

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

Date 13/11/15

Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the year. Since returning from the half term break 2 weeks ago we have a lot of exciting trips and visitors to help with our learning which can be read about below. As ever, please take time to make a note of our key dates as we have a lot of exciting performances leading up to Christmas. We also have a number of staffing changes that are outlined on the second page of the newsletter. Thank you for your continuing support us as we work together to "inspire excellence" in our King Athelstan community.

Key Dates

16 th - 20 th November	NSPCC Fundraising Week
19 th November	Da Vinci Class Assembly
20 th November	Mufti Day "Sweets & Chocolate"
26 th November	Kandinsky Cake Sale
27 th November	Mufti Day "Unwanted Gifts"
2 nd December	Y4 Trip to British Museum
4 th December	Mufti Day "Bottles & Jars"
4 th December	Christmas Fair
10 th December	Nursery Christmas Singing 11.15am
10 th December	EYFS Production 1.30pm
10 th December	KS1 Production 2.15pm
11 th December	Nursery Christmas Singing 12:15pm
11 th December	EYFS Production 9.30am
11 th December	KS1 Production 10.30am
18 th December	Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch Last Day of term (2.30pm finish)
21 st Dec - 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holiday
4 th January	INSET DAY
5 th January	First day back

Polite Reminder

As the weather gets cooler please remember to send children to school with appropriate footwear and a warm coat. School fleeces are available through the office or Tolworth uniform shop. Please speak to Sam Abdool in the school office about this if you wish to purchase a school fleece.



NSPCC Sponsor Forms

Well done to all the children in KS1 and KS2 who are collecting sponsor money for doing the NSPCC 1 mile run during PE last week. Any money raised is a great help. It is really important that the children understand that it is good to give to others in need and also the important work that charities do. **Please remember the sponsor forms and money needs to be returned to school on or before Wednesday 18th November.** Delyth from the NSPCC will be back next Thursday to deliver a thank you assembly and also hand out the appreciation badges for those who have participated. Thank you for all your support. Please note that this was a voluntary activity and there is no obligation to participate.

The NSPCC Schools Service is currently recruiting volunteers in South West London to deliver its programme to local primary schools. If you would like to know more about this opportunity or to apply for a role, please visit:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/volunteer-or-work-for-us/volunteer-childline-schools-service/>

Children in Need

Friday 13th November was Children in Need Day, in light of this we held a "Mad Hair Day." The children had some wonderful crazy hair styles and hats. This was a great day supporting Children in Need and raising money for the charity via our £1 donations.

Lunchtime Choir

Apologies that lunchtime choir has been cancelled lately due to Mrs Cadogan's sickness absence. It is restarting as normal next week with Mr Pickering.



Staffing Updates

Early Years

Many of you are aware that we have been busy recruiting to our Early Years Team. Miss Irisa Mousto started on Monday 9th November as our new Nursery Nurse in Rousseau class. Irisa will be working closely with Becks throughout her induction. Irisa is delighted to join the team and is looking forward to getting to know all the children and families. We are hoping to finalise the morning Nursery Teacher and Cezanne Maternity cover in the next 2 weeks.

Lunchtime Supervisors

Melissa Clayton, one of our EYFS SMSAs (School Meals Supervisory Assistants) has now gone on maternity leave. We are excitedly awaiting news of the birth of her 3rd child and will update you when we hear more. Iwona Kaminska will be taking up the role of SMSA in Early Years.

Year 4

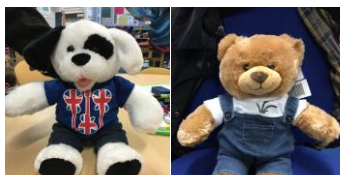
Mrs Zoe Wright is going on maternity leave today. We wish her well and look forward to meeting her new baby in the near future. As you are aware, Mrs Syreeta James is taking over the class full time in January. She will teach Thursday and Friday from next week and Mrs Mary Pye, our internal cover supply, is teaching Monday to Wednesday until the end of term. Mrs Pye knows the class well already and I know many of you met her at the Parent/Carer evening.

Music

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Sian Cadogan at the end of this term. Mrs Cadogan has driven an exciting programme of music teaching and participation for the past 2½ years. Mrs Cadogan is reducing her teaching commitments in order to focus on her family and allow more time to work with the Tiffin Children's Chorus who regularly sing at the Royal Opera House. We are pleased that Mr Tim Pickering will be taking over this role. Mr Pickering led singing assembly last week and has taught most classes a number of times when Mrs Cadogan has been unwell. Mr Pickering is a particularly keen jazz musician. Mrs Cadogan is currently off sick. We hope she will be returning soon. In the meantime Mr Pickering will cover her classes.

Reception Trip to Build a Bear

On the 10th and 11th November Cezanne and Rousseau classes each took a trip to the Build a Bear Workshop in the Bentalls Centre. The aim of the trip was to make a class bear which would be taken home by a different child weekly to help encourage the children's sharing skills and ability to recount stories about their time shared together. The children loved the experience of seeing the bear be stuffed, helping to pick their clothes and even making them their own birth certificate! Cezanne class bear is called Fluffy (left) and Rousseau class bear is called Rocket (right). The children can't wait to have a turn at sharing their life with the bears.



Baylor Students Welcome

We are excited to have welcomed two student teachers from Baylor University in Texas. Rachel (left) and Caitlyn (right) will be with us for three weeks in Picasso and Gainsborough class. We are looking forward to hearing about Texas and American culture, as well as teaching them about England and British Values. The children are already enjoying Rachel and Caitlyn's help in their classes and it is always nice to welcome visitors to the King Athelstan Community.



Unwanted Lego

Please can anyone with unwanted Lego please donate it to school to be used as part of our Lego Therapy Club.

Christmas Tree Project

As we approach Christmas it is an important time to think of others as well as enjoying our own time with family and friends. One of our parents told us about a project that is run in conjunction with the MET police called "The Christmas Tree Project". You simply log on to the below website, select your Borough, put in your email address and the MET sends you a reference number and the age/gender of a looked-after child. You then go and buy a small non-battery gift and take it unwrapped (or in an open gift bag) to the police station with the reference number. They then ensure that it is wrapped and taken to the child in time for Christmas.

<http://www.met.police.uk/christmastree/kingston>