



# King Athelstan Primary School



## Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015



Here we are, half way through the summer term already! We have had a busy first half of our summer term with lots of events and trips taking place. This newsletter is full of recounts of the wonderful learning opportunities our King Athelstan children have had so far this term. Please take time to keep note of all our key dates leading up to July.

### Key dates:

**25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term break**

1<sup>st</sup> June - First day back

3<sup>rd</sup> June - Parent/Carer Maths Problem Solving

4<sup>th</sup> June - Matisse Cake Sale

- Governor Visit Day

- Parent/Carer Forum (2pm)

5<sup>th</sup> June - International Day

10<sup>th</sup> June - Festival of Primary School Choirs

- Y6 'KIDS OUT' Day

11<sup>th</sup> June - Dali Class Assembly (8.55am)

- Homework Forum Sessions

- Rousseau Cake Sale

12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Library Visit

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics Screening Week

17<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Penguin Science Trip

18<sup>th</sup> June - Matisse Class Assembly (8.55am)

19<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day Assemblies

19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Year 6 PGL trip

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Monet Class Assembly (8.55am)

25<sup>th</sup> June - Michelangelo Class Assembly (8.55am)

27<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fair (11am- 3pm)

1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 1 Seaside Trip

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Cezanne Cake Sale

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 3 Country Dance

9<sup>th</sup> July - Lowry Cake Sale

17<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day and Family Picnic

21<sup>st</sup> July - Last Day of Term (2.30pm finish)



### Well Done Year 6!

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SAT tests last week!

Year 6 are now relaxed and looking forward to enjoying their last few months at King Athelstan before starting at their Secondary Schools!

### Lil Chase - Visiting Author:

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May Years 3, 4 and 5 had the pleasure of meeting children's author Lil Chase. The children listened to Lil speak about her career as a writer and received tips to help them create exciting writing. Lil read an extract of her own book and the children had lots of questions about how books are published. The children participated in a brainstorming workshop where they combined their ideas to create some interesting characters! Lil was a wonderful and inspiring speaker for the children and left them feeling enthusiastic and excited about writing imaginative stories.



### Homework Forum:

Mr Porter is holding a homework forum at 2.15pm and 7.00pm on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>. We would like to enlist your support to ensure that homework is used as effectively as possible to inspire and embed learning. The aim of the forum is to identify the purpose of homework, share ideas and develop a consensus about ways forward. All are welcome. Please attend and share your thoughts.

### V&A Museum of Childhood:

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 travelled up to London to visit the V&A Museum of Childhood. The children really enjoyed looking around and having the freedom to explore the whole museum. They had the opportunity to make the electric trains run and put on a puppet show for other visitors. The workshop was great and pupils loved the hands-on nature of it; getting to try out lots of mechanical toys that children would have played with before the days of Play-Stations and X-Boxes. Overall, it was an excellent trip and the children really enjoyed playing with the traditional toys and learning about the mechanics of toy making.

### Bushy Park Trip:

As part of Year 4's Science topic, Habitats and Living Things, the children went to the Stockyard at Bushy Park on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The children had the opportunity to make links between plants, animals and the environment they live in. They spent time in woodland examining animals' habitats as well as time pond dipping and then trying to identify what they had found.

If you have never been to Bushy Park it is well worth a visit, and it's free! You can drive and park or get the 411 bus. It's right opposite Hampton Court and has lovely walks and ponds with lots of space to run around or have a picnic.

### Nurture Note:

We are encouraging the KS2 children to pack a piece of fruit to eat at breaktime everyday. Please support this healthy message at home too! KS1 and EYFS have fruit provided through a government scheme.

### Medical Note:

If your child requires medicine during the school day parents/carers **must** bring the medicine to the school office and complete a medicine form, If this is not done your child will not be given medicine. The school will only administer medicines that are prescribed, with a label from the pharmacy. The only exception to this is Calpol/Ibuprofen for pain relief.



### Zoo Lab Visit:

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May Year 1 classes had the exciting experience of meeting some wild animals from Zoo Lab! The animals came in as a part of the Year 1's learning on mini beasts this term.

The children were able to meet a corn snake, a Madagascan hissing cockroach called Mike, a Giant African land snail, Echo the gecko and a tarantula called Rosie -named after her pink hair!

It was very exciting and all the children loved handling the wild animals!



### Last call for Sainsbury's Vouchers:

Please bring your Sainsbury's vouchers to the office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May so we can process them. Thank you!

### Rota Kids are collecting for Nepal:

Following the devastating earthquakes in Nepal we will be having a collection next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to raise funds for the reconstruction programme. There will be a giant snake drawn in the playground and we aim to fill it with coins of any denomination, 1p, 2p etc. Please donate any spare coins that you have. We are also welcoming donations of tinned food. Rota Kids will be in attendance to collect and place the coins and there will be drop off points for tins of food. We are working in conjunction with a local charity called Children of Ghurkhas (COG). Thank you for your support.



### International Day:

We need your help. International day is taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We will be off timetable all day and in the morning the teachers will be leading a variety of activities that celebrate the diversity of our school community. In the afternoon we would like to invite parents/carers into school to and in the afternoon would like to have parent/carer led workshops whereby pupils take part in an activity that gives them experience of other cultures. For example we have a Ghanaian parent who is coming in to teach the children how to make a Batik print. Teachers will be in class to support. Please contact the office if you are willing to share an aspect of your culture. Joe Porter will also be available in the small hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 3.00pm - 4.15pm to answer any questions and sign up any of you who can help.

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### aterstones Trip:



This year, we are part of an initiative to encourage children to read regularly. Years 3, 4 and 5 are now part of the Young Readers' programme. As part of this we are involved in 3 reading events over the summer term. At each event the children will have the opportunity to select a book which will be donated to them free of charge. Our first event was in late April when we organised for the children to visit Waterstones' book shop. Children were able to spend some time in the children's book area and look at different types of books they may enjoy.