



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 4

Friday 14th November 2014

Hello and welcome to the fourth newsletter this year. With Christmas fast approaching staff and children have been reflecting on the progress they have already made this year. It has been wonderful to see examples of this progress in books and when talking to the children. This week was your opportunity to look at their work and we would like to thank all the parents who attended parent/carers meetings this week. Your children really appreciated your positive comments about their work. Thank you for supporting our vision of "the relentless pursuit of excellence" for your child.

Comic Relief

We have raised a fantastic £235.26 for Comic Relief!

Have a look at these wonderful pictures of our superheroes.



Leavers

Unfortunately, Emma Haynes is leaving us today. She has secured a job at her children's school which means juggling work and childcare will be much more simple! She has only been with us for one year but has had a great impact across the school and will be sorely missed. Here are some messages from the children in Kandinsky.

"Thank You for always being so helpful and kind." Alex

"You will be hard to replace." Nathan

"Thank you for all you have done for us." Hannah

We are always sad to lose a member of our school family but wish Emma all the best in her new position.



Reminders



Punctuality

As you are aware, it is imperative that children are at school and on time every day to make certain they gain the most from all learning time and therefore make good progress. Children are expected to be in school at 8.45am each morning. They are registered at 8.50 and learning starts immediately.

Weekly letters will be sent for any children who are late more than 10 times in an academic year.

We have noticed that the traffic from Surbiton/Tolworth on the K1 & K4 bus routes is particularly bad at the moment. Please try to catch an earlier bus to avoid children missing the first part of the day. Thank you!

Parent Helpers

We would like to increase the number of children who have the opportunity to read regularly to an adult in school. We would love to hear from more parents or carers who would be willing to volunteer. This would happen on a weekly basis in the afternoons and we would like a commitment to participate in this scheme for a sustained period of time.

Can you help by sparing some time, at least once a week, to support this very valuable initiative? If you can, please contact Morag Shrafeddin by email on the school email address of

admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org Thank you.

Stand up to Cancer Fundraising Day

It is fitting that on comic relief superhero day we are celebrating a feat of super fundraising. As you may recall Mrs Trotman shaved her hair off for the Stand up to cancer appeal. She managed to raise an amazing £730 pounds and a feature in the Kingston Chronicle. Thank you all for your kind donations.



PCSA

The school are once again indebted to our wonderful PCSA who have purchased athletic hooded tops and polo shirts for all of our sports teams. Each item of clothing has the school logo on it fostering a great sense of pride in the pupils that represent our school.



The cross country team got to use them for a recent competition, where Leeanna in Year 6 achieved an amazing 5th place out of 200 competitors across the borough!

School Fleeces

As the weather is becoming increasingly colder we would like to remind you that school fleeces are available for purchase via the school office. Fleeces are not to be worn in class, but are useful as an extra layer in the colder months. Please can you make sure children bring a coat everyday!



Thriller

We were all amazed this morning by year 6's re-creation of Michael Jackson's groundbreaking 'Thriller' Video.

Year 6 worked extremely hard on their tap routine and were thrilled with the response from the whole school in today's assembly.



Upcoming Events:

- 17th, 19th & 21st November:** Skipping Workshops
- 21st November:** Mufti day Chocolate and sweet Donations for the fair
- 21st November:** Disco Years 1-3 3:30pm - 4:45pm
Disco Years 4-6 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- 27th November:** Dali cake sale
- 27th November:** Parent/Carer Forum 14:15 - 15:15
- 28th November:** Mufti Day Unwanted gift donations
- 1st December:** Inset Day
- 5th December:** Choir singing at John Lewis
- 5th December:** Christmas fair 2.30pm until 5.00 pm
- 19th December:** Christmas Lunch

Free School Meals

Free school meals may be provided for your children if you are receiving certain benefits.

Please see the school office for further information.