



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

24th March 2015

Here we are at the end of the Spring Term! The children have had a busy few weeks full of exciting events. We are pleased with the progress the children have made in their learning. There is a lot of information in this newsletter which we hope you will find useful and interesting; please take your time to read it all the way through. We hope you have had a lovely term and enjoy the Easter break! See you all back at school on Monday April 13th.

Key Dates - Assemblies & Holidays

27th March - Last day of term (2.30pm finish)

30th March - 10th April - Easter Holiday

13th April - First day back (Monday)

14th April - Class Photos



16th April - Kandinsky Class Assembly (8.50am)

30th April - Da Vinci Class Assembly (8.50am)

4th May - Bank Holiday (no school)

7th May - Van Gogh Class Assembly (8.50am)

21st May - Picasso Class Assembly (8.50am)

22nd May - Last day of half term (3.15pm finish)

4th June - Parent Carer Forum (2.00pm)

17th July - Sports Day & Family Picnic

Easter Holiday Ideas:

Kingstonfirst is offering a range of FREE Easter activities for children aged 2 to 11 years in the Town Centre.

They are happening on Thursday 2nd & 9th April 2015 thanks to 'Thumbs Up It's Thursday' programme! Keep an eye on what's happening at:

<http://www.kingstonfirst.co.uk/>



Silver Healthy Schools Award

We are delighted to have been awarded our Silver Healthy Schools Award. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for his hard work in implementing a wide range of initiatives to achieve this!



African Drumming



This week Year 3 had a fantastic "Kenya Day" which included participating in an African Drumming Workshop.

It was a wonderful morning and all the children really enjoyed it!

E-safety

'Thinkuknow' is a new website we have heard about to help educate children on E-safety.

With a growing dependency on technology in school and home life we think its essential children are educated on the basic safety of using the internet.

'Thinkuknow' provides great age appropriate education on e-safety in a fun way.

Have a look at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

The NSPCC also has a wealth of resources for parents and carers on this matter.



Families Apart

Do you have a family member in prison?



Families Apart is an organisation managed by local parenting charity 'Kingston WelCare'.

Families Apart offers support and advice to families who have a significant member of the family in prison.

They can help prior to the sentence, during and up to 3 months post in a manner of ways from emotional support, to more practical support such as financial advice.

To read more about Families' Apart visit: www.wecarekingston.org.uk or call on 0208 5463258.

Comic Relief Result



Well done to everyone who made themselves funny for money! The grand total of our school Comic Relief fundraising comes to... **£234.32!**



*If I couldn't go home,
would you share yours with me?*

Call us or visit our web page to find out if fostering is for you! Or drop in and meet our foster carers in person at our regular information evenings

Next event: Wednesday 25th March 2015,
6.30 - 8.30pm at

www.kingston.gov.uk/fostering

020 8547 5004

fostering@kingston.gov.uk



If you cannot make the above event do contact the team by email or telephone.

Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours when picking up and dropping off. Our neighbours are very supportive of our school and the work that we do. Please do not park across driveways. Please do not park on the corners of Dawson Rd, even for a few minutes, it makes crossing very unsafe for our children. Thank you!

Wider Opportunities Concert

On the 26th March 2015 the Year 4 students will be taking part in the Wider Opportunities Concert at the Rose Theatre in Kingston.

They have been working very hard rehearsing their stringed instruments over the past term at school and the evening will be a great way to showcase their musical skill to their parents and carers.

Just to be aware: Some parents will be receiving admission forms again.

This is to standardise all our permission forms in school so that all pupils have the same forms.

Please can you fill in the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Many Thanks!

Family Support

Every Wednesday our Family Support Worker, Hannah Braithwaite, is available for advice and support on a range of issues. If you would like to make an appointment speak to Mrs Ramkissoon or Mrs Whooley from the nurture team or drop into the school office. Hannah can help with: Housing routines sleep problems, access to services, behaviour support and lots more!

Express

Express is a new community interest company set up by two parents who have children diagnosed with autism.

Express is based in Kingston and aims to provide an environment where children and families with autism can feel safe and social. Express is in its early stages but is a nonprofit company who are working to take ownership of the former Fourmead Day Nursery for their community hub.

Feel free to get in touch with Annette or Tracey on: 07971 466218 or www.expreic.org.uk