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### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of yet another turbulent academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers, governors, staff and especially our pupils. The resilience they have shown over these last 18 months is nothing short of amazing. This generation of children have had to cope with such a lot during this time and we are all so very proud of each and every one of them. I am so pleased that our school has managed to stay Covid free over the last few months and that we have not had to close any classes. This is a reflection of the hard work of our parents/carers and staff; thank you for continuing to wear face coverings whilst on site which I believe, has certainly helped to keep the transmission of the virus at bay in our school community.

As from 19<sup>th</sup> July, the government guidance will change and social distancing measures will be lifted. The wearing of masks will not be necessary whilst on school premises. From September school will go back to it's normal drop-off and pick-up times of 8.50am - 3.15pm for pupils in Reception - Year 2; and 8.50am - 3.25pm for pupils in Year 3 - Year 5. For those pupils moving up to KS2, the school day is slightly longer to enable the teaching of more lessons for pupils in KS2. Year 5 will line up on the MUGA in the mornings where the Year 5 staff will greet them. I am pleased that we are able to trial the Year 5 drop-off and pick-up zone from September. An email about this was sent to our future Year 5 parents yesterday. If you did not receive the email, please let Mrs Andrews know as soon as possible. This trial is safety dependent so if we feel that the safety of our pupils is being compromised, we hold the right to modify the offering.

The last few weeks of term are always extremely busy, but we have also managed to have some fun too! With thanks to Miss Cleary, the children enjoyed a fabulous sports day and with the generous offering to film the occasion from Mr Wightman and the Media students at Ashmole 6<sup>th</sup> Form, our parents and carers were able to cheer their children on virtually! Thank you so much to Mr Wightman for giving us his time so generously and for all the other wonderful projects that he has been involved with this term. Well done to the Yellow Diamonds for being the Summer House Point Champions!

Many thanks to the APPTA for organising the Fun Day. The children had so much fun on the inflatables and enjoyed the many different events too. Please join us at our Autumn Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September. In the meantime, please continue to support the PTA with the purchase of their fabulous Buddy Bear Calendar.

This time of year is always sad as we say farewell to members of staff. Miss Elia will be leaving us to begin her teacher training at another local school and Miss Moles will be returning to the Academy and we wish them both every happiness for the future. As you know, Mrs Chown is retiring and I know you will join me in wishing her a very long and happy retirement.

Congratulations to Mrs Toal on being appointed Year 3/4; Year 5 leader and English Subject leader and also to Miss Cleary on her appointment as the new Maths Subject leader across the school.

In September, we will be looking to appoint a new Senior Mealtime Supervisor. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this, please contact Mrs Andrews.

In addition to the current after school activities which are provided by Foundation Sports, we will be looking at resuming more activities from September - further information will follow.

Our first day back for pupils is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Whatever your plans are over the summer, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time.

With my very best wishes to you all.

Mr Tofallis  
Head Teacher



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## Reception

We couldn't be prouder to have taught and got to know each and every child in Calypso Class. They have all made fantastic progress throughout the year, and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves! Although it has been a strange first year of school due to having to learn remotely after the Christmas holidays, they have always continued to take every new situation in their stride and been super smiley throughout it all. We will miss you all so much - especially your humour and imagination! Please make sure to visit and say hello to us when you are in Year 1! Have the best summer holidays. Miss Powell, Mrs A and Mrs C 😊



What a fantastic year it has been Orion class! We are so proud of you all and everything you have achieved in your first year at Ashmole Primary School. Although there have been some unusual circumstances at times; you have shown resilience, determination and courage to continue to succeed. You continue to impress us with the amazing progress you have all made and it has been our pleasure getting to teach you all this year. Thank you for being such superstars and for being a wonderful class. We hope you have an amazing summer and wish you the best of luck for your journey into Year 1.  
Miss Cleary and Mrs Panayi

## Year 1

Oh Luna Class, where do I even begin... I am so proud of every single one you for what you have achieved this year. You have always turned up to school with the biggest smiles and with the most fantastic attitude ready to learn. You have made us all burst out laughing so many times and we have made many memories which I will remember forever. I wish you all a restful and fun Summer holiday and the best of luck for Year 2. Make sure you come and say hello! From Miss Burke, Mrs Tibbs and Mrs McDowell



To our wonderful Nova class. We wanted to share our last newsletter piece with a little note to you all. You have been such a privilege to teach this year and we have loved getting to know you all. Not only have you all been wonderful in class but also during our online zoom lessons. You focused so well throughout and have made us so very proud. We have had lots of fun and learnt lots throughout the year. We wish you the very best as you move into Year 2 and we know you will all be incredible! Have a lovely summer our lovely Nova Class. Miss Costas, Mrs Demetri and Mrs Hassan



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## Year 2

Lovely Lyra class, I can't believe that our year together has come to an end. We have had such fun together and I know that you are going to love moving up to Year 3. Don't forget to buy your backpacks for your journey to KS2. The last few weeks have been as busy as ever, sports day was such fantastic fun; an amazing fun day where we had fun together on the inflatables and we've recorded our school play. Have a great summer and thank you for a wonderful year. Mrs Toal and Mrs Morreale ☺



Well, what can I say? This year has flown by and Carina Class have had an incredible year in Year 2. They have impressed their teachers throughout the year (including during lockdown with their online learning) 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 privileged 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 incredible year in Year 2 and I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break. Miss Stavri, Miss Sauka and Miss Kaya ☺

## Year 3

WOW, what a year we have all had! Mrs Charalambous and Miss Elia are so proud of all of the Astra Class stars! Through school closures and difficult times, the children have demonstrated maturity, resilience and the most amazing positive attitudes. Throughout our Zoom lessons, we continued with our curriculum and learning, we had fun, we enjoyed weekly musical performances from the children, daily jokes but above all, we stayed in contact and saw each other every day! The Summer term has come to an end with some amazing events and activities. The children all tried their very best in our KS2 sports day. Despite not having parents/carers on the side-lines to cheer them on, the children's spirits were kept high with the amazing messages of encouragement sent in that we heard before we kicked off our sports day. We were so proud of the brilliant sportsmanship demonstrated by all of Astra Class, we especially loved our afternoon ice-lollies. We are extremely grateful to the APPTA volunteers who arranged and ran our fun day to add even more excitement to our last week in Year 3. We would like to thank all of the Astra Class parents/carers for your support during this strange and stressful year. We wish all children and parents/carers a well-deserved relaxing Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September. Well done Astra Class for your amazing work this year, we know you will continue to shine in Year 4! Miss Charalambous and Miss Elia ☺







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## Cont'd.....Year 3

During the last few weeks of school, Lynx Class have been working really hard on their African Drumming and have been focusing on rhythm and working collaboratively as a team to create a rhythmic piece of music. I am so proud of how hard they have worked in African Drumming and it has been a pleasure to see them work so hard as a team and really enjoy creating their piece of music. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Lynx Class and see how much they have grown and progressed during this exceptional year. I wish them all the best in Year 4 with Miss Sauka. Mr Osman, Mrs Keshini and Mrs Ahmet



## Year 4

The children in Cosmo have worked so hard this year! Along the way, we have shared laughs, learned a lot and made some wonderful memories. As the year has progressed, the children have grown in many ways and become the incredible young people they are today. They coped really well with learning at home and they should be really proud of themselves for all of the progress they have made! Miss McNamara has really enjoyed being Cosmo's teacher and she knows that they will continue to do well as they move into Year 5. Always remember that you are all amazing! Miss McNamara and Mr Ali ☺



Apollo class have had a fantastic year, we are so proud of all your achievements. We have been particularly proud of your resilience and perseverance during this challenging year where a considerable amount of time was spent at home and how school life changed. You should be very proud of yourselves. A few highlights for us have been watching you learn the ukulele, creating your PowerPoint presentations, hearing you sing and seeing your fantastic dance moves during our class parties! We wish you every success in Year 5 and hope you have a well-deserved summer break. With best wishes Mrs Curtis and Mrs Huggins

## Thank you and farewell!

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this farewell message to you. I joined the Primary School in September 2016 along with our very first cohort of children and although I had never worked in a Primary School before, I loved it from the word go! I adopted your children as my 'grandchildren' and what an absolute pleasure and joy they have been to be around. I have many special memories of my time with them and have loved seeing them grow in to the wonderful children that they are and will continue to be.

Thank you SO MUCH for your wonderful gifts; I am so overwhelmed at your generosity and kindness and for making my last few days so special. I will have lots of free time in my retirement and hope to come back as a school volunteer but until we meet again, I wish you all a lovely summer and in the famous words of Arnold Schwarzenegger...I'LL BE BACK!

Lots of love to you all, Mrs Chown xx

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## Dates for your diary

Value for September is Responsibility	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Inset Days
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Day 8.50am - 3.15pm 8.50am - 3.25pm	First day of Autumn Term Year 1 - Year 2 Year 3 - Year 5
	w/c 6 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Meet the teacher meetings in the school hall - further information to follow
	18 <sup>th</sup>	1pm - 4pm	APPTA Autumn Fair
	28 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Nasal Flu vaccination for all pupils

## Values Competition

Thank you to all our pupils who have followed the value of the month and worked hard to be top role models. Our Value for July was 'Courage' and the winners are Flo in Year 1 Nova Class and Kieran in Year 2 Lyra Class - well done! There is a £5 book token for the winner each month.

## Celebrating Achievement

You have all received an achievement award this month! Well done to you all on your incredible achievements this year and for working so hard 😊

## Breakfast and After School Club

Please contact Mrs Mittins on [basc@ashmoleprimary.org](mailto:basc@ashmoleprimary.org) if you wish to continue attending the club in September. Although we do have some availability left at the club, we are slowly filling up and there is a waiting list for some year groups on certain days. Please consider this if you are cancelling a day to attend a club, as we cannot reserve spaces if you wish to return.

The BASC team would like to thank the parents/carers and pupils for your generous gifts, and we hope that you all have wonderful summer break.



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## Meet the Teachers

**'Meet the Teacher Meetings' in the School Hall at 9am (for 15 minutes):**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 Aquila with Mrs Toal

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 Vesper with Miss Macdonald

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Y4 Apollo with Mr Osman

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Y4 Cosmo with Miss Sauka

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Y3 Astra with Mrs Pavlou

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Y3 Lynx with Mrs Huggins

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Y2 Lyra with Miss Costas

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Y2 Carina with Mrs Aliberti

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Y1 Luna Class with Miss Burke

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Y1 Nova with Miss McNamara

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Orion with Miss Cleary

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Calypso with Miss Powell