



# King Athelstan Primary School

## Newsletter

Date 15/9/15

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing Summer break. It was lovely to see the children returning on the first day with huge smiles on their faces. We have heard lots of stories about exciting Summer adventures. A warm welcome to our new families in Nursery and Reception, and to those who have joined our community further up the school. Please take time to read through and make a note of the upcoming key dates.

### Provisional Key Dates for 2015-2016

*(Please note these are subject to change)*

24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Da Vinci Cake Sale
25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	INSET DAY
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 1 Vision & Sight testing
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y1 & 2 Nasal Flu Jabs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Foundation Stage Welcome Party
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	O'Keeffe Cake Sale
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Van Gogh Cake Sale
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Last day of half term (3.15pm)
26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term Break
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	First day back
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent/Carer Meetings
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gainsborough Cake Sale
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent/Carer Forum
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	NSPCC Fundraising Week
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti Day
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kandinsky Cake Sale
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufti Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Y4 Trip to British Museum
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Singing 11.15am
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Production 1.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Production 2.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Singing 12:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Production 9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Production 10.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties and Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term (2.30pm)
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day back
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Michelangelo Cake Sale
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dali Cake Sale
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Magritte Cake Sale
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of half term (3.15pm)

12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET DAY
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term break
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	First day back
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hockney Cake Sale
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Assemblies
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer Meetings
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer Meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Matisse Cake Sale
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term (2.30pm)
28 <sup>th</sup> March - 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter break
11 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back
11 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Picasso Cake Sale
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Monet Cake Sale
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cezanne Cake Sale
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term (3.15pm)
30 <sup>th</sup> May - 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term break
6 <sup>th</sup> June	First day back
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Rousseau Cake Sale
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent/Carer Forum
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's/Superhero Day Assemblies
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day
25 <sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)	Summer Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> July - 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PGL School Journey -Y6
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Afternoon Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Evening Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Lowry Cake Sale
15 <sup>th</sup> July	SPORTS DAY
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Celebration
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Prize giving
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term (2.30pm)

### Class Assembly Dates

All class assemblies begin at 8.55am on Thursdays:

22<sup>nd</sup> October - Kandinsky Class Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> November - Gainsborough Class Assembly  
19<sup>th</sup> November - Da Vinci Class Assembly  
4<sup>th</sup> February - O'Keeffe Class Assembly  
14<sup>th</sup> January - Van Gogh Class Assembly  
10<sup>th</sup> March - Matisse Class Assembly  
17<sup>th</sup> March - Magritte Class Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> April - Dali Class Assembly  
28<sup>th</sup> April - Hockney Class Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> May - Monet Class Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> June - Michelangelo Class Assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> June - Picasso Class Assembly

### Welcome to new staff & upcoming changes

This year we are welcoming a lot of new faces into the King Athelstan staff team.

Cover Supply - Mrs Mary Pye  
Art & Design - Mrs Georgie Barr  
Y2 Hockney Teacher - Miss Alexandra Huffer  
Y3 Magritte Teacher - Miss Sally Disher  
Y3 Magritte TA SEN - Mrs Karen O'Connor  
Y4 Kandinsky TA - Ms Luka Rizza  
Y5 Gainsborough TA - Mr Jack Morris

Please do introduce yourself if you see them around the school grounds!

Over the Summer break, Samina Seghal, Nursery Nurse in Lowry class, moved on to another position. We wish her every success in her new role as an SEN TA at Burlington Infants.

We are delighted to announce the exciting news that Kayleigh Lee, Cezanne Class Teacher, is expecting her first baby. Kayleigh will be here into the New Year before going on maternity leave. We are currently recruiting a teacher to cover her absence.

Congratulations to Melanie Reilly, morning Nursery teacher, who has been appointed as Reception Lead at Kingston Community School. Melanie will be leaving at the end of the Autumn term. We are currently recruiting for this position.

### Volunteer Readers/Library Helpers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to hear readers in KS1 or KS2 please register your interest at the school office. If you haven't already got DBS clearance through the school you will need this before volunteering - please speak to the school office. Please see email and posters for more information.

### Sainsbury's Gold Mark Achieved!

Great news arrived on the last day of the Summer term: King Athelstan has achieved a Sainsbury's School Games **GOLD** Mark!

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme which reward schools for their commitment to the development of PE, sport and competition across their school.

We are currently working on our Gold Healthy Schools Award so watch this space for more news soon!

### Uniform Reminders

**Please remember rucksacks are not allowed at school.** PE kit should be bought to school in a small draw string bag and everything else in the school book bag. We do not have space to store rucksacks.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Please remember hijabs must be plain black, white or purple in line with school policy.

Many Thanks for your co-operation.



### Homework Policy

On Thursday you will receive a letter outlining the new arrangements for homework. You will also receive your child's new homework grid. It is being introduced as a response to feedback from pupils, parents/carers and staff. It will initially be introduced on a trial basis for the Autumn term. We welcome any feedback as we strive to make the home learning experience as inspiring as possible, so please do not hesitate to contact us through the school admin address and let me know what you think.

### Thinking Skills

One of our key priorities this year is developing our pupils' thinking skills. In the ever changing world we live in, it is important that we strive to equip our pupils with the ability to think deeply and creatively. This term we are focusing on ensuring that our learning objectives promote thinking skills. We are encouraging children to talk about their thinking and recognise that there are not always right and wrong answers. In Assemblies we have been using 'Thunks' created by Ian Gilbert to promote some of these thinking skills. We will be including a 'Thunk' in every newsletter for you to share with your child and encourage debate and discussion within the family. Have fun talking about the 'Thunk' below!

**Thunk: "Is there more future than past?"**

For more information on thinking skills please look at Blooms' Taxonomy on our website.