



## Head Teacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will all be aware, the government outlined plans for schools to start opening to some year groups in June 2020. The plan is to open school for the children only in Reception and Year 1 from 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This is a conditional plan which will remain under regular review. As a school we will follow the guidance of the Department of Education to ensure that we keep our children, staff and families safe. We receive a daily update from the Department of Education and have prepared a strategy and risk assessment for our reopening. Our provision for key worker children from Year 2 and Year 3 will continue as normal and those children will be located upstairs in the future Year 5 classrooms.

Our plan is to hold two INSET Days for staff on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to brief them fully on expectations and regulations and to go over the risk assessment. The safety of our pupils and staff is paramount and we are fully prepared to open for our Reception and Year 1 pupils on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. To ensure safe social distancing, everyone on site will have to abide by the 2 metre rule and no class group will be larger than 15 pupils. The Reception children will be based either in their Reception classroom or in the Hall. The Year 1 children will be based either in their classroom or in one of the Year 2 classrooms. Again, all groups will be taught with a maximum of 15 pupils at one time. The groups will be led by the Teacher, a High Level Teaching Assistant or a Teaching Assistant.

The times will be slightly staggered to aid with social distancing in the playground during the busy periods.

Reception opening times: 8.45am Register and 2pm pick up. Year 1 opening times: 9.00am Register and 2.15pm pick up. The class teachers will confirm drop off and pick up locations to the parents before 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

On their return to school, the children will predominantly focus on well-being lessons and activities with their teachers and peers. Pupils will be kept apart as previously mentioned and will be based in their set area with their set adults. The pupils will also eat in their class areas. We will steadily build on a return to our school curriculum. We understand that some parents may be anxious about any return to school and we totally understand this. If parents choose not to send their child back to school there will be no consequences or fines for non-attendance. We will respect your decision completely.

Our staff are here to support the children and as a school we will understand if you may not be ready to return straight away in June.

Our staff have been busy contacting all our Reception and Year 1 parents, so that we can know how many children will come back to school and plan accordingly. Social distancing measures to combat this hidden virus are so important. Please ensure all rules and guidelines are followed on the school site at all times. If you need to send a message to the teacher please do so via telephone or email the office [office@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org) 0208 361 1881.

It will be difficult to talk directly to staff face to face given the current climate and I thank you all for your understanding with this matter during this difficult time. We need to protect each other and be socially aware. I would like to finish by saying thank you to so many of you who have been so supportive of the school and the hard work that all the staff continue to put in to make sure your children continue to be educated at home. Your positive feedback means so much to us and goes a long way. We appreciate that home schooling isn't always easy especially for parents who are also working from home. Some parents are asking for interactive, live lessons such as zoom. At Ashmole, both the Academy and the Primary, we will not be using the Zoom platform for live lessons simply because it has potential safeguarding issues used in this context and our prime duty is to protect the welfare of our pupils. Practical issues of having a live lesson with 30 students at the same time is also not practical for every household. However, as distance learning continues to be a feature, especially for Years 2 and 3 we will look to develop more ways to enhance our online learning and will ensure more online interaction. The Year 2 and Year 3 staff will contact parents after half-term.

Best wishes to everyone, enjoy the half-term break and please stay safe.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



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## Recruitment

We have appointed 2 Meal Time Supervisors for this September and are still looking to appoint one more. If you are interested please contact the school office and complete an application form which is available on our school website [www.ashmoleprimary.org](http://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](mailto:office@ashmoleprimary.org)

## Mental Health Awareness

Lockdown has been an extremely stressful and difficult time for parents, carers, children and staff alike. This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and a helpful reminder that it's OK not to be OK. If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulties with mental health then there is free help available, whatever your situation. You can find more information here: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/) [External link](#)

## 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](mailto: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 May is Excellence and the value for June is Generosity. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. Well done to Neve for winning last month!

## September 2020 Intake

We look forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort in September. If you have a younger child starting with us this September, please ensure you complete and return all paperwork **via email** by no later than Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Many thanks.



## Reception

Hello Calypso Class! I'm missing you so much so it was lovely seeing many of you on our Zoom Show and Tell session. I hope you're all well and safe and still working hard and having fun. I've been so impressed with the work you're all sending in. I've seen lots of descriptive writing, counting in 5s and 10s, halving and doubling, arts and crafts activities and lots of lovely photographs. I am extremely proud of you all and how well you have all adapted to life without school. You are all little super stars and should be extremely proud of yourselves. I'm really hoping that soon we will all be able to see each other again. Lots of Love, stay safe.



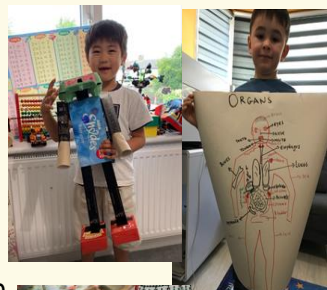
Hello Orion class,

I hope you are all well and enjoying this beautiful weather that we are having at the moment. I have tried to enjoy it when I get the chance by doing some of my work outside and going for long walks around my local park which makes me feel really happy! I am still so impressed with how well all of you have dealt with the situation we are facing at the moment and all the hard work you are doing at home. Lots of you are writing your own stories, setting yourself maths challenges, painting, designing, reading, exercising and it makes me smile when I log onto purple mash and I get to see all of these wonderful things. I am missing all of you so much and I can't wait for us to be together again soon. Keep having fun, enjoy half term and like always - keep smiling!



## Year 1

We hope you are all well and enjoying this beautiful sunny weather. We have really enjoyed seeing your wonderful work and have especially loved seeing how many of you have been baking and cooking with your families. Your creations look super yummy! It has been wonderful to see lots of you challenging yourselves and even attempting the extension tasks we have set you. You continue each day to make us so very proud, always working hard and showing how fantastic you all are in such difficult times. We miss you all and cannot wait to see you all soon. Keep working hard, having fun and most importantly keep smiling until we see each other again soon! We wanted to also say a big thank you to our wonderful Nova class parents for your amazing support. You are all doing brilliantly and we really appreciate your hard work.



Hello Lovely Luna Class,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the recent sunshine. I have loved hearing how hard you are working from your mummies and daddies, I think they are as proud of you as we are. Miss Tibbs and I also loved seeing some of your smiley faces on our monthly zoom catch-up, it was so wonderful to see you all.

Well done, on writing your non-fiction books about Red Eyed Tree Frogs, they are so informative!

We hope you have a fun and restful half term and hope to see you very soon.







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## Year 2

Hello everyone! Carina Class have continued to work really hard on their home learning this month and have really impressed me. They have worked hard on their Christopher Columbus project where they learnt all about Christopher Columbus and wrote their own message in a bottle; they learnt about the solar system and wrote a fact file about their alien during their Space project; and learnt all about staying safe when crossing the road! It has been lovely to see photos and emails of their work and projects.

I wish everyone a well deserved rest during the half term. I miss you all lots!



Lyra Class have had a busy month!

So many fantastic projects completed and sent to me. We've had artists, scientists and intrepid explorers. Story writers and poets and games designers. Gardeners, bakers and cyclists some of the most creative learning I could imagine.

Remember that all the work you are doing I get to do at home with my little boy too, so I'm enjoying looking at your ideas and trying them out with him.

I am loving reading all the amazing writing, so many of Lyra class have taken on board the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum challenges. I am so proud of you all and want you to keep working hard and keep enjoying the sunshine too.

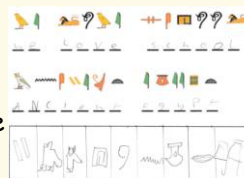


## Year 3

The wonderful children of Astra Class have been working particularly hard in May. The children have enjoyed taking part in different activities at home and have also been safely exercising by going for walks and riding their bikes and scooters. We all know how important it is to keep active even during these difficult times so well done Astra!

We are loving the variety of activities completed from our Weekly Homework grid and we are so glad that the children are enjoying the tasks set. It is amazing to see children thinking about their every day activities and creating fantastic geographical maps of their route to different places such as school. Over the next few weeks, Year 3 will be working hard on different and exciting projects such as learning to sign a song in British Sign Language. We can't wait to see the results! Well done for all of the hard work Astra Class! We are so proud!

Hello Lynx Class. What a month it has been, everyone has worked so hard. The children have become experts at deciphering and creating their own messages using Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs. They are now fantastic at drawing the different symbols and the teachers had so much fun reading the Hieroglyph messages. It has been great to see the children enjoying the Year 3 Spelling Word Searches that have been sent home and we have been particularly impressed that the children are now creating their own word searches! Well done! We have even challenged the children to solve and create their own Sudoku grids. Mr Osman and Mrs Majeবাদia are so proud of everything that you are doing at home and even though we are not together at school, we are always thinking of you all. We can't wait to see Lynx Class again! Take care, keep learning and remember to have fun!







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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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You have  
two hands.  
One to help yourself,  
the second  
to help others.



## 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** - Inaya, Olivia, Oliver, Evie, Luca, Mabel, Darcy, Saanvi, Klay

**Calypso Class** - Ayda, Alexia, Rafael, Mairi, Arianna, Mia, Emily, Indi, Murat

**Nova Class** - Sebastijan, Simeon, Lia, Aryan, Johan, Riki, Lewis, Ayaan, Ashok

**Luna Class** - Neve, Mason, Olivia, Maria, Lucas, Elisia, Onekie, Keiran, Kayden

**Carina Class** - Alyssa, Kenan, Anoushka, Yiannis, Ben, Avash, Marina

**Lynx Class** - Rohan, Erin, Serena, Elias, Naima, Jasmine, Serena, Elias, Naimi, Jasmine,

**Astra** - Ediz, Elizabeth, Max, Evie, Jake, Musa, Vivaan, Malaika, Freya

**Lyra Class** - Kaner, Kheon, Ashwin, James, Alaena, Sophie, George, Aara, Niyan

Look out for our merits recorded on video by Mr Tofallis on Purple Mash School News

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](mailto: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](mailto:lockdownlarry2020@gmail.com)

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

<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>