



Lyra class have had such a fantastic, fun December. We have continued with our Mindfulness sessions and have been using what we've learnt in class every day. We've been on two amazing trips, one to Chickenshed to the Pantomime, we had to walk there and back, but it was funny as Miss Burke wore Mrs Toal's coat and they didn't notice until we got back to school. The other trip was to the Academy to watch A Christmas Carol. The best part of December though was our Florence Nightingale Day, we made hearty stew, sashes, aprons, hats and lanterns and then in the afternoon we turned our classroom into The Scutari Hospital. The girls were nurses and the boys were soldiers and we had a great time!

Year 3 News

The children of Astra Class have had an extremely successful Autumn Term. They have worked hard throughout December and continue to make great progress. In class, the children have been using their knowledge of shapes to explore different resources. They have loved using the Polydrons to create 3D shapes by connecting lots of shapes together. The children are able to use their creativity and maths knowledge and work well collaboratively to make a variety of different 3D shapes. In RE, we have been looking at different places of worship in different religions and the children have compared their similarities and differences. As a class, we showed great respect and understanding towards different religions and in class, some children decided to create their own Hindu Mandir. We were so impressed!



Lynx class have had a splendid month and are excited to begin the New Year with lots of Maths, Literacy and Science. We have had the honour of two of our members of Lynx class becoming JTA's (Junior Travel Ambassadors). Their responsibilities include encouraging members of Ashmole Primary to walk, scoot or cycle to school with the intention to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from cars used on the school run to help improve the quality of air in North London Southgate. Lynx Class also teamed up with Luna class to become reading buddies which was highly enjoyable.



Latest news and events

Congratulations!

Well done to everyone for great attendance this term! Let's keep this up. Our overall school attendance this term has been above 97%+. Well done and thank you.

Primary School Governors

We are on the look out for new Primary School Governors. Applications are particularly encouraged from those who have a professional background in fundraising, marketing or corporate finance. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our team of dynamic governors, please ask them to contact me directly. Many thanks. Mrs Andrews (Head Teacher's PA).

Important Reminder

Please may we remind parents that children should not be bringing valuable items in to school - items do get lost or misplaced and children do get very upset. This also applies to Match Attack cards and Pokemon Cards - children should not be bringing these in to swap with their friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

Breakfast and After School Club News

The children in Breakfast and After School Club have had a fun packed term. As the dark evenings draw in, the Year 2 and Year 3 children have moved upstairs, where they play board games and musical instruments. As we end this term on a festive note, the children have been getting creative, making beautiful Christmas pictures, decorations and cards.



On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you for your generous gifts and well wishes. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.
Mrs McDowell, BASC Manager



School Car Park

Please be reminded that the school car park is strictly for school staff ONLY. Parents and carers should not be using the car park for any reason unless previously authorised by Mr Tofallis. Many thanks for your cooperation.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic and busy term! We hope everyone enjoyed the **Christmas Fair!** It was a special, festive day and we thank everyone for making this day as brilliant as it was!

We are pleased to announce that we raised £5915, which is incredible! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, organised, baked, set up, tidied away and to those who came! The day would not have been the same without us all there together. Special thanks to the Decor Team, led by Leila Wishart and Kayt Wilson, for bringing magic to the school! Thank you also to all the parents for creating such beautiful hampers for the raffles! They were a real treat for our winners :) Seeing the video of the children singing was also so delightful! Many thanks to Dale Wightman for filming this compilation. Please remember that your child's year group **Christmas photos are available to purchase from the School Office for £2** a print. Thank you to all the members of the PTA Committee, Mr Osman, Miss Tibbs, and to all the staff who dedicated their time and energy to the Fair! Special thanks to Mr Constantinou, the Caretaker, for all his support for making sure the day ran smoothly.

Update from Junior Library: PTA have spent £500 on Junior books; from Pickled Pepper, an independent book shop and supplier, and some wonderful non-fiction books from TK Maxx and Amazon. The PTA have also recently won a £200 WH Smith book grant, which is fantastic! It's great to know the children will have new books to explore!

Dates to remember:

***Tuesday 7th January 2020** - PTA meeting 7pm-9pm Community Room. Open meeting, all are welcome.

***Wednesday 8th January** - Happy School Bag Collection 9am.

***Tuesday 21st January** - Parents Coffee Morning. 8.50am-10.30am in the Community Room.

Come along to meet/catch up with other parents, have a coffee, and see what the PTA is all about!

***Tuesday 28th January** - EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) in the Hall. 7pm-8pm.

Following the elections at the November AGM, further elections will be taking place at the EGM. Please come along to show your support and to vote. Details of resignations to be sent out in the New Year.

***Parent's Drumming Social!** - Join us for this great parent social -Date tbc.

Thanking all parents and staff for all their input in the PTA this term, and wishing everyone a relaxing and wonderful Christmas Break.

Zina Shah
APPTA Chair





School News and Reminders



Lost Property

Lost property is located just outside 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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6th 8.50am Return to school for Spring Term

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6 th	pm	African Drumming lessons (every Monday pm for the term) Y1 and Y2 African Drumming Club 3.15pm until 4.30pm
8 th	9.30am	Prospective Parent Tour
9 th	Am	Mindfulness Project for Year 3 (every Thursday am for the half term)
16 th	9.15am	Drop in session with the Community Nurse for parents
21 st	9am	APPTA Coffee morning in the Community Room
28 th	7pm	APPTA EGM in the hall

February

3rd All week Safer Internet Week
Value - Trust

Value for February - Trust

4 th	7pm	APPTA meeting in the hall
5 th	All day	Y3 trip to the Houses of Parliament tbc
6 th	All day	Reception Hearing and Vision tests
14 th	-	Last day of half term
17 th - 21 st	-	HALF TERM
24 th 25 th	-	INSET DAY 8.50am Return to school



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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 - Alexander, Lucas, Olivia, Arya, Kieran, Kornelia, Milo,

Nova Class - Aun, Nora, Akwasi, Adele,

Year 2

Carina Class - Dimitar, Jayden, Sofia, Zachary, Anoushka, Izabela and Tami.

Lyra Class - Aara, Alexander, Della, Ella, George, Kaner, Mara and Poppy.

Year 3

Asta Class - Florrie, Freya, Oliver,

Lynx Class - Erin, Aston, Natalie, Dante, Ediiz, Henry and Erin



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