



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-19/7/17

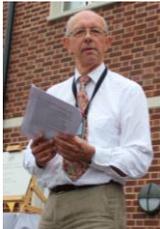


This half-term has been incredibly busy! We have had lots of trips and visits, and we have gradually moved into the new building. Please do complete the Parent/Carer Questionnaire which will be sent to you tomorrow - your views help to shape our action plans for next year. We know that, like us, you will be looking forward to a break from school and the normal routines. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer break and have a chance to relax for a while. Years 1-6 return to school on **Wednesday 6th September**. For those leaving this year, we wish you every success and happiness. Please keep in touch and let us know how things are going. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your incredible support in such a busy year.

Grand Opening - 28th June 2017



On Wednesday 28th June we held a Grand Opening ceremony to celebrate the completion of our new school building. Many parents and carers were able to join other guests and the whole school outside to hear all about it, and see John Cannon release the giant purple ribbon. Hanna and Senuth, Head Girl and Boy, and Noah from Rotakids made speeches to say thank you to John, long-time friend of the school and storyteller, who is stepping down from his duties as Vice Chair of Governors after 14 years. The children sang the school song "The Power in Me" and everybody joined in. Year 6 then led tours around the new areas, before drinks and cake was served. Every child also took home some specially-made King Athelstan cake to celebrate.



Messages from the School Office

- Uniform reminders - please ensure your children have school shoes on every day and that they are wearing the correct school jumpers/cardigans with logos which are available from PMG Uniforms, Tolworth.
- Children should only have book bags and draw-string bags for PE kit and swimming as there is **no space for other bags or rucksacks**.
- Please do not buy children black trainers or any kind of boots as school shoes.
- Please let the office know of any changes of address, email contact details etc over the summer holidays on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org.
- Don't forget to book lunches on Parentpay for the start of next term!
- Please contact the office if you think you might be eligible for free school meals.

Key Dates for this term

- Years 5 & 6 will have swimming lessons in the Autumn term 2017
- Years 3 & 4 will have swimming lessons in the Spring term 2018
- Years 1 & 2 will have swimming lessons in the Summer term 2018

September

Monday 4 th	Inset Day (staff only in school)
Tuesday 5 th	Inset Day (staff only in school)
Wednesday 6 th	Y1-6 Children return to school/home visits start
Friday 22 nd	Y4 First strings music lesson
Friday 29 th	Y3 Den Building

October

Wednesday 4 th	School Photos (Individual)
Thursday 5 th	Census Day with special lunch
Tuesday 10 th	Y1 Monet to Kingston Library
Thursday 12 th	Y1 Picasso to Kingston Library
Mon 23 rd -Fri 27 th	Half-term week

Trips & Events

The summer term saw some very exciting trips and events. Reception spent a lovely sunny day at the Wetlands Centre, pond-dipping and spotting various birds.



Year 1 were visited in school by Zoolab and got to hold and stroke snakes, lizards and other wonderful creatures.



Year 3 practised hard and took part in the Country Dancing Festival at the Hawker Centre. They also went to the Science Museum to study robots and forces.



Year 1 went to Littlehampton and had a great fun on the beach:



Year 5 spent a day at the Museum of Childhood, examining clockwork and battery motors (and dressing up!).



Nursery visited Holly Lodge in Richmond Park as part of their "Mini Beasts" studies.



Staff Changes

As the academic year draws to a close we say goodbye to: Mr Tim Pickering, Mrs Semina Lukha, Mrs Charlotte Coltman, and Mrs Mary Pye. We wish them all well in their new endeavours. We welcome to the King Athelstan Community Mrs Claire Bailey (French, maternity leave cover), and Mrs Emma Foster-Jones (Lowry PM). Mr Jack Morris returns as a teacher and will teach Michelangelo Class. Miss Sarah Wharton has already returned this term, and will be teaching Van Gogh Class from September in a job-share. Mrs Barbara Favretti has also returned from maternity leave and will be in Nursery in September. Mrs Pye will continue to work in our school on an ad-hoc basis.

Year 6

Year 6 had a fabulous time at Kingswood in Kent on their residential trip in June. There were many exciting activities, and lots of fun.



Year 6 then put on a wonderful performance of "Olivia." The whole school saw this show and loved it. Well done to all the actors and backstage helpers!



We wish all Year 6 good luck as they move on to secondary school in September!

Music

This term the children have been involved in several musical events. On 9th June Y4 performed in the Wider Opportunities Future Sounds Concert at the Rose Theatre, demonstrating how well they have learned to play strings.

King Athelstan was represented at both the Infant Singing Festival (Year 2) on 19th June, and the Junior Festival (the KS2 Choir) on 20th June, both also at the Rose Theatre. All the children were a credit to the school, and enjoyed performing in a real theatre. Well done everyone! The current Year 3 will be starting to learn strings in Year 4 in September, too.



Kingston Music Service offer a range of private musical instrument lessons. See their website:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200202/music_lessons/240/apply_for_music_lessons_in_music_centres