



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-May 2018



This half-term Years 2 and 6 took their SATs tests, which reinforce our regular teacher assessments. The whole school supported Y2 and Y6 by being quiet as they moved around the school. We hope you all have a restful and refreshing half-term break, and come back on **Monday 4th June** ready for the next half-term full of energy! There are lots of exciting things to look forward to, such as Year 6's production, Father's Day/Superheroes assemblies, more trips and, of course, Sports Day!

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 often bring in a copy as their "birthday book" which is a lovely way to add to the class collections. The requests are:

Nursery - I want my Potty! By Tony Ross/Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth/Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox

Reception - The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt/The Singing Mermaid by Julia Donaldson

Year 1 - any books by Eric Carle

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

Year 3 - The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith

Year 4 - A Midsummer Night's Dream by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross

Year 5 - How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 6 - Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Please hand in any books to your class teacher. Thank you!



Lockdown Procedures

We wanted to let you know that after half-term we will be practising out lockdown procedures. As well as fire evacuation procedures, schools now have a lockdown procedure in which we secure the building and remain inside. This would be used in the event of a serious incident either on the street outside or on the school site, or something like an intruder on the school site.

Whilst events that would necessitate a lockdown are incredibly rare, we are required to prepare for them. The wellbeing of your child is incredibly important to us and we will make every effort to ensure that your child is not distressed by this procedure. A lockdown can be triggered by a relatively minor event such as an animal (usually a dog) being on the grounds. Some of you may remember we found a large snake skin on the site last year and this triggered a small-scale lockdown.

In extremely rare situations it could be caused by an intruder. In most situations it would mean teachers would secure doors, windows and blinds and the children would remain in their classrooms working as usual. In very rare circumstances it might mean that we take shelter within the classrooms and children would quietly sit under their tables.

Throughout this process we will ensure that your child is made to feel at ease, just as we do in a fire practice. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Outdoor Learning Day

On 10 May we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day with lots of activities and lessons outside on what was a lovely sunny day. Reception classes went on a giant hunt, and everyone had a great day!



House Points

Red Team had the most House Points during the Spring term with 375 points, Green had 351, Blue 322 and Yellow 319. Red Team will do some special activities with Mr McLaughlin as a their reward.

Twitter

Don't forget to keep an eye on our Twitter feed @KingAthSchool. We currently have 147 followers....

Music Concerts

Our annual choir concerts take place this term. The KS2 Choir will perform in the Kingston Festival of School Choirs at the Rose Theatre on 19th June. The KS1 Choir sings at the Infant Singing Festival with other Kingston schools also at the Rose Theatre on 22nd June. They have been practising very hard with Miss McLean and are really looking forward to it.

Year 4 are also performing their strings pieces at the Rose Theatre in the Future Sounds event on 2 July. Good luck to them all!

Hogsmill Assembly

We recently had an assembly given by the South East Rivers Trust charity all about our Hogsmill River. Ask the children about what they learned about the wildlife and animals - it was very informative! A letter will be emailed to parents and carers with further information.



Key Dates

June	
Tue 5 June	Y5-6 Girls' Kwik Cricket Competition
Tue 5 June	Art Club to visit Kingston School of Art
Wed 6 June	Nursery 2018 New Parents' Meeting
Thur 7 June	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Fri 8 June	Reception 2018 New Parents' Meeting
Fri 8 June	Cezanne cake sale
Fri 8 June	Y5 to Aegon Tennis Competition
Fri 8 June	Y6 to Art Graduation Show
Fri 8 June	KS1 Choir Rehearsal after school
Mon 11-15 June	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 12 June	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Wed 13 June	Y6 'Kids Out' Chessington
Wed 13 June	Nursery & Reception 'Stay and Play' session
Thur 14 June	KS2 Choir rehearsal after school
Fri 15 June	Father's Day/Superhero Celebrations
Tues 19 June	KS2 Choir concert at Rose Theatre
Wed 20 June	Reception trip to Sea Life London Aquarium
Thur 21 June	Hockney Class Assembly
Fri 22 June	Rousseau cake sale
Fri 22 June	Mufti Day for unwanted gifts
Fri 22 June	KS1 Choir Concert at the Rose Theatre
Fri 22- Mon 25 June	Y6 School Journey to PGL Liddington
Tue 26 June	Y2 trip to Sea Life London Aquarium
Wed 27 June	Mufti Day - bring chocolates/sweets for the fair
Thur 28 June	Picasso Class Assembly 9am
Thur 28 June	Y6 to Cornerstone Hub
Fri 29 June	Inset Day
July	
Mon 2 July	Y4 Strings concert at Rose Theatre
Tue 3 July	Y3 Country Dance Festival
Wed 4 July	Y6 Transition Day
Thur 5 July	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Fri 6 July	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
Fri 6 July	EYFS Beach Day
Fri 6 July	Mufti Day - bring bottles for the fair
Sat 7 July	Summer Fair 11am - 3pm
Mon 9 July	Y5 Trip to the Museum of Childhood
Wed 11 July	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 12 July	Y6 Production 7pm
Thur 12 July	Lowry cake sale after school
Fri 13 July	International Day
Tues 17 July	Sports Day
Wed 18 July	Thinker's Project (3.15-4.15 & 6-7pm)
Thurs 19 July	Leavers' Assembly & tea 2pm
Fri 20 July	School ends at 2.30pm

Zoolab

Y1 had some visitors from Zoolab to support their theme of "All Creatures Great and Small". They stroked cockroaches, snakes, and millipedes, and met scorpions, stick insects and a tarantula!



Sports

Y5 and 6 Boys attended the Kwik Cricket tournament. They won their first game coming 2nd in their group, but did not progress to the final. It's the Girls turn to do Kwik Cricket on 5th June.

The Y5 and 6 Tennis team did amazingly well and won the Borough Tournament! They now represent Kingston at the London Youth Games on 14 June - good luck team!



Oscar, Nathan, Lily and Charlotte - the winning tennis team!

Kingston Music Service

Kingston Music Service (KMS) provides instrumental and vocal music lessons and hire of instruments to young people in Kingston's schools and music centres. The service runs a range of music ensembles to support young peoples musical journey and enable them to play with other young musicians. Pupils on free school meals (or would be eligible for FSM) can apply for a 60% discount on lessons. This applies to lessons both in school hours and at our music centres. For more information:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200176/kingston_music_service



Father's Day Superheroes Celebration Assemblies

We are looking forward to celebrating the wonderful fathers, step fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and superhero figures in our lives in a series of special "Superheroes' Day" assemblies on **Friday 15th June**. It would be fantastic if fathers, step-fathers, carers, uncles, grandfathers, brothers or any male role models who are special to your child could attend our celebrations.

The celebrations are on a staggered timetable:

- 9.00am - Reception Classes (Rousseau and Cezanne) **in their classrooms**
- 9.15am - Years 1 and 2 **in the main hall**
- 9.45am - Years 3 and 4 **in the main hall**
- 11.15am - Morning Nursery **in Nursery**
- 12.30pm - Afternoon Nursery **in Nursery**
- 2.45pm - Years 5 and 6 **in the main hall**

We all have a hero in our heart.

Year 6 SATRO Business Game

Year 6 had a busy day when they were joined by St John's School to play the Satro Business Game. They had to learn how to 'run' their own manufacturing businesses, which involved buying and selling components, organising marketing campaigns, managing bank accounts and dealing with stock market crashes and strikes! Many thanks to the Rotary Club for supporting this - it was a very interesting and informative day.

