



Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is safe at home during these difficult and unprecedented times. As a school we want to keep you all up to date with school life even during this school closure. We want to keep in contact with you all and we are always here to help. Our school has been open to key workers and the vulnerable pupils and will remain so during the Easter break (except for Good Friday and Easter Monday). This is an emergency service for those pupils where there is no one to look after them at home. School is open for these children from 8.50am until 3.15pm. Thank you to all the staff that have assisted on this rota during this time of stress and anxiety. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your understanding and patience during these times.

This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting the whole world. We cannot wait to eventually all go back to some kind of 'normality' again. As a school all our teachers will email all our parents and carers on a weekly basis, sets of 'home-school' work. We encourage everyone to have a go at the work and do as much as possible during the next few weeks or months. It is important that the children keep learning at home in some way. After the Easter break we will offer even more interactive opportunities. We already use Purple Mash, Maths Shed, Spelling Shed, Oxford Owl and Maths Rock Stars (Y3). We are looking into setting up direct access with our teachers via email, folder sharing and some video links. During this period, it is also very important that the children have time to play, relax, enjoy time with their families, read, be active in the garden, play with Lego, bake, watch TV and not stress!

The teachers will update you all with new work and new website links that would benefit your children. Due to the current circumstances there are so many free online resources now which I am sure you are aware of and sharing with each other on WhatsApp. Mrs Andrews and Mrs Mittins are sending out all the children's school reports via email this week. The class teachers will call each parent/ carer in the next few weeks to catch up for a few minutes and discuss any questions in regards to the report or the home learning. If you have any questions, this week, please call 0208 361 1881 or email the school office: office@ashmoleprimary.org. The class teachers will ensure they get back to you as swiftly as possible. After Easter, the teachers will have a direct email where you can contact them about online learning and share examples of work. Teachers will soon be uploading videos on a weekly basis to say hello to everyone and brief the children with the scheduled work they have been set. We will also share video stories for all our children that our staff have created. The teachers will also look into some kind of video link up to help keep in contact with our children and parents. Parents and carers will receive the summer term overview straight after the Easter holiday period. This year there are no KS1 SATs or Y1 Phonics checks but we will still send work home that the children would greatly benefit from.

The most important thing at this time is to stay healthy and look out for one another. These are difficult times with worries over health, job security, finances and as a society we need to get through this period and continue to be as strong as possible.

Please remember that all children learn at different rates. Due to the fact that school will be closed for a few weeks/ months, children will continue to learn at home in a wide range of subjects at different paces. I am sure they will learn new and wonderful life skills with their parents and carers. Please do not stress. They will all catch up in the end! Reading is one of the most important things in a child's education, always keep that up every day, whether that be with books, audio books or online reading. Encouraging free writing is also a great activity, such as keeping a diary or drawing a comic. Practical hands on maths via cooking, cleaning or playing maths games in/outside or on the computer/ tablet. It is an opportunity to do some fine motor work such as using Lego, cutting, playdough and playing with small toys. Physical exercise every day is always very important. Drawing art and listening to music where possible through the week is also beneficial. The teachers will have set or encouraged work on projects for some of the year groups. This would involve research in books or online and putting together something to present to the family or show the class again on our return. For the very younger pupils, lots of imaginative free play, the more independent the better, is also vital.

Please look after each other and minimise stress in a time like this for our mental health. Please continue to observe government guidelines, particularly on protecting our elderly population and those with underlying health conditions. Our actions will determine the fate of the vulnerable. 'Stay at home to save lives.' Thank you to all the key workers such as the NHS staff, people working in schools, delivery drivers, supermarket workers and many others who are all putting themselves at risk to keep the country going.

Home-schooling is certainly a challenge for everyone. However, it will give everyone the chance to spend precious quality time together as a family. This is time we certainly would not have normally. Please devote this time to your loved ones. This is certainly the time to embrace Video chats with friends and family. Apps such as Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, WhatsApp have been most welcome in many households. Regularly seeing those you care and love is so important.

I would like to wish all our pupils, parents, governors and staff families good health and well-being in this difficult time and we all look forward to seeing you again when school does eventually reopen. The main focus as always is to ensure that our children are happy and loved.

Best wishes to everyone and please stay safe. Mr Tofallis, Head Teacher



Message from the Chair of the Governors:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and understanding during these extraordinary times of national crisis.

A heartfelt thank you to Ashmole staff who have worked non-stop to continue to provide the outstanding education service for children at home, as well as a service for key workers enabling our local community, and the nation to stay home and save lives.

The school will continue to keep you updated and informed.

From all the governing body, stay safe.

Best wishes,

Gonul Daniels
Chair of the Governing Committee

Stay in Touch...

Every day there will be someone from the school manning the phones. However, if you can't get through, please email the school office: office@ashmoleprimary.org. This email is being monitored during normal school office hours; 8.30am - 4pm Monday - Friday.

Refunds...

We appreciate that some of you have paid for things such as school trips, lunches, breakfast and after school clubs and instrumental lessons. Please be assured that myself and Mrs Mittens will be working hard over the coming days and weeks to refund anything that has not taken place this term. If you have any questions regarding any of the after school activities i.e. football, gymnastics etc, please speak to the relevant club directly. Many thanks, Mrs Andrews 😊

Road Safety Video

Thanks again to Mr Wightman for giving up his free time to shoot our road safety video. Please click on the link below to view it:

Link <https://vimeo.com/397453984>

Password Ashmole2020

www.ashmoleprimary.org



Reception

Hello Calypso Class: When March started, we began to learn all about 'People Who Help Us' and our topic could not have been more relevant! We even had a real life doctor and nurse (both lovely mummies) come into our classes to tell us all about their jobs and how they look after people. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of the people out there who are looking after us right now!

I hope you're all staying safe and well. I'm working hard to try and create some fun tasks for you to enjoy at home. Hopefully you have worked out a little schedule at home. This is what I am doing at the moment... I have my breakfast and then go into the garden and do some exercise. Then I switch on my laptop and do some work for a while. Then I make myself a healthy lunch and read some special books to help me learn even more about being a teacher. In the evening I have been enjoying some walks and I always manage to spot something new along the way! What have you all been up to?

Hi Orion class! I hope you are all well and keeping safe and I am missing you all so much! I have been making sure that I complete the work that I need to do but I have also been trying to have some fun at the same time. I have started painting and the picture I am working on at the moment has taken me nearly 2 weeks so far and I still haven't finished it! I am also making sure I take part in daily exercise so I start every morning with a PE session to keep my body fit and healthy so that I am ready for the day. I'm sure that you are all still working hard and showing your parents and carers your amazing reading, writing and maths that I know you are capable of! I have received a few lovely emails from parents with pictures showing me some of the fantastic things you have been doing since being at home. Looking through your pictures and work has put a huge smile on my face so please continue to stay in contact and email any work or pictures to the office as I love to see what you are getting up to.

Although I am sure you are missing school just as much as I am, please continue to work hard at home and most importantly enjoy the time you have with your families. I cannot wait to see you all again - hopefully it will not be too long!

Stay safe
Miss Cleary ☺

Year 1

Hello Luna Class!

I hope you are all well and enjoying lots of special time with your family. Well done on all the fantastic work you are completing at home; we are very impressed. Keep going! Miss Tibbs and I have updated some of the displays in your classroom, we can't wait for you to see them. We miss you so much and can't wait until we are having fun and learning new things together.

Stay safe,
Miss Burke and Miss Tibbs ☺

Hello Nova Class!

We are missing you all so much already! We are so very proud of the great effort you have been putting into completing your work at home. Keep it up! We hope you are all enjoying lots of fun activities with your families. Remember to let us know what you have been up to by sending us pictures of your fun filled days. We cannot wait to be back with you all again soon!

From
Miss Costas, Mrs Demetri and Miss Kaya ☺



Year 2

Hello Carina Class: I have had a very different birthday this month. As I have not been able to go to the shops to buy my own birthday cake I had to use what little baking skills I had to bake my own cake. The cake was easy to cook, it only used a few ingredients and although didn't look amazing, it tasted great. If you would like to try and bake the cake yourself here's the recipe <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/user/4614791/recipe/vegan-lemon-cake>. Enjoy your time with your family and keep up with the reading. I have loved seeing the work you have been doing at home, please keep up the good work. Stay Safe, Miss Stavri ☺



Hello Glorious Lyra Class

Aren't we lucky that the sun is shining!

I hope you're all well and still remembering to wash your hands?

I'm sorry I didn't see you all in school last week but I was poorly, I missed you all though.

I'm pleased to report that I'm feeling better and ready to send you your next batch of home learning... no escape I'm afraid! I've been filling my days trying to persuade Erin and Joseph to do some work, a bit like your parents are doing I suppose. We've been on Purple Mash, and I'm checking every day who has been doing the tasks and sending messages to you! We've done baking and cooking, art and even managed P.E thanks to Joe Wicks the Body Coach-check him out. Phonics Play have some phase 5 and 6 games available for free, tell your mums and dads to check it out and lots of zoos and museums around the world now have virtual tours for you to try.

Most importantly try and squeeze in some fun and plenty of cuddles, I know that's what we're doing.

Take care

Mrs Toal ☺

Year 3

To the lovely children of Astra and Lynx, We hope you are keeping well and looking after yourselves and your families at home.

The four of us are working hard to make sure that you have enough educational activities to keep you entertained, but also enough things to make sure you are having lots of fun while you are home! ☺

We can't wait until we're back at school so we would love for you to share with us any pictures of the amazing things you are doing at home! If you have done something fantastic that you think your friends would also like to try, write it down, give instructions, take a photo and help others have a go.

If you need some extra Maths games to recap what we have been learning, check out <https://uk.ixl.com/math/year-3>

Here you'll find lots of games and activities to have a go on your own or with your family.

If you're taking a break from all the fun you're having, why not play a quick game of Guess Who? Below you'll find some fun facts about your Year 3 Team. All you need to do is.....**Guess Who!** Try and decide if each fun fact belongs to Miss Charalambous, Mrs Morreale, Mr Osman or Mrs Majeবাদia. We'll reveal the answers via e-mail next week ☺

1. I like reading with children every day
2. Each night before bed, I read one chapter of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
3. I love cats (acquired a third recently)....cat lady ☺
4. I have a very large scarf collection
5. My favourite football team is Real Madrid CF
6. I speak another language which is Gujarati
7. I'm not very good at drawing but I like to draw.....always persevere with what you enjoy doing!
8. I love teaching children to skip in the sunshine in the playground

Have fun, take care, stay safe and we'll be in touch soon!

Mrs Charalambous, Mr Osman, Mrs Morreale and Mrs Majeবাদia



Mindfulness

Anna Zannides will be running free online Mindfulness sessions in the evenings for parents and carers. If you would like to join her, all you need is the link below, an internet enabled device and the time. Details below:

Next session Wednesday 1st April 8pm to 8.40pm.

Anna Zannides is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Mindfulness with Anna

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5461736610>

Meeting ID: 546 173 6610

Caretakers Corner

Hello to all the wonderful children of Ashmole Primary School and to all their parents/carers.

Firstly, I hope everyone is safe and well during these unprecedented times. All of us have forgone our familiar routines to make our own contribution to the greater cause. With change brings opportunities and I am sure you have all had your own thoughts on how to best utilise this period until we are all back together again in our beautiful school. So until then, I hope you all remain positive and healthy.

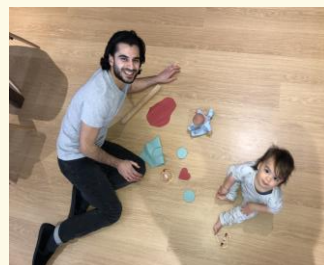
As you know, the majority of staff are still working from home and attending school at least once a week. I have continued to ensure the school has the highest standard of cleanliness and hygiene for all our staff and key worker's children and I will be planning a deep cleaning programme again over Easter. Maintenance and Health & Safety compliance never stops for a working building like ours. Working remotely I have been able to look ahead and formulate new plans for the school such as supporting our new Ashmole Green Team and looking at ways I can improve the school so that when we are back up and running, the school will be bigger and better than ever! As like many of you, I have also had the pleasure of spending more time at home with my family. I am sure you will all agree this isn't always the easiest when you have young children but it is a truly unique opportunity and I have been making the most of it. My wife and I have been taking part in different types of play with our one year old son and I have also been helping my wife around the home in true caretaker fashion! Have a look at the pictures (proof!).

Until we meet again, stay safe all.

Your caretaker,
Mr Constantinou



Photographic evidence I do things around the home too!



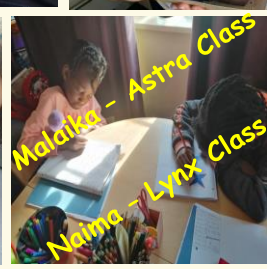
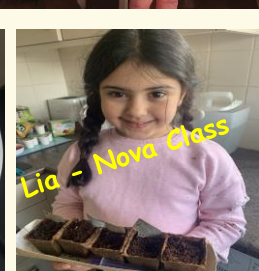
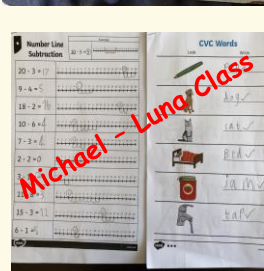
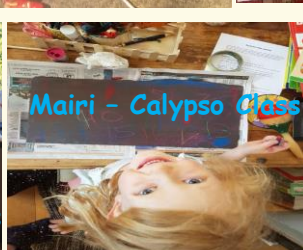
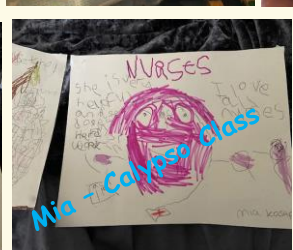
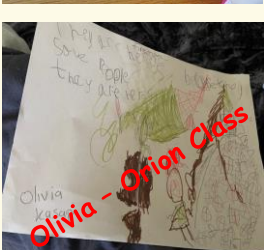
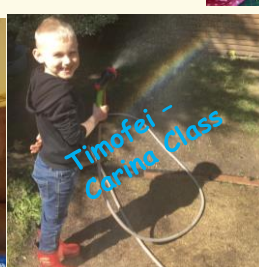
My son and I doing some sensory play!



Our Value for
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We have loved seeing the pictures of your work and all the fun you have been getting up to at home. Please keep them coming! Apologies to those of you that have not made it into this month's newsletter.





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Love, Values and Learning at Ashmole School

Ashmole school, super cool,
all our values absolutely rule.

There's friendship, honesty, truth and
trust, tolerance, excellence, generosity,
and kindness are a must.

The more we learn the more we know,
the teachers plant the seeds
and the knowledge tree grows.

Because of the Covid-19 Virus
we have to school at home,
but we will always continue learning
and we will never be alone.

Our hearts and thoughts are joined as one
But whether we are at home or school
Let's have some FUN.

Although we are apart for now,
our education and friendship will never fail.
I love my school and hold it dear,
so I hope this poem
spreads good cheer.

By Keana (Astra class)

Message from Mrs Chown:

Hello Everyone!

I am missing you all so much and can't wait to see you again. I was feeling quite poorly when school finished but am pleased to say that I am now on the mend!
You probably didn't know this about me, but I love jigsaw puzzles! My son recently bought me a 1000 piece puzzle which has kept me really busy these past few days. I am so grateful of the wonderful folk in my neighbourhood, they have been going to the shops for me, one lady even brought me some second hand jigsaw puzzles. My cat, Syd has been keeping me company and I've been having lots of facetime chats with my children and friends - Mrs Andrews facetimes me regularly, she even facetimed me while she was cooking dinner for her family! Here is a picture of my (not yet completed) puzzle - can you spot Syd?

Take care everyone and stay safe - I miss you all!

Mrs Chown ☺☺☺

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Lockdown Larry is creating weekly shows for young children. The shows include jokes (lots from our wonderful students at Ashmole Primary), dancing, singing, story telling and weekly challenges. Children can send in their photos and videos for Larry to share with the viewers.

If you would like to get involved, please check out the links below or email

lockdownlarry2020@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/lockdownlarry2020>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjHvHrVSvH1nht_QSisMapw





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BE KIND, BE FAIR,
BE HONEST, BE TRUE,
AND ALL OF THESE
THINGS WILL COME
BACK TO YOU.

FAIRNESS
is protecting
not only you
BUT
all who are
INVOLVED.

Fairness

1. Be open-minded: listen to others.
2. Don't take advantage of others.
3. Treat people fairly, don't discriminate.
4. Don't blame others carelessly.

**STAY AT
HOME**

PROTECT THE **NHS**

♥ **save lives**

Celebrating Achievement Merits, Values and Handwriting Awards

Orion Class - Ayham, Dominic, Emilia, Pariza, Lukne, Luca

Calypso Class - Massa, Olanna, Zoya, Mairi, Victoria, Ayden

Nova Class - Callum, Lia, Amani, Ayla, Johan, Riki, Ria, Ashok

Luna Class - Alfie, Ben, Maria, Anna, Aron, Hazal, Jansu,

Carina Class - William, Liyana, Jason, Sophia, Aira, Charlie, Joseph, Ariyan, Isla, Sara, Zhane, Yiannis, Alyssa, Ben, Marina

Lyra Class - James, Kaner, Arman, Aara, Alexander D, Anya, Freya, George, Leyla, Mishika, Rocco, Taylan

Lynx Class - Kleo, Sophie, Jasmine, Maxi, Rohan

Astra - Gabriella, Jasmine, Jenna, Laurence, Malaika, Musa, Erin

You should have received your school login details for the apps your child would normally use in school. However, if you have still not received them, please email office@ashmoleprimary.org and we will send them to you. There are so many free apps and videos that you can download, please take advantage of them. Here are a few website suggestions:

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/2SimpleTV/videos>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vTcpfSnOMQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beTDz9HSNOM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly3v0Vy2-Cw>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/words-and-spelling>

<https://www.spellingcity.com/spelling-games-vocabulary-games.html>

<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/students/students-5-8/coin-cruncher/>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time>