



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-June 2019



Welcome to the last half-term of the year! The weather is getting better, although is still unpredictable, so please remember sun hats, refillable water bottles and sunscreen as the term progresses.

Y6 and Y2 have completed their SATs which reinforce the regular teacher assessments. Year 1 are in the middle of Phonics screening. The whole school supported them, keeping very quiet around school to help them concentrate. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to in the rest of this term, such as the Year 6 production, Father's Day/Superhero celebrations, more trips and, of course, Sports Day!

Dates for the Diary

Y1 Monet and Y2 Hockney swim on Mondays.
Y1 Picasso and Y2 Matisse swim on Fridays.

Fri 14 June	Father's Day Celebrations
Fri 14 June	Rousseau Cake Sale
14-17 June	Y6 residential trip to PGL
Mon 17 June	Choir concert at Rose Theatre
Thur 20 June	Matisse Class Assembly
Thur 20 June	PAT dog visiting Y2
Thur 20 June	Y1 Mini Olympics
Fri 21 June	Coffee Morning—Managing Transition Anxiety for Y6 9am
Fri 21 June	International Day
Thur 27 June	Da Vinci Class Assembly
Thur 27 June	PCSA Crazy Hair or Hats Day (with normal school uniform)—bring unwanted gifts
Fri 28 June	INSET DAY—Children not in school
Mon 1 July	Gainsborough Class trip to Holly Lodge
Tue 2 July	Y3 to Country Dancing Festival
Tue 2 July	Y6 trip to the Imperial War Museum
Wed 3 July	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
Wed 3 July	EYFS Beach Day
Thur 4 July	Y1 seaside trip to Littlehampton
Fri 5 July	PCSA Mufti Day—bring bottles and jars
Sat 6 July	Summer Fair 11am-3pm
Wed 10 July	Y6 Production 2pm
Wed 10 July	School reports sent home
Thur 11 July	Y4 trip to Bushy Park
Thur 11 July	Y6 Production 7pm
Fri 12 July	Lowry Cake Sale
Mon 15 July	Van Gogh trip to Holly Lodge
Tue 16 July	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.15-4.15pm, then 6-7pm
Fri 19 July	Sports Day
Mon 22 July	Y6 Leavers Assembly & tea 2pm
Tue 23 July	Prize-giving Assembly
Tue 23 July	School ends at 2.30pm

Messages from the School Office

- The school office is open from 8.20am—4.45pm.
- If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the office.
- Any messages about hometime arrangements must be received by 2.30pm to ensure staff are made aware in time for dismissal.
- Breakfast Club can be booked right up until the end of the year, as well as on an ah-hoc basis.
- School lunches can also be booked right up until the end of term, so you don't have to remember weekly.

Lockdown

On Thursday 23rd May just before 11am we were advised that an unexploded World War II bomb was found during building works in Fassett Road in Kingston. Our school was outside the cordon which was set up by the police. All our children were safe inside with doors and windows closed. We were advised to stay inside and continue as normal. The children had indoor playtimes and carried on with their learning. We would like to say a huge thank you to all staff for dealing with the unexpected situation, and to parents and carers for their understanding and cooperation. Our priority is always the safety of the children before all else.

Staff News

We say goodbye and good luck to Miss Wharton as she starts her maternity leave on 17th June. We look forward to hearing her news and seeing a photo of the baby when he or she arrives. We are pleased to say that Miss Lee, who has completed her teacher training, will take over Picasso Class for the rest of the Summer term. Miss Lee will be getting to know the class over the next few weeks and is very excited to be working with the amazing Picasso team of children. We are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Pip Bermingham in Cezanne Class, Miss Sandy Peters, Intervention Teacher and Miss Sonia McLean, Music teacher, who will all be leaving at the end of term. Miss Alice Colligan (Monet TA) will also be moving on to complete her PGCE at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk, Lancashire, and Miss Jade Gulliford (Inclusion TA) will be remaining with us at King Athelstan but starting her teacher training, too. We wish them all well in their future endeavours.



Outdoor Learning Environment Development

As many of you are aware, our plans were submitted for Planning Approval earlier this year. They have not yet been approved by the council and following objections and queries put in by the Environment Agency, we are submitting more information. We will keep you informed.

INSET Days

Please note that there will be **3 INSET** days at the start of the Autumn term 2019. This means that term will start for children on **Monday 9th September**. They **must** attend from 9th September and extended holidays will not be authorised.

Outside Areas

Please do not let your children or siblings use toys or equipment from boxes and cupboards in the Early Years/Reception playground before or after school. These resources are sorted and maintained for the children to use during their school sessions and it is very difficult if they have been used and scattered about.

Please do not let children swing on trees on site. We regularly maintain our trees but the branches may become unsafe if children are swinging on them.

PCSA News

The annual PCSA Quiz Night organised by Y6 parents was a 'school disco' themed event for adults. Over £625 was raised for the school, and a fun night was had by all! Visit the PCSA website for more details:

<http://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/>

Friday 24th May was a 'cash for colours' day which saw the whole school wear a top in their house colour of red, blue, green or yellow! Donations for this will be used to buy delicious chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July.

Other PCSA mufti days are:

Crazy Hair or Hats Day (with usual school uniform) on Thursday 27th June. Please bring any unwanted gifts Full mufti Day on Friday 5th July. Bring bottles/jars. Thank you for all your support.

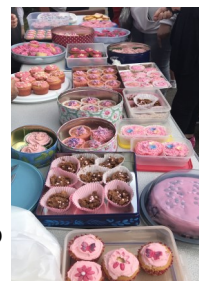


Rotakids—Pink Cake Sale

Rotakids held a cake sale to raise funds for their current charity project, the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher. The cakes were pink-themed to match the Hospice colours. An amazing £171 was raised for this wonderful charity.



Some of the Rotakids then visited the Hospice in May to present the cheque and chat to patients and staff, and they were warmly welcomed. Thank you everyone who helped and contributed and delicious items for the sale.



Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors' next project is focusing on recycling, and they will be liaising with the cleaning company to find out about how our paper and cardboard is recycled as well as plastics and tins.

Breakfast Club

The children in Breakfast Club had great fun one morning seeing how tall they could build a freestanding tower with wooden blocks. They are obviously very pleased with the result! What great teamwork.



Zoolab

Y1 enjoyed a visit from Zoolab, who come every year to visit us. The Zoolab ranger brought in a variety of small creatures and insects for the children to handle and learn about, including snakes, beetles and a big hairy spider!



Sports News

Mr McLaughlin has been very busy with lots of sports events this term:



In table tennis the girls' team came a wonderful third and the boys fourth. In tennis on 21st May we were represented by three excellent teams, and one team achieved silver medal position in the prestigious Surrey LTA event! The Year 5 and 6 boys gave a fantastic performance in Kwik Cricket 22 May. The Girls Kwik Cricket team came 4th out of 22 schools in the Borough, against stiff competition.

Well done to all our competitors for their successes and for representing the school so positively.

Story STARS

Story Storcks came in to run a drama-based Story Stars session in Nursery for children and their parents and carers. STARS stands for Singing to, Talking to, Acting out and



Reading. The Story Storcks vision is to inspire every child in the UK to become a reader for pleasure, and this session explained how parents/carers can have positive results if they approach their child's reading with joy and fun. Lowry classes certainly had fun!



School Council

The School Council visited the Hogsmill Community Garden and have helped to plant vegetables and



fruit which they will sell at school later this term to help raise money for the new playground. They used recycled tin cans for planting, tying in with the Eco Warriors recycling theme!

Summer Holiday Activities

Here are a couple of ideas for holiday camps/childcare during the Summer holidays. These are schemes YMCA run: <https://ymcastpaulsgroup.org/services/children-youth-family-work/holiday-playschemes/wild-play-days/>

And this is information we received from St Mary's University about multi-sport activities for children at their campus in Twickenham: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/sport/simmsport/simmsport.aspx>

We will have more ideas, including lots of free activities, in next month's newsletter.

Wool donations

If you have any spare balls of wool at home that are not needed we would love them for our lunchtime clubs to make pom-poms. Any wool will do. Please hand them in to the school office. Thank you!

