



King Athelstan Primary School



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The children have settled back in well to the start of a very busy Summer Term and are enjoying the bluer skies during break times. We have a busy half term that is already well underway with exciting learning that can be read about overleaf. Please make a note of the key dates and we hope to see parents and carers at events such as the upcoming E-Safety briefing, cake sales, line dancing and class assemblies.

Key Dates:

28 th April (8.55am)	Hockney Class Assembly
2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY <i>No school on this day</i>
5 th May	Monet Cake Sale
5 th May (8.55am)	Monet Class Assembly
9 th - 13 th May	Y6 SATs Week
19 th May	Cezanne Cake Sale
20 th May	PCSA Line Dancing Evening
27 th May	Last day of term (3.15pm)
30 th May - 3 rd June	Half term break
6 th June	First day back
9 th June	Rousseau Cake Sale
9 th June (2.00pm)	Parent Carer Forum
10 th June	Mufti Day
13 th June (9.15am)	Reception Starting School Meeting (provisional)
15 th June (9.15am)	Nursery Starting School Meeting (provisional)
16 th June (8.55am)	Michelangelo Class Assembly
17 th June	Father's Day Celebrations
17 th June	Mufti Day
22 nd June	Whole School Transition*
23 rd June (8.55am)	Picasso Class Assembly
24 th June	Mufti Day
25 th June (Saturday)	Summer Fair
27 th June	Whole School Transition*
8 th July	Whole School Transition*
14 th July	Whole School Transition*

*Transition sessions are when children spend time in their classes for the following year.

Sport Relief

Sport Relief on Friday 18th March was a huge success raising a total of **£3304.90!** Congratulations to all the pupils and staff at King Athelstan, particular thanks to Darren McLaughlin and Becks Parker for their hard work and organisation on this. Highlights from the day were the routine performed by the cheerleading squad and the sponsored "Scootathon." The "Tug of War" also caused lots of excitement!

Building Work

Like us, many of you have been eagerly waiting for the building project to start. Some families, who are newer to the school, are possibly wondering what we are all talking about! The final plans will soon be available on our website. The work will provide a much needed 2 storey permanent extension to the school so that all classes will be in the main building. It will also provide some space for group work as well as additional toilets and refurbished nursery toilets and staffroom.

Eventually, when you walk down the Reception class/Year 3 corridor that leads to the halls, there will be classrooms on both sides. Year 2 will be downstairs and Year 6 upstairs.

Over the past 12 years, the school has grown from 165 pupils to 420 so we really need the space. The school is remaining 2 form entry but will be able to comfortably accommodate everyone in the building and remove demountables. Exciting times ahead!

Updates of the building work will be put up on the school website which can be accessed via:

<http://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/building/>



Flies

We are very grateful to a parent who has managed to obtain a response from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the "midge" flies that inconvenience our site. They answered that, although frustrating, the flies pose no health risk. School Governor, Mr Dave Ryder-Mills, has had a meeting with Thames Water and an EA official to discuss the flies. As a result of both conversations, the organisations now appear to be taking serious interest in the situation and have offered to work with parents/carers to find a solution. In order that the information that we send them is as comprehensive as possible we need more evidence. To report an incident when you notice swarms please text Mr Ryder-Mills on 07982 610667 and include the date, time and severity.

Kingston Music Service "Come and Play Day"

Kingston Music Service is holding a "Come and Play Day" on Saturday 18th June. If you are considering learning a musical instrument then head along to All Saints Church in the Market Place between 2pm - 4pm and you will have the opportunity to try as many instruments as you like before deciding on which lessons best suit you. You will also receive a 10% discount if you sign up for lessons on the day!



Thanks to the PCSA

We would like to thank the PCSA for their continuing support of the school. They have helped us to provide rich learning opportunities including trips and visitors. The performance of "The Railway Children" on the last day of the Spring term was completely funded by the PCSA. The children loved it!

They have also contributed towards trips to Kew Gardens and The Natural History Museum.

Thank you so much - you are amazing!



Road Safety

We are continuing to teach our pupils how to cross the road safely. We also use schemes such as bike-ability to support older children's cycling safety as well as lots of assemblies. Children have been told they **MUST** use the Zebra crossing and **never** to walk under the car park barrier. We would also like to remind parents and carers of this as you are the most important role models for your children. Be aware, your children may tell you off if you do not use the crossing! Mr Garside, the lollipop man, is there to help you cross the road safely.

New Summer Term Topics

Please take a look at the parent/carer overviews for this term. They can be found under "Cross Curricular Topics" on the school website "Curriculum" tab.

We have spent a considerable amount of time developing the curriculum further for this term; opening opportunities for extended learning and broadening the children's learning experiences. You will notice a greater focus on interesting literature from Year 1-6 which helps to make purposeful links to other areas of learning. It has already resulted in some fantastic work being produced.

Mr Chandler leads on the King Athelstan Curriculum so please do come and talk to him if you have questions or would like to know more about it.



E-Safety

Richmond and Kingston LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children Board) and Achieving for Children have released the following links to help parents and carers keep their child/ren's mobile phones and electronic devices safer. Type the below links into your search engine to access the tips. Alternatively you can scan the QR code in the image below to access the information.



E-Safety is important to the children and adults in the King Athelstan Community and these links are a great help in learning how to keep our children even safer when using mobile technology.

It is important that parents and carers attend the E-Safety briefing on Thursday 12th May at 7.00pm.

Mr Peter Cowley, the ICT and online safety advisor for Achieving for Children, will be delivering the session which will cover all aspects of E-Safety. The session will be repeated at **9.00am on Tuesday 14th June.**

We look forward to seeing you all there.

EYFS Outdoor Area

When dropping your children off to Nursery and Reception please do not allow children to touch the activities/equipment set up for their learning. Although we are pleased the children are excited about engaging with the activities, they take a long time to set up and it is important they are ready for each Nursery session to start their learning. Many thanks for your support.

"Thanks"

Try these "Thanks" with your children at home:

1. If I switch a light off in a room, do the walls change colour?
2. If I read a book in a shop, is that stealing?
3. How heavy is a star?



Twitter

@KingAthSchool Twitter account has been in use for a month now and we are enjoying using this platform to promote all the engaging learning we are doing. Follow us to keep up with our news. Please note this is for parents/carers, not children.