

King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-September 2017



Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We hope you all had a lovely, restful summer. We are delighted that the children have returned excited about their new challenges. They have been really busy already and their behaviour has been excellent. A special welcome to those new families who have joined the King Athelstan Community. This half-term promises to be as busy and eventful as ever - please see the list of dates for your diary. This is constantly updated, and is on the school website : <http://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/for-parents-and-carers/school-calendar/>.



In assembly Miss Newton has been talking about "ripples of kindness" and "boomerangs of kindness". We watched this video - you might like to share it at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>



Staff Changes

We welcome to the King Athelstan Community Miss Sandy Peters as Inclusion Teacher, Mrs Samina Mann, TA in Picasso Class, and Mrs Emma Foster-Jones as Lowry PM teacher, as well as Mrs Karen O'Conner and Mrs Sophie Clark as Breakfast Club Assistants. We have already said a fond farewell to Mrs Duska Makakanja, who will be missed by children and staff alike, and we wish her well in her new endeavour. Good luck to Mrs Joanna Mendis, French teacher, who goes on maternity leave this week and welcome to Mrs Claire Bailey who is covering her leave. Mrs Bailey has been shadowing Mrs Mendis so the children already know her.

School Council

Elections have taken place for this year's School Council. The role of the School Council is to give the children a voice, to share their opinions, questions and queries about the school.

Our new representatives are:

Picasso Class - Jessica	Kandinsky Class - Amelie
Monet Class - Alice	Michelangelo Class - Laura
Hockney Class - Bella	Van Gogh Class - Ava
Matisse Class - Aidan	Gainsborough Class - Maria
Dali Class - Grace	Da Vinci Class - Muna
Magritte Class - Maisie	O'Keeffe Class - Tommy Lee

The Council has not had its first meeting yet, but will decide what topics to cover. One focus will be recycling around the school and growing our own produce: fruit and vegetables.



Messages from the School Office

- Uniform reminders - please ensure your children have school shoes (not boots or trainers) 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 let the office know of any changes of address, email contact details etc on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or by phone on 020 8546 8210.
- Don't forget to book lunches on Parentpay. We would like as many children as possible to have a school lunch on Census Day (5 October) as this makes a difference to funding. There is a special "Burger Bonanza & Ice Cream Factory" menu on this day. The menu for this term is on the school website, or on this link: <http://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/school-meals/>
- Please contact the office if you think you might be eligible for free school meals.

Nursery

If you have any pre-loved toys that your children no longer want, Nursery may be able to put them to good use. They are looking for doll's buggies, wooden sit-and-ride toys, wooden brick trolleys and any good quality wooden toys. All items donated need to be in good condition. Thank you!



World Mental Health Day

It is World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October, and we will be raising funds for YoungMinds Children's Mental Health Charity. YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity championing the wellbeing and mental health of young people. We will be supporting their Hello Yellow Campaign on 10th October, which involves adding a yellow accessory to school uniform, for example, a yellow bow, yellow laces or yellow socks, in return for a suggested donation of 50p which will be collected at the gates.



Reading Bucket List

The Reading Bucket List returns for the new school year! Here is our current request for books. We invite you to either: dig out an old copy you may have at home; have a look in your local charity shop; find second-hand online; donate as a 'birthday book'. Please hand in any books to your class teacher. Thank you!

Year 1 - Funny bones By Janet and Allan Alburg

Year 2 - Burglar Bill by Allan Alburg

Year 3 - The True Story of the Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Year 4 - How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5 - War Monkey by Claire Funge

Year 6 - James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Key Dates for the year

Years 3 & 4 have swimming lessons in the Autumn term 2017:
Kandinsky on Mondays 10.45am -12.30pm
Michelangelo on Mondays 2.30pm - 4.00pm
Dali on Thursdays 10.4am 5-12.30pm
Magritte on Fridays 10.45am -12.30pm
Years 5 & 6 have swimming lessons in the Spring term 2018
Years 1 & 2 have swimming lessons in the Summer term 2018

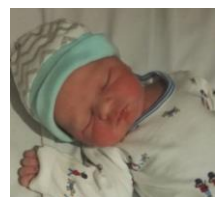
Date	Event
October	
Mon 2 Oct	Y2 trip to Painshill Park
Tues 3 Oct	Reception to Y4 flu immunisations
Wed 4 Oct	School Photographs (individual)
Fri 6 Oct	Foundation stage welcome party 3.15-4.30pm
Tues 10 Oct	Y1 Monet trip to Library
Tues 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
Thur 12 Oct	Y1 Picasso trip to Library
Fri 13 Oct	O'Keeffe cake sale after school
23-27 Oct	Half-term
November	
Wed 1 Nov	Y4 trip to British Museum
Thur 2 Nov	Y3 Height/weight checks
Fri 3 Nov	Y3 trip to Kingston Museum
Fri 3 Nov	Van Gogh cake sale after school
Mon 6 Nov	Parent/Carer evening 4-7pm
Wed 8 Nov	Y1 trip to Kingston Market
Wed 8 Nov	Parent/Carer evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 16 Nov	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Fri 17 Nov	Gainsborough cake sale after school
Fri 17 Nov	Y5 trip to the cinema
Tues 21 Nov	Y6 trip to the cinema
Wed 22 Nov	Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
Thur 23 Nov	Da Vinci class assembly 9am
December	
Sat 2 Dec	Christmas Fair
Thur 7 Dec	Dali class assembly 9am
Mon 11 Dec	Lowry am Christmas singing 11.15am - 11.30am
Mon 11 Dec	Lowry pm Christmas singing 1500pm - 15.20pm
Tues 12 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 13 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thur 14 Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Tue 19 Dec	Thinkers' Project Exhibition (3.15-4.15 & 6-7pm)
Thur 21 Dec	School breaks up for Christmas 2.30pm
January	
Wed 3 Jan	Inset Day
Thur 4 Jan	School starts
Fri 12 Jan	Kandinsky cake sale after school
Fri 26 Jan	Michelangelo cake sale after school
February	
Thur 8 Feb	Magritte class assembly 9am
12-16 Feb	Half-term
Fri 23 Feb	Dali cake sale after school

March

Thur 1 March	World Book Day
Mon 5 March	Parent/Carer evening 4-7pm
Wed 7 March	Parent/Carer evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thur 8 March	Van Gogh class assembly 9am
Fri 9 March	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Fri 9 March	Magritte cake sale after school
Thur 15 March	Gainsborough class assembly 9am
19-23 March	Y5 Bikeability
Fri 23 March	Hockney cake sale after school
Wed 28 March	Thinkers' Project Exhibition (3.15-4.15 & 6-7pm)
Tues 20 March	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Thur 22 March	Matisse class assembly 9am
Thur 29 March	Break up for Easter 2.30pm
April	
Mon 16 April	Inset Day
Tues 17 April	School starts
Fri 20 April	Matisse cake sale after school
May	
Thur 3 May	Michelangelo Class assembly 9am
Fri 4 May	Picasso cake sale after school
Thur 10 May	Kandinsky Class assembly 9am
Mon 14-17 May	Y6 SATs Tests
Fri 18 May	Monet cake sale after school
Thur 24 May	Monet class assembly 9am
Fri 25 May	International Day
Mon 28 May - 1 June	Half-term
June	
Thur 7 June	O'Keeffe class assembly 9am
Fri 8 June	Cezanne cake sale after school
Mon 11 -15 June	KS1 Phonics Testing
Mon 11-15 June	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 15 June	Fathers' Day Celebrations
Fri 22 June	Rousseau cake sale after school
Fri 22- Mon 25 June	Y6 School Journey
Thur 28 June	Picasso class assembly 9am
July	
Wed 4 July	Y6 Transition Day
Sat 7 July	Summer Fair
Wed 11 July	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 12 July	Y6 Production 7pm
Fri 13 July	Lowry cake sale after school
Tues 17 July	Sports Day
Wed 18 July	Thinkers' Project Exhibition (3.15-4.15 & 6-7pm)
Thurs 19 July	Leavers' assembly & tea 2pm
Fri 20 July	Prizegiving assembly 9am
Fri 21 July	School ends 2.30pm

Stop Press

Welcome to baby Charlie Wright who arrived on 22nd September weighing 6lb 9oz. Mum Zoe (Mrs Wright) says big brother Oscar is very happy and the whole family are well.



Twitter

Check out Twitter @KingAthSchool. We now have 118 followers.