



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-8/2/17



Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2017! Welcome especially to our new families in Nursery and throughout the school - we hope you'll be very happy as part of the King Athelstan Community. The weather is really unpredictable so please ensure children have warm coats, gloves, hats etc for outdoor play, and that all items are named.

Our focus this term is on developing independent learning - children who show exceptional independent learning will be rewarded in a weekly assembly.

Key Dates:

The calendar of events up to the end of term is at the back of this newsletter, and is updated on the website, too. Remember, parents/carers are always welcome to join us for Class assemblies; the next one is Kandinsky class on Thursday 23rd February.

We welcome three new members of staff: Mr Robert Bradley is our new Premises Assistant, Mrs Cherry Forrest (Picasso) and Miss Jade-Rose Gulliford (Magritte) join us as Teaching Assistants. In a few weeks Mrs Sheena Perkins, one of our Year 1 TAs, is moving on to pastures new. She will be working with Year 5 (Van Gogh) after half-term until she leaves. We wish them all well in their new positions.

Messages from the School Office

- Please ensure we have an up to date e-mail address for you so you receive all messages.
- Please can all parents/carers use the front access to the school and not take shortcuts through the car park. There are often builders' vans and delivery trucks as well as cars, and it is not safe for pedestrians. The children know that walking through the car park is breaking the school rules, even when parents are alone.
- The office can only look after mobile phones or house keys for older children, and not other electronic devices as we cannot store or be held responsible for expensive equipment.
- Please collect a Breakfast Club form from the office, or download from the website, if you would like your child to join our morning childcare provision. We have recently purchased lots of new games and activities!

Y1 Trip to the Natural History Museum

Y1 went to see the dinosaurs on 19 January, and absolutely loved the T-Rex. They also had a special tour of the Botany Dept, which is not open to the public. Many thanks to Mrs Hopkins who arranged this for us. The children saw the smallest plant in the world, as well as the biggest seed! All the children behaved really well and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the parent helpers who attended.



Twitter

Check out Twitter @KingAthSchool. We have 87 followers...

King Athelstan Breakfast Club



The King Athelstan Breakfast Club runs daily from 7:45am to 8:40am and costs just £6 per session per child.

We have recently launched a new menu which includes:

- A variety of no added sugar cereals
 - Fruits and smoothies
 - Scrambled eggs on Toast
- Bagels, Crumpets, Hot Cross Buns

The menu is rotated daily to provide children with a variety of choices.

For more information please contact the school office



The New Change4life app - Be Food Smart app

The New Year is often a time when people make goals and resolution for the year ahead. If taking a closer look at what you and your family are eating is one of your goals, then this new app might just be for you!

Following the success of the Sugar Smart app, Change4Life have developed their idea further and have produced the [Food Smart App](#). It is simple to use, and includes lots of foods children (and grown ups) like to eat, so the whole family will benefit. Simply:

- Download the '[Food Smart](#)' app onto your phone
- Scan the food's bar code
- Get information on your phone showing you how much **Fat, Sugar and Salt** is in the food you were about to choose, making it easier for you make smart food swaps to healthier alternatives.

The website also gives you lots of recipe ideas. Great if you are in need of a bit of inspiration to get you back on track! You can download the app and access all the information, including ordering resources from here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart#OT6VSjKy7WXXV5h2.97>

Key Dates for this term

Years 5 & 6 have swimming lessons this term:

Van Gogh, Da Vinci & O'Keefe on Mondays

Gainsborough - Thursdays

February	
Friday 10 th	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Friday 10 th	Cake Sale - Magritte Class
Mon 13-Fri 17 th	Half-Term
Thursday 23 rd	Kandinsky Class Assembly at 9.00am
Friday 24 th	Cake Sale - Hockney Class
March	
Thursday 2nd	World Book Day
Thursday 2nd	Quik Sticks Hockey Event
Monday 6 th	Y4 Trip to British Museum
Thursday 9th	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Friday 10 th	Cake Sale - Matisse
13-17 th	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 14th	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Thursday 16 th	Matisse Class Assembly at 9.00am
Tuesday 21st	Governor Visit Day
Tuesday 21st	Parent/Carer Forum at 9am
Wednesday 22nd	Y3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament
Thursday 23rd	Michelangelo Class Assembly at 9.00am
Wednesday 29th	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thursday 30 th	Secret Garden Production
Friday 31 st	Cake Sale - Picasso
Friday 31 st	Break up for Easter at 2.30pm

Scooters

Please be aware that a number of scooters have gone missing from the bike shed over the past week. Sometimes children take the wrong scooter by mistake and these are usually quickly returned. At other times, we believe that scooters and bikes are stolen by people entering the school grounds after hours. PLEASE take steps to mark scooters clearly and lock them securely to the racks. The shed is only locked between 9am and 3pm.

Cambridge Road Estate (CRE) Regeneration

Calling all parents/carers from Cambridge Road Estate!

Get involved and work together with the Cambridge Road Estate Regeneration team. We will be having a parent engagement session on:

Thursday 9th February 9am in the Children's Centre (next door to King Athelstan Primary School)

The Cambridge Road Estate is going to be regenerated. We have had a consultation and respondents expressed an opinion about regenerating the whole of the estate. Current concerns are crime and damaged properties. Aspirations for the estate are improved homes and community facilities. We would like parents/carers to input into the engagement process and let us know what they would like the new estate to look like. If you have any questions please email: CRERegen@kingston.gov.uk

We hope to see you at the meeting on 9th February.

PCSA News

The PCSA website is at <http://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk>

The PCSA is pleased to announce a record-breaking result from the Christmas fair: an amazing **£3772.09!** Well done to all.

Dates for the diary:

Quiz Night 'Through the Decades' on Friday 5th May. Further details and ticket information to follow, but save the date!

The Reading Bucket List

As you know we have raised the status of the *love* of reading at King Athelstan by introducing '**The Reading Bucket List**' for each year group. In every newsletter we will be flagging a book from the list for each year group and inviting you to either: dig out an old copy you may have at home; have a look in your local charity shop; find secondhand online; donate as a 'birthday book' or (if you're feeling particularly generous) buy from a book shop and donate them to the school; Oxfam Books in Kingston have some real bargains!

Books we are currently looking for are:

Reception: Don't put your Finger in the Jelly Nelly by Nick Sharratt

Year 1- Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray (repeated as none received)

Year 2 - Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg (repeated as none received)

Year 3 - The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith (repeated)

Year 4 - Ratburger by David Walliams

Year 5 - Heard it in the Playground by Allen Ahlberg

Year 6 - Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

A big thank you to last term's donors.

Mrs Ahearn

Literacy Coordinator

Relaxation Workshops

The first Workshop on 7th February was a great success, with many parents/carers relaxing and learning breathing techniques with their children. The children had class sessions throughout the day, too, and enjoyed hearing stories and being calm. Unfortunately, the sessions on Wednesday 8th February had to be cancelled due to sickness, but we will re-arrange this as soon as possible.

World Book Day

This year our theme for World Book Day on Thursday 2 March is "Books at Bedtime". Everyone can come to school in their nightwear and choose a book and a teddy to bring, too. So dig out your favourite pyjamas/onesie and be ready to read and hear some lovely stories...



Year 5 Kingston Brochure

Last year's Year 5 children (now Year 6) made some amazing leaflets about Kingston and displayed them in the Tourist Information Centre. This week we received this by email from some visitors to Kingston:

*"Dear Year 5s,
My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the leaflets encouraging us to visit and enjoy the various sites in Kingston. While sitting down at the pop-up tea room in the market square hall we read through several of them thinking about what we might do on our next visit to Kingston. I thought the actual presentation of the content and your engagingly descriptive language made the leaflets a joy to read. I do hope you have had many people responding to your work. Well done to your teachers for providing such an imaginative way to have you publish and show off your writing.
We wish you well with your writing in the future and hope to see you in print again,
Mr & Mrs Ford"*

Well done to all our fabulous writers!