



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

Date 20/7/15



Here we are at the end of the school year 2014/15 and what a wonderful year it has been! Please take time to read some of our recounts from our final trips and visits from this school year. Please also ensure you make a note of the start date and time for the beginning of the Autumn Term. Wishing everyone in the King Athelstan Community a safe and happy Summer Holiday. See you all back at **8.45am on Thursday September 3rd**.

Message from Ms Newton

What a fantastic year! Thank you so much for all your help and support throughout 2014-15: our community gets stronger and more ambitious every year. Your shared passion for the school's ongoing success really helps us as we work to realise our vision of "Inspiring Excellence".

We are delighted to have made more staffing appointments over the past couple of weeks. This includes the Magritte Class teacher, Art Teacher and a Teaching Assistant. We have a couple of support staff positions that still remain unfilled for the start of term however long term supply staff will be covering. The majority of these staff are known to the school already. Please see the updated list attached.

Have a happy and safe Summer holiday - we look forward to seeing you on September 3rd. If you are leaving us this year - good luck and please keep in touch in the future!

Data Headlines

We have had a very successful year with standards continuing to rise. Here are the headlines:

EYFS Good Level of Development	2013 49%	2014 59%	2015 68%
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Y1 Phonics	2013 45%	2014 67%	2015 74%
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KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths (Level 4+)	2014 65%	2015 84%
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Family Support Worker Holiday Hours

Our Family Support Worker drop-in sessions will recommence as normal in September, however, if you need help urgently with an issue during the Summer holidays, please contact the Kingston Single Point of Access (SPA) on 0208 547 5008.

Building Work

The building work will begin over the holidays. We know that access for KS2 may change - we will update you as soon as we return.



Updates

Attendance - From September 2015 the level that is considered Persistently Absent (PA) will be increased to 90% (previously 85%). This means that if a child's attendance falls below 90% the Local Authority will be informed and external Education Welfare Officers may become involved. Please do not book holidays in term time. Absences due to holidays taken during school time could hinder academic progress and will not be authorised by the school. Without school's permission, such absences are treated as truancy and may lead to parental prosecution. If your child is away for extended periods, they risk losing their school place. Children **MUST** return on time after holiday periods and not leave early before holidays.

Healthy Eating

As you are aware our school caterers are changing for the new academic year. We see this as an opportunity to continue promoting healthy eating in the school. The PCSA have kindly agreed to fund the fruit and vegetable snacks for the whole of KS2 during our first week back.

Year 6 "Thriller" Trip!

On Friday 3rd July Year 6 had a wonderful evening in London. It began by travelling up to the capital together on the train and tube then having dinner at Rainforest Cafe. The children then walked to Lyric Theatre where they watched "Thriller Live!" It was a wonderful end of year celebration before the Year 6s have to say goodbye to King Athelstan for the last time. Congratulations year 6 on a wonderful final year at King Athelstan and all the best for your education going forward.



Year 6 pupils would like to thank all the teachers, volunteers and office staff for their wonderful years at King Athelstan and can't wait to come back and visit.

Year 3 Country Dance Festival

On Friday 3rd July year 3 enjoyed the annual "Country Dance" festival held at Kingsmeadow Athletics ground. It was a wonderful demonstration of all the hard work the Year 3s have put into learning the various dances. Families came along and had a picnic on the surrounding grass whilst the King Athelstan pupils, alongside other local schools, showed their parents and carers their wonderful dance moves!

Sports Day and Family Picnic

On Friday 17th King Athelstan held its annual Summer Sports Day and Family Picnic. The weather was lovely and it was a great day full of sports, competition, encouragement and cheering. It was lovely to see all the children up and running around with many parents and carers there to support. Thank you Mr McLaughlin for organising such a fantastic event!

Stanley Picker Gallery & Art Club

Throughout the Summer Term the local Stanley Picker Gallery has been collaborating with King Athelstan for art lessons and Art Club. The children have been participating in workshops, learning about contemporary artists, designers' practice, influences and creative processes and sculpture. The gallery is only a five minute walk away from the school gate and has been a really influential part of both the curriculum and Art Club during the Summer Term. We are excited to continue working with Stanley Picker Gallery in the Autumn Term and are looking forward to many more exciting projects.



Year 1 Trip to Little Hampton

On Wednesday 1st July Year 1 had the pleasure of visiting the seaside at Little Hampton as a part of their in class topic "Beside the Seaside." It was one of the hottest days this year and perfect conditions for the trip. The children had a great time travelling down on the coach and when they arrived they really enjoyed paddling their hot feet in the sea and feeling the sand between their toes. For some children this was their first time on a beach! The children enjoyed learning about the sea and the creatures that live in it. The day finished with an ice cream and a long tired journey back to school. Overall it was a wonderful day out and we can't wait to do it with next year's Picasso and Monet classes too.

Year 6 "Porridge" Performance

A big well done to the Year 6 children who performed their Leavers Play of "Porridge" last week. The children worked hard on costumes, props, set design, learning dance routines, songs and of course, learning those all-important lines! It was a show to remember and everybody was excited to see the mysteries that took place in "Happy Valley"! Well done Year 6!

Homework Update

Mr Porter has been working on the new homework policy. It will be published on our return to school. Thank you to all the stakeholders who have contributed their viewpoints.

Reception and Nursery Beach Day

On Friday 10th July Reception and Nursery enjoyed a "Beach Day". It was a lovely day where the children were able to partake in "Beach" activities such as paddling, playing in the sand and enjoying being outside. All the children came dressed in "Beach" style clothes and there were a lot of great sun hats! It was lovely to see some parents and carers join us for our fun in the sun and it was a great way to get excited and ready for the summer break to come!

Final Staffing Structure 2015/16

Senior Leadership Team

Miss Emily Newton (Headteacher)
Mr Joe Porter (Deputy Headteacher)
Mr Tim Holmes (Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion Manager)
Mrs Morag Shrafeddin (Assistant Headteacher, Assessment Lead, Literacy Lead)
Mr Paul Chandler (Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum Lead, Maths Lead)
Miss Kayleigh Lee (EYFS Lead - Acting)

Non Class Based Teachers

Inclusion Teacher, EAL Speech & Language Manager- Mrs Jane Bennett
Cover Supply - Mrs Mary Pye
PE - Mr Darren McLaughlin
Art & Design - Mrs Georgie Barr
French - Ms Sarah Yates
Music - Mrs Sian Cadogan
1:1 Conferencing release - Subject Specialist Teachers
1:1 tutors - Mrs Deirdre Batten, Mrs Sue Ewen, Mrs Rebecca Jones

Nurture Groups

Mrs Denise Ramkissoon
Mrs Tracey Whooley

Early Years Foundation Stage

Current Class	New Class	Class size	Teacher	Nursery Nurse/TA
<i>New starters and January 2015 intake</i>	Lowry am	26	Mrs Melanie Reilly	Mrs Samina Sehgal (Nursery Nurse)
	Lowry pm	26	Mrs Sarah Yates (NQT)	Mrs Jackie Jordan (TA)
<i>Lowry and new starters</i>	Cezanne	30	Miss Kayleigh Lee (EYFS Lead - Acting)	Mrs Barbara Favretti (Nursery Nurse)
	Rousseau	30	Miss Rebecca Parker	TBC (Nursery Nurse)

Key Stage 1

Current Class	New Class	Class size	Teacher	Teaching Assistant and 1:1 SEN support
Rousseau	Y1 - Picasso	30	Mrs Louise Ross	Miss Shal Naik
Cezanne	Y1 - Monet	30	Miss Elisabeth Sarton (NQT)	Mrs Debbie Willington
Monet	Y2 - Matisse	27	Mrs Elaine Neafcey	Mrs Sheena Perkins
Picasso	Y2 - Hockney	30	Miss Alexandra Huffer (NQT)	Miss Val Penny

Key Stage 2

Current Class	New Class	Class size	Teacher	Teaching Assistant and 1:1 SEN support
Y2 Hockney	Y3 - Dali	30	Mr Brendon Richards	Mrs Anna Waters (temp)
Y2 Matisse	Y3 - Magritte	30	Miss Sally Disher (NQT)	Mr Josh Thomas Mrs Duska Macakanja (SEN - temp)
Y3 Dali	Y4 - Kandinsky	24	Mrs Zoe Wright*	Ms Luka Rizza
Y3 Magritte	Y4 - Michelangelo	27	Mrs Emma Jean Lee Mrs Morag Shrafeddin	Mrs Karen O'Connor (SEN) Miss Vanessa Sa
Y4 Michelangelo	Y5 - Gainsborough	23	Mrs Charlotte Coltman	Mr Jack Morris Miss Emma Haynes (SEN)
Y4 Kandinsky	Y5 - Van Gogh	21	Miss Laura Meggitt	Ms Julie Haines (temp)
Y5 Van Gogh	Y6 - Da Vinci	20	Miss Naomi Ahearn	Mrs Leanne Ashcroft Mrs Diana Crosbie
Y5 Gainsborough	Y6 O'Keeffe	16	Mrs Sarah Morton	Miss Anna Tietz

*Note: Mrs Wright will be taking her class up to Year 4 - we have already appointed Mrs Syreeta James to cover this role. She will work part time from September and take over the class when Mrs Wright goes on maternity leave.

NQT - Newly Qualified Teacher

TBC - To Be Confirmed

TEMP - Temporary Staff

SEN - Special Educational Needs Support (exclusively)