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As-salām ʿalaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu

Dear Parents,

We hope and pray that this newsletter reaches you in strong *imān* and good health.

• Apex Caravanserai - After a long COVID break we have been looking forward to hosting our annual Hargreaves event newly named Apex Caravanserai. The event was a great success and well attended, indicated by the numbers who registered (over 500) Alhamdulillah! We would like to say a huge Jazakhum Allahu khairan to the APC members who always go above and beyond, to the parents and others who volunteered, helped before the event and attended on the day. Without their support we wouldn't have been able to raise £5077.02 mashAllah.

The event has developed over the years Alhamdulillah, and will be bigger and better next year inshaAllah.

- Driveway As you are aware the driveway work is progressing although slower than we had planned. There have been a number of obstacles along the way which have also raised the costs substantially. Unfortunately the ready made gate supplier we had found initially isn't very responsive and we have now had to approach a bespoke gate supplier which means the estimated costs will be much higher than projected taking the total above £50K. All these issues have also added to the timeframe for completion of this project. Our launchgood campaign for this project is still active inshaAllah. Please support the campaign and forward on to friends and family. https://www.launchgood.com/campaign/help_us_complete_our_school_gate#!/
- **Key staff** Ms Mariyam has been appointed by the Apex Trust as the school Marketing and Fundraising lead. InshaAllah, she will be working closely with the APC, parents and local businesses to improve different aspects of the school

and supporting the Trust with other projects. She can be contacted on marketing@apexprimary.co.uk

Muallim Sanel Abdurrahman has now taken responsibility for developing the New vision projects for Apex Trust inshaAllah. He will be in and out of school so the children will still see him. Further details of the vision will be sent out in due course.

Uniform - Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. This includes the correct coloured socks and footwear (trainers are for P.E only). Please also ensure the jogging bottoms are also purchased from the uniform supplier as we have noticed an inconsistency with colours. ALL uniform must be labelled with a PERMANENT MARKER, as we are getting alot of lost property that's unlabelled. The uniform suppliers are: Fashion Stop, 138 High St N, East Ham, London E6 2HT, 020 3667 9202. Please see the uniform as below:

WHOLE SCHOOL UNIFORM

EARLY YEARS UNIFORM FOR BOYS & GIRLS		
Optional: A one piece slip on Plain white scarf		
NURSERY - Do not need to purchase a book bag		
RECEPTION - Must purchase a book bag		
Jade Green Round-Neck Sweatshirt Jade Green short-sleeve polo shirt with school logo Dark grey jogging bottoms Plain black socks. Comfortable black or white shoes without laces. Uniform for the Summer term Same as above Please ensure all uniform is labelled with the child's name using a permanent marker		
KS1 & KS2 BOYS	KS1 & KS2 GIRLS	
Jade Green V-Neck Sweatshirt with School logo White hard collar shirt Dark grey trousers Plain black socks. Comfortable black shoes without laces. (Shoes with laces are allowed for Year 5 & 6 ONLY)	Jade Green Cardigan with school logo Dark grey skirt with school logo The skirt has to be ¾, for KS1 and above ankles for KS2 Please try on a skirt to ensure the length is correct for health & safety purposes. Dark grey tights (not leggings) A one piece slip on Plain white scarf (optional for EYFS and Key Stage 1). No other coloured scarf allowed. Comfortable black shoes without laces. (Shoes with laces are allowed for Year 5 & 6 ONLY)	
Book Bags	Book Bags	

Uniform for the Summer term	Uniform for the Summer term
Same as above	Same as above
PE Uniform (worn from home on Friday)	PE Uniform (worn from home on Friday)
KS1 BOYS - Jade Green Round Neck Sweatshirt	KS1 GIRLS - Jade Green Round Neck Sweatshirt
White Long / short sleeve polo shirt with school logo	White long / short sleeve polo shirt with school logo
Dark Grey sports jogging bottoms	Dark Grey sports jogging bottoms
<u>KS2 BOYS -</u> Jade Green Round Neck Sweatshirt	KS2 GIRLS - Jade Green Round Neck Sweatshirt
White Long sleeve polo shirt with school logo	White long sleeve polo shirt with school logo
Dark Grey sports jogging bottoms	Dark Grey sports jogging bottoms
ALL BOYS	ALL GIRLS
PLAIN BLACK or PLAIN WHITE Velcro trainers with white	PLAIN BLACK or PLAIN WHITE Velcro trainers and white sports
sports socks.	socks.
(Shoes with laces are allowed for	(Shoes with laces are allowed for
Year 5 & 6 ONLY)	Year 5 & 6 ONLY)
Please ensure all uniform is labelled with the child's name	Please ensure all uniform is labelled with the child's name
using a permanent marker.	using a permanent marker.

Disallowed Items for P.E (Jewellery, Watches, Key Rings, Game/Collection Cards)

• **Morning drop offs and pick-ups** - Please familiarise yourself and adhere to our traffic calming policy as it has been put in place to ensure we are giving consideration to the safety of our children, the local residents and other drivers below:

MORNING DROP OFF SCHEME

We have introduced a drop off scheme allowing parents to drop off children at the front of the school at 8am - 8:10am and no earlier. Staff assist pupils out of the cars and take responsibility for ensuring children enter the school gate through the allocated entrance. Parents enter Argyle Road from Northbrook Road and <u>must exit through Beal Road</u> (see map below). This will ensure traffic to flow safely. Parents arriving earlier than 8:00am should follow the Park and Walk Policy. Cars should not be parked on Argyle Road at any time during drop off.

COLLECTION AND NURSERY DROP OFF

Parents will be required to park their cars in a safe and appropriate place and walk to the school to collect or drop off their children. There are many driveways in the locality and parents must in all respect, avoid parking in front of them. There is free parking within a 5-8 minute walking distance from the school.

• Book Swap Day

Apex school will be holding a Book Swap Day on Thursday 7th October at 3:00pm, organised by our Year 6 students. All reading books will be free for all to take home and keep. These will consist of donated books as well as books from Apex Primary School. All brand new exercise books will be sold from 20p - 50p.

Prior to this event, we request parents and students have a look through books at home that you no longer require and request you donate them towards the Book Swap. Please

send in your books via students or hand them directly to teachers in the morning inshaAllah. We are collecting books from now until Thursday 7th October.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to build on their own library collection at home and for parents to save money by taking these free books on offer. InshAllah we hope to hold the Book Swap again later in the year so you will get a chance to swap once again.

We hope to see you all there inshaAllah and look forward to receiving your donated books.

• Seeking a dynamic leader to lead our APC. Are you interested? - We are looking for a committed Chair-person to take on the role of leading our Apex Parents Committee (APC). If you are interested in becoming a part of APC and helping the school and contributing to the tarbiyah of all our children, then email the school on marketing@apexprimary.co.uk.

The Chair-person will be liaising with the Marketing lead - Ms Mariyam to plan activities and events throughout the year and will also be invited to attend the Trust meetings once a month as a parent representative to partake in strategic school development.

JazakAllahu khayran for your continued support and cooperation.

Ms Meherun Headteacher