



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see all the children in Reception and Year 1 coming back to school this month in what has been a very difficult time for everyone ever since the lockdown in March 2020. The children, parents, governors and staff have been brilliant and I thank everyone for all your tremendous support. We are really pleased to welcome back Year 2 and Year 3 pupils this week and we look forward to seeing all the pupils that are able to return to school safely for the last two and a half weeks of the academic year.

These have been testing times for everyone but I know that we will all come through it and I look forward to us all eventually returning to some kind of normality in the near future. Who could have predicted that our lives would have been affected so much in March 2020?

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new temporary Deputy Head Teacher from September 2020 - Congratulations to Mrs Pavlakos. Many of you will already know Mrs Pavlakos here at Ashmole and we are delighted to have Mrs Pavlakos in her new role from September 2020. Well done to all the children for working so hard whether that be at school or at home with their online learning. Your teachers are all very proud of you. Steadily, as we return to school, I know that the children will continue to build on their outcomes and build on their overall knowledge, understanding and development.

I know that we have missed many key events this summer but our APPTA will also bounce back strongly in the new school year. Resilience is a key value that we have all shown in the last few months and eventually we will be stronger for it.

One thing that has been so crucial during lockdown is the importance of working as a team and helping each other and these attributes are so important during these times. It has been amazing to see all the children so happy at school again and that helps to keep us all so positive and motivated.

Next week, I will announce the new classes and teachers for September 2020. Over the last few weeks we have been very busy recruiting for our school. In addition to Mrs Pavlakos becoming our new Deputy Head Teacher we also appointed two full time class teachers: Miss Powell and Mrs McNamara. We welcome Mrs Curtis as a part time teacher, along with two School Direct Teachers: Mrs Huggins and Miss Sauka. Our new Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Chatzovoulou, Mrs McDowell and Mrs Hassan. We also welcome to our staff Mrs Kamal-Uddin, Mrs Eagle and Mrs Mustafa as our new Meal Time Supervisors.

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Values Poster competitions over the last few months. Well done to Keana and Elodie in Year 3 who have both won £5 Amazon e-vouchers for their great efforts with their posters on the value of Generosity. Our value for July is 'Independence'.

All our parents will receive a brief end of year pupil report from the class teacher to close the year, via email. It certainly has been a very different school year for everyone. Our last school day will be on Friday 17th July. I can confirm that Active London will host our School Holiday club from 20th July for the duration of the summer holidays. We also hope that everyone will return to school in September 2020 with classes running at full capacity and for the whole school day. We will monitor the situation for playtimes, lunchtimes, drop offs, pick ups and assemblies. We will notify all our parents and carers with notice before we commence in September 2020, including any plans we have for Breakfast and After School Club.

Thank you for all your support and kindness.

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher

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Thank you!

A special thank you to Sheli, Avi and Roni Apel (via Aria and Sia's parents) for their very generous donation of PPE for our school. Also a special mention and thank you to Maxi and Darcy's mummy for the fabulous, homemade face coverings for our staff.

The face coverings and PPE that have been donated will help our staff stay safe in these difficult times and is greatly appreciated.

Sustrans - Bike It Project and Stay Active

Sustrans are offering one lucky parent/carer and child the opportunity to win a brand new bike! Please see attached flyer for further information and details of how to enter. **Deadline, Wednesday 1st July.**

Barnet Libraries

Barnet Libraries new **Select and Collect** service went live this week. Although the library buildings are still closed, you can now request books, CDs and DVDs for collection from four libraries - [Chipping Barnet](#), [Colindale](#), [Edgware](#) and [Finchley Church End](#).

You can ask for specific items, or a general collection based on preference, such as genre or topic. Your children can now ask for books and join in the [2020 Summer Reading Challenge Silly Squad](#)

Once staff have prepared your collection, they will contact you to arrange a specific collection slot. To keep customers and staff safe, collection is by pre-arrangement only.

If you don't already have a library card, then it's quick and easy to [Join the library online](#).

[For the safety of customers and staff, government and health advice is followed while preparing collections. All returned items are quarantined for 72 hours before they are available for collection.](#)

[For more information please check the libraries Select and Collect Webpage or e-mail \[Librariesonlinehelp@barnet.gov.uk\]\(mailto:Librariesonlinehelp@barnet.gov.uk\)](#)



Values Poster Competition

Don't forget to upload your Values Posters to Purple Mash. Our Value for June was Generosity and the value for July is Independence. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month.

Well done to Elodie and Keana who are this month's winners!



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A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter

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Peaceful protests, mass marches, and portrayals of violence. Petitions, political speeches, and demonstrations. The last few weeks have seen movements advocating for an end to racial inequality on a mass scale. Yet, current affairs aren't always tangible or immediately clear, especially from a child's perspective. Many children may have questions about the images, stories, and conversations they hear on the news and around them.

[Attached is a parent's guide to Black Lives Matter.](#) Racism and race is not a one-conversation topic, and this guide by no means contains all the answers, but will provide the foundations of good places to start help inspire discussion and empower families to work towards racial equality.

Computing

Over the summer holidays we will be very busy updating our IT resources. We are installing new interactive smart boards in Year 4 and the future Y5 classrooms with the purchase of new iPads and laptops for KS2, as well as a new TV screen for the Computing Bay on the first floor. We will be preparing to use Google Classroom for all new homework set in the autumn term. Pupils and staff will have new logins to use this facility. Purple Mash will still be available throughout the year to make use of the games and resources on the platform. In the future we will reduce photocopying of any homework sheets set as these will be set on the new platform.



Easyfundraising

At this particularly challenging time for us all, please don't forget that over 4,100 shops and sites will donate to Ashmole Primary School - Southgate for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support the school, when you get your groceries, order a takeaway, renew your insurance policies or buy anything else online - at no extra cost to yourself! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE to use. Just visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashmoleprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-n4

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Inset Day - Cancelled

The Inset day planned for this Friday 3rd July has been cancelled.



Reception

It is so lovely to have some Calypso Class children back. Although we're still not altogether, with some of us in the class, in the hall and at home, we're still managing to stay in touch and have fun. At school, things are a little different but the children are having a blast and they are glad to be back with their friends. They are so good at washing their hands and they're all trying so hard to remember to keep their distance from each other. We even have a special code word for that! One day we worked together to build a tower that reached all the way to the classroom ceiling! It was so much fun and the children in the hall are going to try the same - but their ceiling is a lot higher. We hope to see more of you very soon.

Hello Orion class!

I would like to start off by saying a huge well done to all the children that have returned to school with such a fantastic attitude to their new environment and learning. You have embraced it all and you have shown such resilience; it has been fantastic to see. A huge well done to those children who are continuing to learn from home too, you are working so hard and continue to make me proud!

Orion class have settled really well back into school life and the new routine, they have really enjoyed seeing their friends again and have been working so hard on all their learning. Although it is a little different to what we are used to we are still having lots of fun and continuing with our learning! Well done to you all.

Miss Cleary



Year 1



Hello our lovely Nova Class 😊 It has been wonderful to welcome many of you back to school. We have loved seeing your smiley faces and being back together once again. Though some of you are at home and we are not all back together just yet, we are always thinking of you all and talking about how very much we miss you. You are all little super stars and should be extremely proud of yourselves. We have all been completing the same work and hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have enjoyed it at school. We have also been enjoying this wonderful weather and have been able to spend time outside on our playing fields which has been great fun! We hope you are all well and continuing to keep safe! Miss Costas, Mrs Demetri and Miss Kaya

Hello Lovely Luna Class,

Firstly, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed seeing all your smiley faces in the morning now we are back in school. You have all adapted remarkably to your new groups and have returned with such a great attitude to learning. I know some of you are still working really hard at home, I am very proud, and we all miss you so much. I hope you have enjoyed learning about Space as much as we did at school. My group especially loved learning about the astronaut Tim Peake. We have also spent lots of time playing on the school field under the huge Oak Trees.

Keep up all the amazing work and keep smiling.

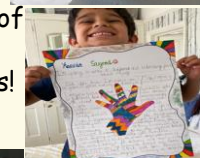
Miss Burke and Miss Tibbs





Year 2

The wonderful Carina Class have been working particularly hard in June. I've been so impressed with the work they have been sending in on Purple Mash. They have worked extremely hard writing their portal stories and have been challenging themselves to extend their writing. They are trying hard to achieve the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum challenges when writing and have been particularly creative during our patterns project. Carina Class are such lovely friends to each other and it has been a pleasure to read some of the lovely things they have written about each other as part of their Friendship project. Carina Class I am missing you lots so it was lovely seeing some of you during our Zoom chats! Well done for all the hard work Carina Class. I am so proud of you all!



Another busy month for lovely Lyra class. I have been so proud of the resilience and strength you have all been showing during lockdown. I have had some amazing work through again on Purple Mash and have loved seeing the amazing effort so many of you have put in. We had some beautiful hot weather and I heard that so many of you had been on picnics and bike rides which is lovely to hear about. I even bought myself a bike and now I can go out and about with my children. It's been lovely chatting to you on Zoom and I can't wait to see those of you who are returning to school in July.



Year 3

Hi Lynx Class, we hope you are all well and enjoying the tropical weather! This week you have all been preparing to return to school and revising some Maths and Literacy skills that we have covered during our time in Year 3. I am super impressed with the work I have been receiving! Keep up the fantastic effort! This month, Year 3 have covered lots of exciting topics such as Ancient Egyptian Acrostic poems and Kenning Poems about animals. We have also been exploring Forces and Magnets in Science. Mrs Majevadia and I have enjoyed speaking with you during our weekly Zoom calls and we are so proud of the work that you have been producing at home, keep up the fantastic effort. Thank you to all Lynx parents for your dedication and support. Take care and stay safe. Mr Osman and Mrs Majevadia.



Hi Astra Class, we hope you're all well and hope you have been safely enjoying the warm weather over the last few weeks. We are missing you lots and have loved seeing you on our Zoom calls. It has been great to see all of the amazing work you have been doing linked to Forces and Magnets in Science, Block Printing in Art and all of our cross curricular work on Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. We have been so impressed with the research and map skills you have used in Geography to find out about the importance of the River Nile. You have created some fantastic River Nile maps to show where the river runs and the different things surrounding the Nile. Lots of you have been working hard to create some wonderful artwork using different skills and techniques such as abstract art and implementing the 3D effect! 😊 We are so impressed with the brilliant models and sculptures that you have been creating linked to our projects. Your Mayan Temples, Ancient Egyptian Pyramids and models are so intricate, detailed and accurate. Well done. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you in July. Take care and stay safe! 😊





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Caretakers Corner

A big welcome back to all of our children, parents and carers to Caretaker's Corner!

We will be welcoming back all remaining year groups this week. It will be fantastic to have the school open again for all pupils. In readiness for the Reception and Year 1 reopening on 9 June, I undertook a review of arrangements for all building-related systems and services. These arrangements are still valid for the return of Year 2 and Year 3 on 1 July. In particular the following areas: ventilation, cleaning, water systems and fire safety. Please see below for further information regarding each area.

Ventilation

All components of the ventilation system have been serviced and filter replacements are usually performed on a 6-month life cycle. The next change will be due in August.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an explanation of how the school's ventilation provision operates to alleviate any concerns regarding coronavirus.

The building has a mechanical ventilation system, which means there is a good outdoor fresh air supply. The main system is made up of two parts:

1. Supply/Extract (Heat Recovery) System - is located throughout the building to extract the heat from the warmer stale exhaust air inside and uses that heat to warm the incoming outside air. This system keeps the supply air and the extract air streams physically separate; just the heat energy is transferred and the air streams never mix.
1. Air Conditioning (Fan Coil) Units - are located in all classrooms and 'condition' the air from the outside. This means warming the air in the winter and cooling the air in the summer, as well as adjusting the humidity of the air. The Supply/Extract (Heat Recovery) System works in conjunction, ensuring stale air is exhausted.

The normal running of the ventilation system is combined with Government advice to use natural ventilation via opening of windows where possible when rooms are occupied. This ensures the school's ventilation strategy is providing an increased ventilation rate to help dilute any airborne contamination and reduce the risk of exposure for all building users.

Cleaning

We have been implementing a deep cleaning schedule since the start of the lockdown at the end of March and another full deep clean was completed ahead of the Reception and Year 1 reopening. We have set up an enhanced cleaning regime in line with the appropriate practices to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus outbreak. For example, increased cleaning of toilets and classrooms and regular sanitation of high contact points and objects. The site team are also aware of the cleaning principles to follow in the event of a suspected Coronavirus case.

Water Systems

The routine water management scheme continued during the partial school closure and is carried out in accordance with legislation for controlling and identified risk from legionella bacteria. Prior to 9 June a Water Hygiene Visit was carried out by an external company, which included a full system flush.

Fire Safety

The routine fire safety management plan has been kept up to date and checked in line with any operational changes. All fire doors have been checked to be operational and the fire alarm system and emergency lights have been tested and are fully operational. Emergency drills continue under the normal fire strategy schedule.



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COVID-19 Site Update

As many of you have already seen, returning to school has meant changes around the school's estate. Upon arrival you will be guided by measures put in place to comply with social distancing guidelines. I politely request that all parents and children are more vigilant when moving around the site and for all parents to please follow the one-way system round the whole school on entering and exiting. Please take note of the site signage and also the Head Teacher and teacher's updates regarding timings and group locations. This will ensure a smooth and sleek drop off and pick up operation.

As I am sure you are all aware, the sourcing of PPE has been challenging across all sectors. During the height of the crisis, we understood how imperative it was for PPE stock to go to our NHS first. However, before the restart, we had all items of PPE available to staff as well as adequate levels of hand soap and hand sanitiser for the whole school. I have also made sure we have a secure supply chain to prevent any shortages of PPE, hand hygiene or cleaning products. Our PPE and hand sanitiser levels were greatly increased due to a very generous donation by parents of the school-Hiran and Pinky Patel, who run Parkview Pharmacy. The staff and I are very grateful for their kind contribution to the school's efforts in keeping our staff and children safe during this time.

Contractors Wanted!

As the summer holiday approaches, I am preparing for indoor and outdoor maintenance jobs to go ahead. So many of our parents and carers are immersed within our school community. I too would like to encourage more people to get involved in supporting the school by taking on these contractor jobs. If you or someone you know are qualified for the jobs below, please let me know the details and I will arrange for a quotation.

Painting
Window Cleaning
Cleaning Roof Gutters
Cleaning ACO Drains (run off ground drains)
Pressure Washing Playgrounds/Plaza/Carpark

Please email me to make recommendations or if you would just like to ask me something!
premises@ashmoleprimary.org

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks at the usual place, outside in the arrival plaza!

Take care
Your Caretaker,
Mr Constantinou





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*The greatest gifts you can
give your children are the
roots of responsibility and
the wings of independence.*

-Doris Whitley



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 months recipients ☺

Orion Class - Dominic, Lukne, Reya, Francesca, Johnny, Pariza, Ayham, Deniz, Emilia, Orla, Anya, Edward

Calypso Class - Aria, Massa, Iklim, Mira, Eesa, Sara, Ella, Kaiden, Rose, Zoya, Harry, Rafael

Nova Class - Berkin, Melis, Ayla, Akwasi, Roven, Callum, Alex, Denis, Natalie, Sienna, Reyyan, Lia

Luna Class - Ali, Georgia, Aron, Kornelia, Jansu, Shayan, Milo, Skye, Alfie

Carina Class - Sofia, Jayden, Charlie, Jason, Dimitar, Elexa, Jennah, Rory, Timofei, Joseph, Maria, Kenan

Lynx Class - Kiki, Lily, Elodie, Seb, Arden, Eliza, Elias, Jasmine

Astra - Eisa, Gabriella, Erin, Agastya, Ted, Florrie, Jenna, Keana, Lewis, Lara, Jimmy

Lyra Class - Aaryan, Arman, Anya, Ellie, Alexander J, Della, Ashwin, Aara, Ellie, Freya, Poppy, Taylan

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 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>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY3vOVy2-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>