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for September
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of yet another academic year, who could have ever predicted that schools would have been closed for over three months due to a global pandemic! However, the children have continued to amaze me with their dedication, hard work and resilience in what has been a very challenging time for everyone. Throughout the school closure, the staff have continued to work every day, even during the holidays! Each and every one of them has gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that all our pupils have been able to continue their learning at home. They have all done an exceptional job and their dedication and commitment to our school has been tremendous. We have received many positive emails and comments from our parents which has meant a lot to all the staff during this difficult time.

I am so pleased that we were able to open our school to all our pupils, even for the last few weeks of term. It is so lovely to see the children back in class with their teachers and friends; I know many of them have missed being in school but I wanted to take this opportunity again to thank all of you for stepping in as teachers, almost overnight! Not all children were able to return to school for various reasons and we look forward to welcoming them back to school in September. Some of them may have anxieties about their return, but please be assured that the staff and especially their teachers are here to support them. To help support them further, please read the attached Back to School Guide which has been published by Barnet.

In September we welcome our new Reception pupils. Unlike in previous years, the children have been unable to familiarise themselves with their new teachers and their new surroundings, but I am confident that they will settle in just as well as previous cohorts. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the Zoom Welcome Meeting for the new Reception children and their parents.

The government has issued new guidance for schools to open in September to all year groups. Pupils will return to their normal class size of 30. A detailed Head Teacher update letter outlines all our plans for September. This will be constantly monitored and if anything changes, we will let you know. A new risk assessment has been drawn up which has been shared with all the parents and governors before we break up for the summer holidays.

You should have received a copy of your child's End of Year Report. This is a brief report and when we return in the Autumn term, we will be conducting a baseline assessment of all the pupils in reading, writing, maths and science. We also plan to hold Parent Consultations in the Autumn Term.

There is a very high demand for our Breakfast and Afterschool Club to return but unfortunately this will be on hold due to the fact that we are focussing on class 'bubbles' in September. However, I will keep you all updated with any developments over August and we hope to have the school club up and running at some point in the Autumn Term.

I know that many of you, like me, have had your summer holiday cancelled this year, but I do hope you manage to relax and enjoy some quality time with your families.

Thank you for all your support and kindness throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all on our first day back on Thursday 3rd September (Years 1 to Years 4).

Best wishes.

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher



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Holiday Club

Active London is delighted to be back @ Ashmole Primary School this summer. They will be running from the 20th of July to the 21st August, 9-4pm; subject to reaching a minimum number of 12 children per day. All places must be booked through their online booking system - activelondon.schoolipal.co.uk

For further information, please contact:
Jodie Active London
07857 430487

www.active-london.com



School Dinners

If your child is going into Year 3 in September, you will have to pay for school lunches. If your child would like a school lunch each day, please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit at the beginning of each term. A school lunch costs £2.55 each day.

Your child will be asked at the beginning of each day, during registration, if they will be having a school lunch or if they have brought in their own packed lunch.

We always encourage a healthy, balanced diet, so if your child is bringing in a packed lunch, it must not contain sweets or fizzy drinks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Reading



In order to support your child's reading over the summer holidays they can continue to use Oxford Owl. As well as Oxford Owl your child will be able to gain access to thousands of books and child friendly news articles on myon. A letter containing all the information, including login details was emailed to you on 10th July.



Values Poster Competition

Don't forget to upload your Values Posters to Purple Mash. Our Value for July was Independence and the value for September is Honesty. There is a £5 book token for the winner each month. Well done to Izabella (Year 2) and Kheon (Year 2), who are this month's winners!

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Important Reminders

- It is really important that we have the most up to date information from you regarding your child's medical, dietary and allergy needs. Therefore if you feel that there is anything we need to know, please contact the school office.
- If you have recently moved house and have not yet notified the school office of your change of address, please do so as soon as possible. This also applies to any recent changes to telephone numbers and email addresses.
- If there has been a recent change to your family circumstances, please let us know in the strictest confidence.
- Please ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of each school day. Teachers very often have meetings straight after school so it is really important they are not left with children in the classroom. Additionally, pupils should be collected by their parent/carer ONLY. If you are unable to collect your child for any reason, please notify the school office.

Sustrans - Summer Cycling

Would you and your family like to get cycling this summer?

Sustrans are running FREE, socially distanced, 1-2-1 family cycling sessions this summer holidays, suitable for all ages and abilities.

If you are interested please drop our schools Bike It Officer, Mollie, an email at Mollie.McCulloch@sustrans.org.uk and let her know the following:

- **Your/ your child(ren)'s cycling ability**
- **What are your cycling goals? For example 'I want my child to be able to cycle without stabilisers' or 'I would like to learn to ride a bike'.**
- **Which area of Barnet do you live in?**
- **Preferred date(s): 25, 26, 27, 28 August?**

There are lots more activities being run by Sustrans over the summer - please see the attached flyers for further information.

Healthy Lifestyles - Stay Healthy at Home

The following link contains info about healthy eating, healthy snacking, physical activity and sleep. Please click on the following link to access the booklet.

<https://simplebooklet.com/stayhealthy>

Dates for your diary

- 1st and 2nd September - INSET DAYS
- 3rd September - Year 1 to Year 4 First day back at school.
- 9th - 30th September - Reception staggered start.

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Reception

Orion class, I can't believe the end of the year is already here! It has definitely been different but that certainly hasn't stopped your fantastic attitude towards your learning. You should all be so proud of your achievements this year; especially your resilience during the 'lockdown' period. It has been wonderful to see all of your progress and we have enjoyed watching how far you have come. The children have loved being back at school and have adapted so well to their new way of learning and it has been so brilliant to see how much they are enjoying it. A huge well done to those children who are still working hard at home and well done to you all for completing your first year at school! We hope the children have a wonderful summer break and come back ready to start Year 1 in September!

Calypso Class, wow, what a year! I can't believe it's almost over already. You have been absolutely amazing this year, as I'm sure you will continue to be. You have learnt so much this year, from writing your names, to finding one more than a given number and developing your problem solving skills. Most of all, you have all become great friends and been kind to one another and I think that's probably the most important thing ever! Thank you for being such a wonderful group of children. During Lockdown, you all worked so hard (and so did your parents)! Please keep up the hard work as you go into Year 1. I hope you all have a great Summer. I will miss you so much. Love from Mrs Pavlakos :)

Year 1

Nova Class, We wanted to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are to have had such a wonderful class to teach. Together we have had so much fun and learnt so much. You have kept us smiling and laughing throughout the year and we will cherish the wonderful memories always. You have all worked so very hard and made brilliant progress. We are so proud of how amazing you have been during these tricky times and are so proud of each and every one of you. We would also like to thank the fantastic parents of Nova Class for your continued hard work and support, you have all been amazing! We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Miss Costas, Mrs Demetri and Miss Kaya

Luna Class, I have been blown away with how resilient you have all been this year. Each and everyone of you have shown pure determination to complete all your work and have continued to smile each day. I have thoroughly enjoyed logging onto Purple Mash to see all your wonderful hard work and reading all your emails and blogs that you have sent us. Since you have returned to school you have continued to make us feel so proud, you have all arrived with huge smiles and a positive attitude to learn. It has been wonderful to watch your confidence grow both socially and academically during such a strange and uncertain year. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and well done to all the parents and careers of Luna Class, your support and hard work during this year is more than I could have ever asked for. I am extremely lucky to have spent part of this year being your teacher and you are definitely a class I will never forget. I wish you the best of luck in Year 2 and I hope each and everyone of you have a wonderful and restful Summer Holiday.



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Year 2

Well, what can I say? Carina Class have had an incredible year in Year 2. They have impressed their teachers throughout the year (including lockdown) with their reading, writing, maths and topic work on: Christopher Columbus, Dazzling Dinosaurs and The Great Fire of London. Throughout the year, they have consistently put effort into their work and have been dedicated to improving their learning and as a result each and every one of them have made lots of achievements. I feel extremely grateful having had the opportunity to teach Carina Class this year. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents for an amazing year in Year 2 and I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and peaceful summer holiday. Have a lovely summer break - see you all in September!

Lyra Class, how wonderful have the last 2 weeks been? We are back to some sort of normality at last and I have most of Glorious Lyra class back with me to say goodbye before they move up to Year 3! We have worked hard on wellbeing and transition in the past few weeks and are all ready for our new school year.

We have written a wonderful class summer poem, using rhyming and repetition and had lots of fun performing it too. We have spent time remembering all our wonderful Year 2 memories and had a lovely goodbye picnic on the field.

Have a lovely summer and don't forget to come and say hello in September.

Year 3

To our lovely Astra Class, We have reached the end of another school year and we just wanted to let you know how much we have loved being your teachers in Astra Class! Thank you so much for the amazing year that we have had and for the special memories that we have made together. You have worked extremely hard all year in every subject and in all of our different topics. It was amazing to see your enthusiasm and love for learning shine through during our Ancient Greece and Maya Civilisation topics and the hard work you put in when learning about Ancient Egypt during lockdown. Your fantastic writing and wonderful stories continue to impress us and we are proud that you are all now inspired to write more independently. We are sad that our time together was cut short but we are so proud of everything that you have achieved during the school closure period and of the maturity, hard work and independence that you all showed us during this time. We hope you have a fantastic, restful summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September. From Miss Charalambous and Mrs Morreale.

Lynx Class have had a fantastic year together in Year 3. We had a great start to the year, making Ancient Greek pots in Art, becoming Waste Warriors to create a sustainable environment and learning how to count like Romans. Throughout the year, we focused on many interesting topics, subjects and skills and we were constantly impressed with your thirst for knowledge. We're so proud of everything that you accomplished in Year 3 and we were especially proud to see how focused you were during school closure and loved all of the amazing work that you produced at home. Your creativity and dedication to learning is truly admirable.

All that remains is for us to wish you a very happy and relaxing summer break.

Happy holidays everyone. See you in September!

Mr Osman and Mrs Majevalia



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1. Being truthful to others
2. Being truthful to yourself
3. Doing what's right regardless of who's around
4. Being someone others can trust



STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

Celebrating Achievement

Orion Class - Inaya, Tia, Gabriel, Karim, Nikol, Oliver

Calypso Class - Alexia, Arianna, Arjun, Aria, Mia, Milo

Nova Class - Adele, Alborz, Ayaan, Ria, Nihal, Lewis

Luna Class - Anna, Arya, Maria, Hazal, Lucas, OneKie,

Carina Class - Tanishka, Alyssa, Yiannis, Tami, Ariyan, Isla

Lynx Class - Joshua, Erin, Lily, Arden, Dante, Kleo

Astra - Andy, Erin, Jasmine, Sia, Laurence, Zahir

Lyra Class - George, Sophie, Tolu, Ella, Leyla, Rocco

Well done to all our children this year! You all deserve a special Merit Award!

Term Dates 2020/21

Please click on the link below to view our term dates for the next academic year:

<https://www.ashmoleprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=443&type=pdf>

We look forward to seeing you all on our first day back on **Thursday 3rd September**.



Wishing you all a wonderful Summer break.