

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

Date 14/10/15

Welcome to the second newsletter of the year. We extend a special welcome to a number of new faces in the school community. Everybody has settled in well, each adding to the rich tapestry of our diverse school. It has been a very busy half term so far with everyone working hard to inspire excellence in the school. Next week sees the launch of our healthy living initiative and there will be more information to follow about this. Please take note of all the key dates below and amendments to the calendar. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Upcoming Dates:

22 nd October	Van Gogh Cake Sale
22 nd October 8.50am	Kandinsky Class Assembly
23 rd October 3.15pm	Last day of half term
26 th - 30 th October	Half Term Break
2 nd November 8.45am	First day back
4 th & 5 th November	Parent Carer Meetings
4 th November 8.50am	Gainsborough Assembly
4 th November	Bag2School PCSA
5 th November	Gainsborough Cake Sale
11 th November	Year 3 Den Building Trip
10 th November	Cezanne Build a Bear Trip
11 th November	Rousseau Build a Bear Trip
12 th November	Parent Carer Forum 2pm
13 th November	Children in Need Day
19 th November 8.50am	Da Vinci Class Assembly
20 th November	Mufti Day
26 th November	Kandinsky Cake Sale
27 th November	Mufti Day
2 nd December	Y4 to British Museum
4 th December	Mufti Day
4 th December	Christmas Fair

Please be aware

Please make a note that on October 19th, 20th and 21st there will be overnight road resurfacing on Villiers Road. Although the work is taking place overnight it may cause restrictions with parking over the listed dates. Please allow additional time on these days. Many thanks.



Stained Glass Window

Some of you may have seen the beautiful stained glass windows either side of the main door. These were given to us by the parents and carers of the 2015 Year 6 leavers and provide a wonderful welcome to our school. They were made by Simone Kay at 'Simone Kay Stained Glass' located at the end of Villiers Road on Hawks Road. Thank you parents, carers and children of Year 6 2014-15.



To see more of Simone's work take a look at www.stainedglass-artists.co.uk or pop into the shop.

Parent/Carer Meeting Booking

Please note that you will be able to book Parent/Carer meetings online from 7.30am Monday 19th. You will be sent a link on how to do this. Alternatively, if you do not have internet access or need support booking online, Naomi Bain will be available in the small hall on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7.45am and afternoon time to help you book your appointments.

Amendments to calendar

Please note the below amendments from the previous newsletters provisional dates:

Tuesday April 12th 2016 is the first day back after Easter due to an INSET day on Monday 11th.

Gainsborough Class assembly is on a Wednesday (4th November) not a Thursday as normal due to a special assembly taking place on the Thursday of that week.

Please also note that the school calendar is up to date on the website so class assembly dates etc. can be found on there. All dates are subject to change. INSET dates are provisional.

WilsonJones Catering

Our new caterers WilsonJones have been providing children and staff with fresh, healthy lunches since the beginning of the term.

They have had a very warm welcome from everyone at King Athelstan and the same kitchen staff have stayed with us so the children enjoy having friendly, familiar faces at lunch time. A particular favourite dish for children is the Hawaiian Pizza and the Roast! We are really looking forward to continuing to enjoy our lovely hot lunches, especially as the weather gets colder.



Swimming Gala

On September 24th selected Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Swimming Gala at The Malden Centre. The pupils had additional early morning training sessions at Kingfisher Leisure Centre the week prior and competed very well as a result. Beau, Year 5, reported, "I felt nervous at first but once I did the first race I felt excited. We trained before the gala by doing practice sessions, this really helped. Together our team did really well." Overall the team represented King Athelstan very well and two of our competitors even made it into the final! A big thank you to Mr McLaughlin for all his extra work on the gala and congratulations to all of our swimmers.

Clubs

Polite reminder: Please arrive on time for morning clubs, i.e. the time the club is indicated to start. Many children are arriving very early and are waiting in the playground unsupervised. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Polite Reminder

Please remember the school is a no smoking site. Please refrain from smoking, including e-cigarettes, anywhere on the site. Thank you for also not smoking in the area around the school gates.

Homework

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and support during the implementation of the new homework system. There has been some fantastic work produced already and we are looking forward to exhibiting some at the end of term, so everyone can share their hard work. Once again we would like to emphasise that this is being run as a trial and that the system continues to be under review. We have received some constructive feedback from parents and carers, and welcome more feedback as we go on. With this in mind we will be holding a homework forum on **Wednesday 21st October at 9.15am and 7.00pm.**

Please come along and share your positive experiences and offer your thoughts on how we can make our homework even better.



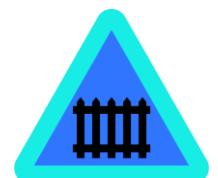
Right: Year 3 Stone Age Cave made for homework.

Congratulations

Tess, Year 6, has just passed her LAMDA Group Musical Theatre Exam Grade 2 with a distinction. She received a mark of 85%, the highest mark you can achieve. Congratulations Tess! If anyone else has exciting results from extra-curricular activities outside of school please let the main office know so we can celebrate with your children.

Lunchtime Safety

Sometimes our children approach the fence along the side of the playgrounds by the alley way (Swan Path) or from the KS2 playground to the path to the bike shed/car park to speak to people passing. Although we are aware children may be speaking to members of family or friends, we ask that children do not approach the fence and interact with passers-by. Please do not be offended if we call your children away from the fence line and please support us in keeping your children safe by not talking to them through the fence. Thank you for your continuing support.



Scooters and Bicycles

Please help keep King Athelstan safe by hopping off your scooter or bicycle at the school gate. Please do not let children use their scooter or bicycle on school premises as it can cause accidents. Many thanks for your cooperation.