



Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers

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 Compassion and have produced some amazing posters based on our Value. Well done to Liyanna in Year 2 for being this month's poster competition winner - Liyanna has won a £5.00 book token. Our Value for February is Trust. On Thursday 13th February Blue House will have a special treat for winning the most House Points last term. They can bring in their bike/scooter to enjoy a fun afternoon with myself, Mr Constantinou and Mollie from Sustrans.

I am pleased to hear that Reception are enjoying the many after school activities on offer to them. If you have any questions regarding any of the clubs, please contact the club directly.

This term, Year 3 have been taking part in an African Drumming Workshop Project every Monday afternoon. The children will have the opportunity to perform to their parents what they have learned in a concert in the school hall on Monday 30th March from 2pm-3pm.

Ashmole Primary School have signed up to Ed Shed for children in Years 1, 2 and 3. On the Ed Shed website your child will be able to access Spelling Shed and Maths Shed, both at school and at home. This is a fabulous resource for the children to practice their spellings and times tables using the games. Your child will be bringing home an EdShed card with their username, password and QR code on. They will be able to use their unique username and password or QR codes if using an iPad to sign into the website

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in our Sponsored Read - the children managed to raise an amazing £665.55!

At the end of this half term, we say goodbye to Mrs Redshaw. Mrs Redshaw is leaving Ashmole to move to the North of England to be closer to her family. Miss Burke, who currently works at our school in KS1, will teach Year 1 Luna Class. There will also be an opportunity to meet Mrs Redshaw at an Open Meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 4pm-6pm or on Thursday 13th February at 4pm - 6pm. We wish Mrs Redshaw and her husband all the very best in their new location and for the future.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the EGM on Tuesday to support the PTA. Congratulations to Zina Shah (Year 2 parent) who will continue as Chair. The PTA have lots of events planned in the coming months, including a Mother's Day Tea Party, our Annual Fun Run and of course the Happy Bag Collection. The PTA work incredibly hard to raise funds for our school and I am so grateful to them and to all our parents for your continued support.

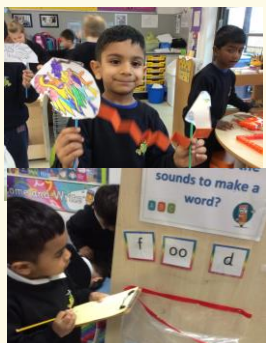
Finally, there is always a possibility of snow at this time of year. Whilst the school will make every effort to stay open, there may be occasions when it is just not safe to do so. In any case, parents will be notified via text message or email and the notice may be short notice.

Best Wishes
Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



Reception News

With Chinese New Year on the horizon, Calypso Class have been learning all about how it is celebrated across the world. We watched examples of a dragon dance in a parade then made our own dragons! We used the straws to make our dragons move and created some of our own dragon dances too. We have been incorporating real life experiences in all areas of our learning. In Maths we were waiting at our very own bus stop and solved lots of Maths puzzles using the children in our own class as counters to help us remember new and tricky concepts.



This month Orion class have really enjoyed learning about different types of food in our topic lessons and we had so much fun going to the local green grocers to buy some vegetables. We left the vegetables out in our classroom and observed the changes we noticed when they were left out for a long time. The children have also been trying really hard to apply their phonics knowledge to their writing independently and have been trying to form some addition and subtraction number sentences.

Year 1 News

In Nova class we have continued our topic on animals. This half term we began by learning about nocturnal animals and the special features that they have which help them to hunt at night. We have also looked closely at the body structure of different animals. We have described and compared how different kinds of animals move and which parts of their body they use to help them to do so. In Maths, we have been learning all about money. We have identified different coins, used different coins to pay for a variety of items in our Nova class grocery shop and we have thought of different ways to make the same value. We even learnt how to solve problems involving money.



This month Luna Class have been exploring odd and even numbers. We made structures with cubes to show even numbers have a partner but in odd numbers one cube doesn't. Also, we role-played shops and used coins to pay for items and make the same total in different ways. In Literacy, we have written and performed our own non-sense and descriptive poems! In RE, we learnt about the whispering prayer ceremony in Islam and a lot of us wished for our friends to be compassionate when they are older. We have also enjoyed exploring printing in Art and looking at and comparing houses from the past and present in History.



Year 2 News

Carina Class have had a busy start to the year! Did you know that in our History and Literacy lessons we have been learning all about dinosaurs? We have looked at artefacts and different sources of information to find out about different types of dinosaurs. We have learnt about where dinosaurs lived; what they ate; and what they were like. We then used the information we gathered to create a non-chronological report for Mr Constantinou, to help him to figure out what type of fossil he found in the nature garden. In D & T we have been learning to make different types of levers so that we can make a class moving dinosaur book for Reception. In Science, we have been 'Apprentice Gardeners'.



Lyra Class have leapt into the New Year with a fun new topic; Dazzling Dinosaurs. We have been asking questions and researching to write non-chronological reports. Did you know that Mr Constantiou found a fossil in the wildlife garden? We helped him find out more about it.

We've also been learning all about what plants need to grow, we have planted bulbs and are hoping they'll grow so we can plant them in the wildlife garden. We've investigated the best place for a bean to grow too, some of us placed them in the dark cupboard, some in the window in the sunlight, hopefully some of them will germinate soon so we can complete our bean diaries!

Year 3 News

This has been a fantastic month for Year 3! The children came back from the holiday break rested, relaxed and full of energy and motivation for our new topics. We started off the year reminding ourselves of the importance of writing instructions clearly and in the correct order. To ensure that the children were writing instructions correctly, they wrote their own Banana Muffin recipe and tested them out! We had so much fun and the muffins were yummy! In our Computing lessons, the children in Astra class had their first taste of being news/sports reporters. They started to think of questions they could ask each other and created their initial video interviews of each other. In the coming weeks, the children will use the iPads to record sports reports and use software to edit their reports to view in class. We can't wait for the next few weeks!



In Maths, Lynx Class we have been focusing on place value and measure. The children had the opportunity to use measuring cylinders to measure different volumes of water and explore the capacity of different cylinders. We have also been learning about converting millilitres to litres (vice versa) using our knowledge of place value. We have been learning how to write a set of instructions using bossy (imperative) verbs in Literacy. We wrote a set of instructions to make banana muffins which were super yummy and enjoyed by all Ashmole Primary staff. Well done Lynx and Astra!!! Lynx have also been learning about a frog's life cycle and produced high quality explanation texts using lots of imaginative varied vocabulary. What little superstars you all are...



Notices

Message from Mrs Chown

We have had lots of children asking to stay in the library at playtime and lunchtime because they are feeling unwell. To clarify, children may only stay inside if they have an injury and they can't run around in the playground. If a child has a cold or is feeling under the weather and they have come in to school, we will always encourage them to play outside in the fresh air. Thank you for your cooperation.

Car Park

Please be reminded that the car park should not be used to drop children off or to pick them up. This particularly applies to parents who drop children to Breakfast Club. The car park is for the use of school staff ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation.

Breakfast and After School Club News

It is so nice to welcome all the Breakfast and Afterschool Club children back from their Christmas Holiday's.

We are all looking forward to the weather improving so the children can enjoy some activities outside, but until then, we will be continuing to use the activities provided in the hall. We have now introduced table tennis and air football, which the children love! The children have lots of activities in the hall as well as arts and crafts, which is always a favourite.

If you are experiencing any problems making payments or would like to make any changes to your child's arrangements, please speak to Mrs Mittins in the School Office or email her at bascc@ashmoleprimary.org

Thank you, Mrs McDowell





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 bluchildrenclub.co.uk
Mindful Kids - Anna 07518018088 www.mindfulnessapproach.com



APPTA News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who could make the EGM on Tuesday. It was a great meeting, full of positive energy and it was great to see some new faces! The Elected PTA Core Committee members are Zina Shah (Chair), Neel Shah (Vice Chair), Yiota Michael (Secretary), Emine Ahmad (Vice Secretary), Shanaz Miah (Treasurer), Viny Bodhani (Elected Trustee) and Dale Wightman (Elected Trustees). All core committee members hold these positions till the next AGM, where all positions are open for election. Congratulations to those newly elected members joining the Core Committee!

We have various events coming up this term! With events for the children; Mothers Day and Fathers Day events, an Easter Egg Hunt, and a Family Fun Run!

Please save the date for this year's Summer Fair! **Saturday 20th June 2020 1-4pm**. Again, we will need help in various areas on the day, and with set up and tidy away, so please have a think where you could help, and in which way you could contribute!

PLATINUM Estates are our Summer Fair sponsor and we need a minimum of 50 boards to gain £1000 of sponsorship. If you are able to have a board please let your class rep know!

MATCH FUNDING Please ask your company if they offer match funding opportunities! If you are unsure what match funding is please click the link below.

<https://www.cafonline.org/giving-as-a-company/engaging-employees/matched-giving>

Throughout the term we'll be having coffee mornings/afternoons to engage more parents, and we specifically would love to meet the new Reception parents whom we may not have met yet. Connection and community is important, where every parent counts.

We hope to see as many parents, and new parents at our **Parent Drumming Social** on **Wednesday 26th February 7-9pm** in the Primary Hall! Please sign up via the paypal link

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8lEdy8CbYJ> It'll be a fun evening for sure! :)

If you would like to be involved in the PTA, either with organising/planning events, volunteering, or have any ideas please come to the monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month, or let your class rep know. You can also contact the PTA email on ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com

Please join us for a cuppa at the next meeting on **Tuesday 4th February 7-9pm** in the Community Room!

Zina Shah
APPTA Chair



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February	3 rd	All week 9am	Safer Internet Week for two weeks Value - Trust Phonics Workshop in the Hall for Reception parents
Value for February - Trust	4 th	9am-10am	NSPCC Speak Out Assembly - dress down day and pay 50p to charity
	4 th	7pm	APPTA meeting in the hall
	5 th	All day	Y3 trip to the Houses of Parliament
	6 th	All day	Reception Hearing and Vision tests
	11 th 11 th 13 th 14 th	All Day 4-6pm 4-6pm -	Safer Internet Day Open Meeting for Y1 Luna Class (appointments not required) Open Meeting for Y1 Luna Class (appointments not required) Last day of half term
	17 th - 21 st	-	HALF TERM
	24 th 25 th 27 th	- 7pm - 9pm	INSET DAY 8.50am Return to school APPTA African Drumming session for parents
March	w/c 2 nd w/c 2 nd	All Week	Value - Tolerance Book Week
Value for March - Fairness	w/c 16 th	All Week	Science Week
	30 th	2pm - 3pm	African Drumming Concert for Y3 parents
	31 st	4pm - 8pm	Parent Consultations Reception - Y3 Parents
April	2 nd	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Parent Consultations Reception - Y3 Parents
Value for April - Excellence	3 rd	3.15pm 3.25pm	Reception - Year 2 School Finishes Y3 School Finishes
	6 th - 17 th	Easter Holidays	
	20 th	8.50am	Return to School



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Attendance



Calypso Class 94.86%	Orion Class 95.23%
Luna Class 97.12%	Nova Class 95.22%
Lyra Class 97.3%	Carina Class 99.46%
Astra Class 97.2%	Lynx Class 98.26%

Celebrating Achievement

Reception Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

Orion Class - Arthur, Darcey, Evie, Klay, Lukne, Johnny, Oliver, Reya, Deniz, Maya, Olivia, Anya, Edward, Maya, Tia.

Calypso Class - Arianna, Ayda, Easa, Elias, Ella, Kaiden, Rafael, Amelia, Aria, Indiana, Milo, Aria, Mairi, Sara.

Year 1

Luna Class - Alexander, Anabelle, Anna, Aron, Kieran, Michael, Onekie, Skye, Alaz, Alexandra, Ben, Lucas, Maria, Mason, Annabelle, Alfie, Kieran.

Nova Class - Ayla, Denis, Reyann, Riki, Simeon, Mellis, Ayaan, Simeon, Alex, Alborz, Denis, Ria, Ashok, Roven, Alborz.

Year 2

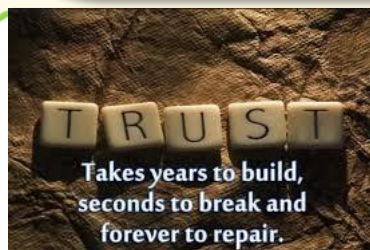
Carina Class - Jude, Isla, Raffy, Rory, William, Jayden, Isa, Zachary, Dimitar.

Lyra Class - Aleana, Anya, Ashwin, Della, Kheon, Mara, Nathaniel, Nicholas, Roan, Tolu,

Year 3

Asta Class - Armin, Eisa, Laurence, Lewis, Malaika, Sia, Ted, Gabriella, Agastya, Muzeeba, Arabella, Eren, Nikolaos

Lynx Class - Ankit, Elodie, Lily, Rahi, Tilly, Seb, Lily, Muzeeba, Arabella, Eren, Nikolaos.



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