



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-January 2018



Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2018! 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.

Reading Bucket List

The children are really enjoying reading books from their class Reading Bucket List. If you have any copies of the books below, or could donate any, we would be very grateful! Children can bring in a copy as their "birthday book" which is a lovely way to add to the class collections.

The requests are:

Nursery - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
or The Three Little Pigs

Reception - any fiction books linked to people who help us, eg fire fighters, doctors, police officers etc

Year 1 - Willy and Hugh by Anthony Browne

Year 2 - Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book by Lauren Child

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

Year 4 - The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Year 5 - The BFG by Roald Dahl

Year 6 - James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl



Staff News

Paul Chandler, Assistant Head with responsibility for Curriculum and Assessment, will be leaving at Easter to take up a Deputy Head post at Bedfont Primary School in Feltham. This is a fantastic promotion for Mr Chandler who has contributed so much to our school over the past few years. We are currently recruiting to this position.

Messages from the School Office

- Please be mindful of our neighbours and ensure you do not park on or obstruct the driveways of local houses.
- We have had lots of children without lunch bookings recently. Please remember to book meals on Parentpay if you are not providing a packed lunch. You can book right up until Easter now, so don't have to wait until after half-term.
- Please ensure children have healthy snacks, such as fruit, rather than crisps or chocolate.
- Remember children must wear smart black school shoes, not boots or trainers in school.



Birthday Books

For those new to the school, we do not allow children to bring in cakes or sweets on their birthday. However they can, if they like, donate a book to their class instead. When your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. This is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. We have had lots of lovely donated birthday books - thank you. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary.

Y6 Residential Trip

Please remember that all payments for this trip must be made on or before **Monday 12th March**. Thank you.

Tree

Sadly, at the start of term, a tree growing on the banks of the Hogsmill River outside Magritte Class had to be chopped down as it was dying and had a huge split in its trunk, making it unsafe. Inside, it was found to have a large beehive which was then taken away to a safe place to re-home the bees as they are protected.



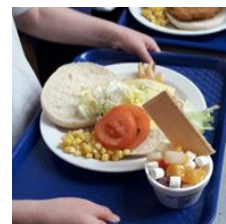
Year 1 Storytelling



Year 1 would like to say a big thank you to John Cannon, who comes in to tell them stories, which they love. Oral storytelling is so important as these speaking and listening skills support a child's reading and writing.

Census Day

Thursday 18th January was the spring term Census Day where the local authority collects information about individual pupils and schools which affects future funding, including funding for Universal Free School Meals. Wilson Jones made a special menu and over 300 children had a make-your-own burger, chips and ice cream for lunch. Of course there was salad, vegetables, and fruit as well! Everyone enjoyed the meals, especially the sprinkles on the ice cream!



NHS Oral Health Visit

The NHS Oral Health team are visiting school on **Tuesday 30th January**. Three dental clinicians will talk to the EYFS and KS1 children in their year groups (Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2). There will be a puppet show and songs with lots of information and guidance on eating healthily and brushing teeth properly. Each child in these groups will receive a free toothbrush and toothpaste to practise at home.

The dental clinicians will also be in the playground in the morning before school to speak to all parents and carers and offer any guidance or answer questions about dental hygiene, so please feel free to approach them.



Key Dates

Years 5 & 6 have swimming lessons in the Spring term 2017:
 Van Gogh on Mondays 10.45am -12.20pm
 O'Keefe and Da Vinci on Mondays 2.30pm - 4.00pm
 Gainsborough on Fridays 10.45am -12.20pm
Years 1 & 2 will have swimming lessons in the Summer term 2018

February	
Thur 1 Feb	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Tues 6 Feb	Y6 Junior Citizen event
Thur 8 Feb	Magritte Class Assembly 9am
Mon 12-Fri 16	Half-term week
Thur 22 Feb	Y5-6 Hi 5 Netball Competition
Tues 27 Feb	Owls coming to visit school
March	
Thur 1 Mar	World Book Day-dress up as a book character
Thur 1 Mar	Y5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament
Mon 5 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 4-7pm
Wed 7 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 15.30-18.30pm
Fri 9 Mar	Mother's Day Celebrations
Fri 9 Mar	Y6 trip to Magistrates' Court
Tues 13 Mar	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition
Wed 14 Mar	Drama Workshop for Reception-Y2
Thur 15 Mar	Gainsborough Class Assembly 9am
Mon 19 Mar	Y6 trip to Kew Gardens
Mon 19-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability
Tues 20 Mar	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Tues 20 Mar	Last strings lesson this term
Wed 21 Mar	Y4 trip to the London Mithraeum Museum
Thur 22 Mar	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 23 Mar	Y5 Easter Experience trip
Wed 28 Mar	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thur 29 Mar	Last day of term. Finish at 2.30pm

January Trips

Y1 went to the Natural History Museum on 25th January to help launch their new topic "Time Travellers." And Y3 went to Kew Gardens on 26th January to examine plants and flowers as part of their topic "Wild at Heart." Photos will follow.

Quality Mark



We are proud to announce that the school has been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the tenth year! The Quality Mark is awarded to a school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy. Well done everyone!

Ice Skating

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful time last month ice-skating in the beautiful surroundings of Hampton Court. Everyone had a lovely time, despite a few bumps and bruises!



Thinker's Project

The Thinker's Project Exhibition just before Christmas was a great success once again, showcasing the wonderful hard-work of all the children. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to those who helped set up and run the exhibition.



Twitter

Check out our Twitter feed: @KingAthSchool.

NSPCC's PANTS

In Year 1-6 Assemblies, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This teaches pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. The children will learn about the PANTS acronym:

- Privates are always private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

For more information and a parent guide, see the NSPCC website at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule. There is also a useful short cartoon for children featuring Pantosaurus which you may have seen on television.