



## Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. I appreciate that some of you may have concerns regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus). If you have travelled out of the United Kingdom during half term, please follow the advice given by Public Health England. We receive updates from Public Health England daily and currently we have no extra cause for concern, other than the emails we have sent to all our parents and carers. For further information please call NHS 111 or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

We have lots of wonderful events and activities planned for the children this term, including Book Week and Science Week. Miss Stavri has been working incredibly hard to make book week not only educational but fun too. During the week the children will take part in fun quizzes, drop everything and read sessions, reading buddies, super hero teachers and visits by special agents, film Friday, a workshop with author, illustrator and comic maker Richy Chandler and a visit by illustrator Garry Parsons. Please join Garry on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the book sale to get your books signed. The week will close with a 'Superhero Day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, where we will ask all the children and staff to dress up as a superhero character of their choice. There will be a prize for the best costume in each year group so be as creative as you like! Thank you to Miss Stavri for all her enthusiasm and hard work. In the meantime, Miss Cleary is putting together a timetable of events and activities for Science Week which begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Further information will follow in the coming days.

This term Year 3 will be visiting the Hindu Mandir. This will give the children the opportunity to see the various parts of a Mandir that they learnt about in RE lessons and consolidate their learning from the **Places of Worship** topic. Also this term, Year 2 will visit the Natural History Museum to enhance their topic of 'Dazzling Dinosaurs'.

I am very excited to announce that a group of parents have formed a Green Ashmole group! We will work together to promote and adopt sustainable practices around our school. Please find attached their first 'Green Ashmole' newsletter. For further information, please email [greenashmole@outlook.com](mailto:greenashmole@outlook.com)

Finally, as part of our ongoing expansion, the Trust are looking to appoint a Primary School Deputy Head Teacher. The vacancy is currently being advertised on our website and we hope to appoint an 'outstanding' Deputy before the end of this term to start in September. As well as the appointment of a Deputy Head Teacher, our recruitment drive for class teachers and support staff for the next academic year is also underway.

Best Wishes

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



## Reception News

This month Calypso Class have been learning all about different types of food and why it is so important to have a balanced diet. We observed the effects of time on some vegetables and the children were able to spot the differences between fresh vegetables and ones that had been left out over some time. They were very shocked at how bad the vegetables looked and smelt!

We have also enjoyed getting creative with some junk modelling. The children were able to use their problem solving skills in order to decide on the best methods to combine different types of materials and containers. They had fun exploring with different materials, tapes and glues.



Orion class have really enjoyed learning about different measurements in our maths lessons; they have been using everyday language to compare different weights, lengths and capacities. Our new topic for this term is 'People who help us' and the children have enjoyed being introduced to different occupations and engaging in imaginative role-play based around their experiences.

## Year 1 News

In our Literacy lessons this month, Nova Class have been looking at the story of Oliver's vegetables. We learnt lots about the different vegetables in the story and worked together to retell it in detail using time connectives. Nova class enjoyed taking part in hot seating tasks and then retold the story through roleplay in groups. They all had different roles and loved 'getting into character.' We then wrote our own character description, describing Oliver's appearance and his personality traits.

We have also been learning about measuring length. We explored by measuring using objects found in our classroom and then interlocking cubes, before moving on to using a ruler and reading the increments carefully. The children worked well using different resources and enjoyed following clear steps when using a ruler accurately.

In Luna class we have been reading Oliver's Vegetables. We have focused on developing our skills to describe a character. We did this through role play and thinking about Oliver's appearance and personality. We finished the week by writing a character description using interesting adjectives and connectives.

In Maths we have been focusing on measurement. We have enjoyed exploring different ways to measure objects in our classroom. We have used cubes, lollipop sticks and counting bears. We then progressed onto using a ruler to measure objects and lines.





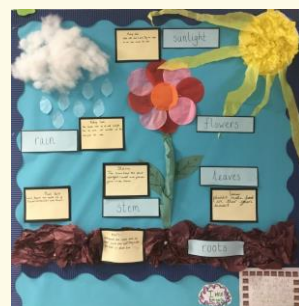


## Year 2 News

February has been a great month for Carina Class. After getting the best attendance 3 weeks in a row we got quite a few extra treats! This included making cupcakes, having extra golden time and having time on the i-pads. As well as this, in February we enjoyed creating our own Dinosaur timelines. We are looking forward to our trip to the Natural History Museum next month and Book Week next week!



Lyra class have been very busy again since we came back from half term. We have been learning all about Volcanos. We've been researching, note taking and have written our own explanation text all about how Volcanos erupt.



Why don't you ask us all about it?

We've also been watching our plants begin to shoot. We have watered them regularly and can't believe how much they have grown, we are looking forward to some warmer weather when we can plant them outside into the wildlife garden.

## Year 3 News

Year 3 went on an exhilarating trip to Parliament where they got to take part in an interactive workshop and a tour of Parliament. They acquired knowledge about the House of Commons, House of Lords and the Monarch's role in Parliament. The children gained lots of information on their trip such as: how schools, hospitals, the environment and lots of things that affect our lives are discussed and decided in parliament. The children (and adults) had a wonderful time. Thank you to all of our adult volunteers who helped out on the day.



Astra Class have been keeping very busy in February. The children have worked hard and had lots and lots of fun. In PE, the children have started taking part in Hockey lessons. They have been learning about using the hockey stick safely, striking and defending in goal. Being a team sport, Hockey has also helped to work collaboratively and has developed their team work skills.

This week, the children have completed their last Mindfulness session of the year. The children have enjoyed learning a variety of skills and techniques to help them remain calm and deal with any worries that they may have. The sessions have been interesting, engaging and also fun and I am sure the children will definitely use their new skills in the future!



## Latest news and events

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations this term will be take place at different times. For your convenience, the dates are as follows:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 4pm - 8pm**

Luna Class ONLY

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 3.45pm - 6.15pm**

Luna Class, Lynx Class and Lyra Class

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - 4pm - 8pm**

Orion Class, Calypso Class, Nova Class, Lynx Class, Astra Class, Lyra Class and Carina Class

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - 3.45pm - 6.15pm**

Orion Class, Calypso Class, Nova Class, Carina Class and Astra Class

Sign up sheets will be available just outside the school office from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are unable to make it in to school to book an appointment, please email the school office at [office@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org). Due to the high volume of emails received during this time, we are unable to reply. Therefore if you have sent in an email, unless we contact you, please assume your slot has been booked. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Breakfast and Afterschool Club News

The children from Breakfast and Afterschool Club have had a fun packed month. They have been enjoying lots of outside activities as well as lots of hall activities. As we enter into Spring we have produced a beautiful display board in our room with the different artwork.







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

## School Uniform Supplier

We continue to use ORC Sports to supply our uniform, however we have also sourced another supplier; Uniform 4 Kids [www.uniform4kids.com](http://www.uniform4kids.com)

## Club Information and Contact Details

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



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Tolerance

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## Value for March - Tolerance

w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Week	Book Week
3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Day 3.15pm All Day 3.15pm	Visit from author, illustrator and comic maker Richy Chandler Book signing in the Hall Visit from Garry Parsons Book Signing in the Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Day 2pm	Year 3 Hindu Mandir Trip Y2/Y3 Music Concert at the Secondary School for the children
16 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Y2 Natural History Museum Trip
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Week All Day AM	Science Week Science Workshops Science Workshops
20 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	All Day 2pm - 3.15 4pm - 8pm AM	Dress up as a Scientist PTA Mothers Day event Luna Class Parent Consultations Class Photos
26 <sup>th</sup>	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Parent Consultations - see attached for further information
30 <sup>th</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 2pm	Reception Hearing and Vision Test recall Year 3 African Drumming Concert in the School Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	4pm - 8pm	Mid Year Reports Out to Parents and Carers Parent Consultations - see attached for further information

## Value for April - Fairness

2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.45pm - 6.15pm	Parent Consultations - see attached for further information
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-11am	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15pm/3.25pm	Last Day of Term
20 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am	First Day Back
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Month	Year 2 SATS - throughout the month of May 2020.



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### Attendance

Calypso Class 95.78%	Orion Class 95.68%
Luna Class 97.15%	Nova Class 96.42%
Lyra Class 98.4%	Carina Class 96.17%
Astra Class 99.36%	Lynx Class 95.34%



## Celebrating Achievement Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

### Reception

**Orion Class** - Mabel, Orla, Saanvi, Daniyal, Gabriel, Inaya, Karim, Olivia, Rose, Pariza, Reya

**Calypso Class** - Mira, Murat, Mia, Emily, Harry, Iklim, Rose, Florence, Ibrahim, Victoria

### Year 1

**Luna Class** - Alexandra, Ali, Arya, Kayden, Neve, Shayan, Aron, Ayden, Edward, Hazal, Olivia, Onekie,

**Nova Class** - Berkin, Isabella, Nihal, Nora, Sebastijan, Alex, Johan, Roven, Ria, Sienna

### Year 2

**Carina Class** -

**Lyra Class** - Aaira, Charlie, Joseph, Ariyan, Isla, Sara, Zhane, Yiannis, Alyssa, Ben, Maria, Sofia

### Year 3

**Asta Class** - Ediz, Elizabeth, Florrie, Jake, Jimmy, Lara, Lewis, Malaika, Max, Oliver,

**Lynx Class** - Alexandra, Ankit, Dante, Eliza, Eren, Joe, Naima, Joe, Serena, Maxi, Jasmine

Teach children tolerance. No one  
need surrender his or her own  
beliefs while extending tolerance  
to those with other beliefs.

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# APPTA News

Dear Parents/Carers,

This month, the PTA are so pleased to have funded a variety of workshops for the children to enjoy! We have spent £778 on a Science virtual reality workshop for the whole school, £893 on two Literacy workshops, with illustrators Richy Chandler and Garry Parsons, and £420 for an Ancient Egypt Workshop for KS2!

Thank you to every single parent and community member who has donated to the PTA, be it at School Fairs buying raffle tickets, or even a cupcake, or at other smaller fundraising events! All these generous contributions mean that in turn the PTA are able to fund and support enriching workshops or trips for all the children. Without your support it wouldn't happen, so a big thank you to you all.

The PTA have also contributed £396 (50% of cost) towards the purchase of a defibrillator. It is great we now have a defibrillator on site at the Primary School.

The recent Parent Drumming Social was a fantastic event, full of energy and rhythm. Thank you to those who attended! A big thank you to Heather and Claire from Dreamcraft Learning who ran the workshop, who are currently working with the children in school.

## Forthcoming Events

**Friday 20th March 2 - 3.15pm - Mother's Day Event (letter to go out in book bags with more details)**

**Friday 3rd April (School time) - Easter Egg Hunt Free event for the children to enjoy**

**Sunday 17th May 10.30am - 2.30pm - May Fun Run & Picnic (more details to follow)**

**Thursday 18th June 9-11am - Father's Day Event (more details to follow)**

**Saturday 20th June 1-4pm - Summer Fair (Addresses for estate agent boards, match funding companies, businesses interested in holding a stall/placing an ad in the e-booklet wanted in advance)**

If you are available to help at any of the above events, or would like to get involved please email in to [ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:ashmoleprimarypta@gmail.com) or let your class rep know.

Many thanks  
Zina Shah  
APPTA Chair

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