



Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well at home and managed to get some rest during the Easter break. Our school continues to remain open for key workers and vulnerable children. School is open for these children from 8.50am until 3.15pm except for the Bank Holidays on Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May. Holiday homework will also be set as normal on the Friday before the May half term.

We still don't know when children will return to school, but as soon as we receive any information from the government about this, we will let you know.

This summer term the teachers have set lots of exciting activities for the pupils to do on Purple Mash. Please read the class teacher's blogs for updates in Sharing/ Shared blogs and you can also add comments there or on my Head Teacher's Blog too. The teachers would love to hear from all the children and families. Check the 'Class' folder and the Year Group folder in the 'Group' folder for any homework. The children should save their work in their name folder or in the 2Do work folder set by the teacher.

We hope you are enjoying the Year Group videos from the teachers. In the 'School' folder there are: News items for parents; video stories by the Head Teacher and video stories by the staff. There is also a folder where children can save their 'Values Posters' on Fairness.

Everyone can also upload different types of work to share with their teacher. For example, pupils can upload photos of work, pictures, writing and these can be shared with the teachers to show what everyone has been doing at home. Even videos can be shared.

Each week the teacher will be giving out a special Merit Certificate to someone who has produced amazing work at home. This will be sent via email every Friday.

The Department for Education have recently added some extra advice and tips for parents during this time which I have attached to this newsletter. They have just launched the Oak National Academy online classroom and resource hub as well as the new BBC Bitesize education package. These resources are all free and will compliment any additional online learning.

If you have any questions, at any time, please blog the class teacher who will be very happy to help, or contact our school office on 0208 361 1881 or email: office@ashmoleprimary.org

During these unprecedented times it is really important that we look after our mental health as well as our physical health. With this in mind, please try and make use of the Mindfulness sessions that are being offered to all our parents and carers by Anna Zannides. Her sessions are free and she will also organise an Ashmole Primary only session, although you can make a donation if you would like to.

Best wishes to everyone and please stay safe.

Mr Tofallis

Head Teacher



Free School Meals - Shopping Vouchers

I have had lots of parents contacting me regarding the new government shopping voucher Free School Meal Scheme while schools are closed.

To clarify, the voucher scheme is aimed at low income families whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding), normally for parents who are in receipt of Income Support. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to **Infant** Free School Meals which is a different scheme to Free School Meals (Pupil Premium).

For clarification the key points are:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support

- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

If there are any parents that fall into the above category and have not notified the school, they must contact me in confidence as soon as possible.

Infant free school meals in England

Your child will automatically be able to get free school meals if they're in a [government-funded school](#) and in:

- Reception

- Year 1

- Year 2

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence at office@ashmoleprimary.org

Many thanks
Mrs Andrews



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Recruitment

We require 3 Meal Time Supervisors for this September. If you are interested please contact the school office and complete an application form which is available on our school website www.ashmoleprimary.org

We will also be looking to recruit a SEN Teaching Assistant for September 2020. Please look out for the advert online on our website and again contact the office if you are interested in this.

Sustrans - Bike It Project

Please share photos with us of you:

Walking, cycling, scootering in the garden safely or going for local exercise safely and keeping at a safe distance. We would love to see photos of you playing sports and games in the garden too.

We will share these with everyone and use for a project that we are doing with Sustrans. Please send your photos to office@ashmoleprimary.org

Stay in Touch...

Please remember that the school office is open every day for calls. 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.

Values Poster Competition

Don't forget to upload your Values Posters to Purple Mash. Our Value for April is Fairness and the value for May it's Excellence. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month.

School Admissions September 2020 - Reminder

If your child has been offered a place in Reception starting this September, please remember to log-in to e-admissions to accept your place - the deadline is today!



Reception

Hello Calypso Class! I hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather we have been having recently. I've been spending a lot of time in my garden and it's been so peaceful and relaxing. I've also managed to finish 3 whole books, I just love reading! Everyday I log onto Purple Mash to see what treats I have waiting for me and wow I'm always so impressed with what you have been up to. So many of you are continuing to practise your Phonics skills as well as Maths and you've been getting very creative too. You've been having tea parties, making fun creations and lots more- well done everyone! It's been so lovely seeing some of you at school but I am still missing everybody else so much! Hopefully see you all soon, stay safe and well everyone.

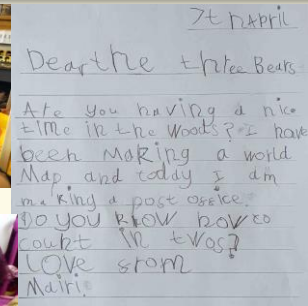
Mrs Pavlakos :)

Hello Orion Class

First of all I would like to start off by saying a big well done to every single one of you as we have had to adapt to a new way of living for the time being. You have all continued to do me proud by still working so hard at home and showing such resilience in these hard times. Whilst we have been learning at home we have continued our topic of 'people who help us' and it has been so fabulous to see all the work you have been doing. So many of you have been practising your writing, you have got creative and you have also been setting yourself some maths challenges.

I am still working from home just like you are but I am also making sure that I make some time to have some fun too. I have been enjoying the sunshine by going on daily walks, baking and taking part in yoga every day as well. I am missing you all very much but it has been so lovely to receive so many pictures of what you have been doing at home which really does make me smile.

Keep working hard, having fun and most importantly keep smiling until we see each other again soon!
Miss Cleary



Year 1

To our special Nova Class,

We hope you are all keeping well and enjoying this wonderful weather. We have been seeing that you are all still working hard and showing your parents and carers the amazing reading, writing and maths that you are capable of! We have especially loved looking at your creative projects that many of you have spent lots of time completing. It has been wonderful to receive some lovely emails from your parents with photos of you to show us some of the brilliant things you have been doing since being at home. Together we have looked through these wonderful pictures and it has put a huge smile on our faces, so please don't stop, we look forward to seeing these each week. Though we are sure you are missing school and seeing everybody just as much as we are, please continue to work hard at home and most importantly enjoy the time you have with your families. We cannot wait for us all to be together again soon! Take care and stay safe our lovely Nova class. Miss Costas, Mrs Demetri and Miss Kaya

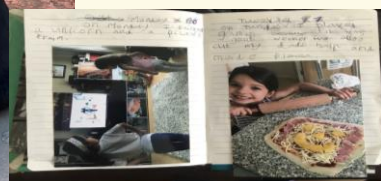
Hello Luna Class,

I hope you are all well and we miss you all dearly. I have loved talking to all your parents and hearing some of your lovely voices, it has really made me smile. Miss Tibbs and I have been blown away with all the fantastic work you have uploaded to Purple Mash, keep it going! I have also enjoyed reading your comments on our class blog, remember to keep checking it.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been very busy settling and training my puppy called Keiko. He is a black Labrador and is only 12 weeks old.

We are very proud of you and hope to see you all very soon.

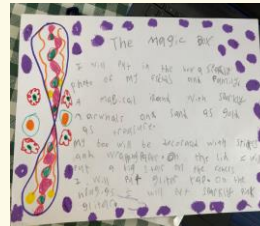
Miss Burke and Miss Tibbs.





Year 2

Lyra class have been working so hard at home since school closed. I've loved seeing all your work on Purple Mash. So many amazing robots with so many uses and very strange names. The setting boxes have been fantastic with jungles, under the sea and space to name a few. The magic boxes were so beautiful. The pupils have worked so hard on them and the poems that went alongside were a pleasure to read. I'm so proud of everyone! Keep busy and stay healthy.



Hello Carina Class! I hope you are keeping well and enjoying your projects. I have loved receiving photos and emails of the work and projects Carina Class have been working hard on at home. The robots, setting boxes, magic boxes and writing to go alongside them have been amazing! It has been also nice seeing some of their lovely smiley faces in the photos you have sent. I am looking forward to seeing more of your fantastic work over the coming weeks and hopefully will find some time to try out some of the recipes you have passed onto me as part of your food project. I miss you all lots! Miss Stavri

Year 3

Miss Charalambous and Mrs Morreale are extremely proud of all of Astra Class for their amazing maturity and hard work over the last few weeks. We are really missing our class but are absolutely loving seeing everything that you are doing so please continue to send us your work!

This month, Astra Class have put lots of time and effort into their **Raging Rivers and Fantastic Pharaohs** project and the work they have produced has been brilliant. The children have spent time researching Ancient Egyptian Mummies, The Pyramids of Giza, The River Nile and Egyptian houses and we can't wait to continue learning about this fantastic topic during the Summer Term.

It has also been lovely to see children getting creative with their families and safely enjoying the warm weather we have had! This month, we also revealed the answers to the **Fun Facts Guess Who** game from March's Newsletter and, as we found out, the children REALLY know their teachers well 😊 You will also find all of the answers on the **new Year 3 Blog** on Purple Mash this afternoon if you have not had a chance to watch the video. As always, we hope you are keeping busy but most importantly we hope you are staying happy, healthy and safe!



Dear Lynx Class,

It was lovely catching up with you on our class zoom on Tuesday 28th April 2020. It was nice to hear about how you are all getting on at home. I am happy to hear that you are happy, safe and well. Do not worry if you missed this call, we will have the opportunity again very soon.

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I have been receiving lots of emails from Lynx class on Purple Mash, which has allowed me to see all the fabulous work you have been doing. As your teacher, I would like to say thank you for all your hard work during this uncertain time.

Physical and mental well-being are equally important as each other. Therefore, I would like to hear about how you are keeping your brains and bodies busy at home. Please forward photos of you or family to office@ashmoleprimary.org.

Finally, I would like to thank Lynx parents for all your hard work. Your constant support of Ashmole Primary is highly appreciated. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing you all soon. 😊





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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.

Ashmole Primary Newsletter



Neve



Amelia



Rose



Luca



Arianna



Ayaan



Calypso Class



Simeon



Kaan



Johan and his Dad



Alexander



Aaryan's Helpbot



Mia



Alexandra



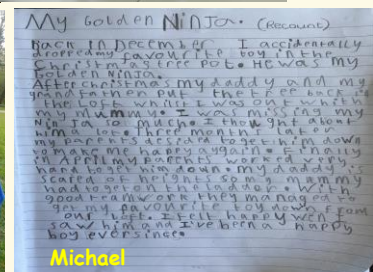
Kuzey



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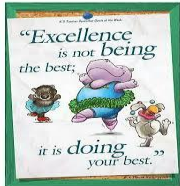




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Excellence means: the quality of being outstanding or extremely good.

STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

save lives

Celebrating Achievement

Each week the teacher from each class will be giving out a special Merit Certificate to someone who has produced amazing work at home. This will be sent via email every Friday. Well done to this month's recipients 😊

Orion Class - Arthur
Calypso Class - Ayden
Nova Class - Aun
Luna Class - Edward
Carina Class - Iza
Lynx Class - Joe
Astra - Armin
Lyra Class - Haris

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>
lockdownlarry2020@gmail.com
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvTcpfSnOMQ>
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<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
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<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>



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Book Week 2020

Although Book Week now seems like a long time ago, we must not forget all the fun we had throughout the week, the effort everyone put in, especially Miss Stavri and of course, our competition winners!

Author of the week:

Kaiden - Calypso
Deniz - Orion
Lucas - Luna
Reyyan - Nova
Anya - Lyra
Tami - Carina
Arabella - Lynx
Amaya - Astra

Best Costume:

Alexia - Calypso
Inaya - Orion
Aun - Nova
Alexander - Luna
Liyana - Carina
Ellie - Lyra
Nikolaos - Lynx
Laurence - Astra

Writing Competition Winners:

Kieran - Luna Year 1)
Timofei - Carina (Year 2)
Ediz - Astra (Year 3)





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Useful Government Information:

Launch of the Oak National Academy online classroom and resource hub

The sector-led Oak National Academy has launched an online classroom and resource hub. This offers 180 video lessons each week for schools to use, across a broad range of subjects. The lessons cover children in Reception through to Year 10 and are free to use by both teachers and young people.

The Oak National Academy can be accessed here:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Launch of BBC Bitesize The BBC has launched an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers, helping to keep children learning at home and supporting parents. BBC Bitesize can be accessed here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Guidance for parents and carers on supporting their children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping children with special educational needs and disabilities learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Updated guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings The guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information on the support available for parents, online educational resources and support for vulnerable children. The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>