



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-January 2019



Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2019! Welcome especially to our new families in Nursery and throughout the school - we hope you'll be very happy as part of the King Athelstan Community. As the cold weather finally arrives, please ensure children have warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. and that all are clearly name-labelled so we can re-unite them quickly when they get separated from their owners. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Y5 and Y6 swim in the Spring term

Thur 7 Feb	Magritte Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 8 Feb	Cake Sale - Dali Class
Mon 11 Feb	J2e drop in session 9am
Tue 12 Feb	Y2 trip to London Monument
Wed 13 Feb	Y6 to see "Oliver!" At Tiffin School
Thur 14 Feb	O'Keeffe Class Assembly at 8.55am
Thur 14 Feb	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Thur 14 Feb	Reception trip to Rose Theatre
Thur 14 Feb	Y2 Nurture Group trip to Rose Theatre
18-22 Feb	Half-term
Thur 28 Feb	Gainsborough Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 1 Mar	Cake Sale - Magritte Class
Mon 4 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Wed 6 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Thur 7 Mar	World Book Day—dress up
Fri 8 Mar	Y5 Greek Workshop
Wed 13 Mar	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Thur 14 Mar	Dali Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 15 Mar	Cake Sale - Hockney Class
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
18-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability Course
Thur 21 Mar	Picasso Class Assembly at 8.55am
Wed 27 March	Y5 Easter Experience trip
Thur 28 Mar	Y4 trip to Museum of London
Thur 28 March	Hockney Class Assembly at 8.55am
Thur 28 Mar	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Fri 29 March	Mother's Day Assemblies
Fri 29 March	Cake Sale - Matisse
Mon 1 April	Reception trip to Wetland Centre
1-3 April	Scooter training
Tue 2 April	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.15-4.15pm and then 6-7pm
Thur 4 April	Van Gogh Class Assembly at 8.55am
Thur 4 April	PCSA Eggstravaganza
Fri 5 April	Last day of term. School ends at 2.30pm

Water Bottles

As with clothing, **PLEASE** put a name label on **any** items your child brings into school, including water bottles. We currently have about 20 shop-bought reusable bottles with no names on, which cannot be identified and will end up being thrown away. Thank you.

Staff News

As you know, Miss Simone James, Magritte teacher, Y3, gave birth to little Axavier in December, somewhat earlier than anticipated. Both are doing well. Mrs Mary Pye will teach Magritte Class every Monday, and Mrs Clare Williamson from Tuesday-Friday for the rest of the school year. We are very pleased to come to this arrangement as both teachers are experienced in the school and are well known to the children. Miss Sumana Asgar will complete her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship at the end of January and we wish her every success in her next adventure. Miss Sarah Wharton, Y1 Picasso class teacher, is expecting her second baby in July. We wish her many congratulations.

Y6 PGL Trip

The next instalment of £50 is due by 4th February, and the final balance by 19th April 2019. Remember that you can pay any amount at any time on Parentpay.

Parent/Carer Consultations

These will take place on Monday 4th March from 4-7pm and Wednesday 6th March from 3.30-6.30pm. This is a meeting between parents/carers and class teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is essential that every parent/carer attends. Bookings are made online from the end of February—we will let you know when this booking line is open. Contact the school office if you need any assistance with booking.

Dinosaur Workshop

Years 1 and 4 had a very exciting time with dinosaur workshops to link in with their current themes. The



children learned lots of facts about them, and also saw a wide range of real fossils as well as teeth, bones, egg shells and ambers. At the end of the day, the whole school got to meet a 'real' baby dinosaur and a tyrannosaurus rex!



World Book Day

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 7th March. Everyone in school is encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a copy of the book, too. Last year we had Winnie the Witch, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Gates and Horrid Henry in school!

Reading Bucket List

The children really enjoy reading books from their class Reading Bucket List. If you have any copies of the books below, or could donate any, we would be very grateful! Children often bring in a copy as their "birthday book", a lovely way to add to the class collections. We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have donated books this year so far, and a special thanks to Mr Atkinson and Mrs Abrams who have donated over 100 quality texts between them!

The requests this month are:

EYFS:

Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett

KS1:

Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

KS2:

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Please give any books to the class teacher. Thank you!



Pokémon Cards

On Fridays only, children are allowed to bring in Pokémon Cards to play with at lunchtime. This activity takes place in the playground and is not overseen beyond our normal playground

supervision. There is absolutely no expectation for children to bring in cards, and any cards are brought in at their own risk. We know that certain cards are precious to children and we would recommend that these are left at home. Some children choose to swap or trade cards, others just look at each other's albums or collections and talk about them. Many schools do not allow Pokémon cards, however, we recognise that this is something many children enjoy and also benefit from the social aspect and therefore we permit them on just one day a week. Whilst, of course, we encourage children to be fair and respectful, and to talk to an adult immediately if there is a problem, we are unable to resolve issues around who owns which card, check whether they are fake, undo swaps, or find cards that have gone missing. Thank you for your cooperation.



Snow/Bad Weather

Always assume that school will be open in snowy weather. If for any reason we have to close, this will be published on the Radio Jackie website, as well as on the school website under Latest News on the Home page. We will also try email a message to all parents and carers as soon as we can. Children should wear wellies/warm boots and bring school shoes to change into.



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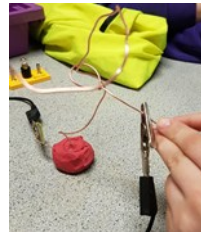


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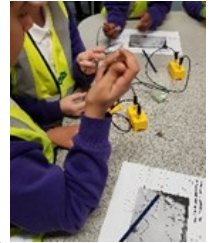
Y6 had a wonderful trip ice skating in the grounds of Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace in December. Some were



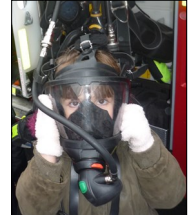
clearly more successful at ice-skating than others!



Y4 went to Hollyfield Secondary school to visit the Science Department. They had a science lesson on circuits and made circuit buzzer games which they really enjoyed.



Reception have had some visitors recently. The Fire Service came with a fire engine which the children tried out, as well as the helmets!



Robert Bradley, our Assistant Site Manager, visited the classes to talk about his work looking after the building and fixing things with tools.

Our local policeman, PC Smudge Smith, visited too, to talk about his police work and he pretended to arrest Pip!



Enid Blyton—Famous Five Books

Please be aware that as well as Enid Blyton's original 21 books in the Famous Five series, there is a series of spoof versions of the books. **These are aimed at adults and contain inappropriate material for children.** Please do not allow your children to read the new adult versions.