



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-March 2018



As Easter approaches, so does Spring! We hope you all have a restful and refreshing break, and come back on **Tuesday 17th April** (Monday 16th is an Inset Day) ready for a fantastic Summer term! Some children have already moved into summer uniform (lilac gingham dress/tailored black shorts). The lilac dresses are available from most high street uniform retailers (M&S, John Lewis, Asda, Tesco). Please remember, smart school shoes, not boots or trainers, and appropriate accessories (not large JoJo bows or hair accessories). We've said a fond farewell, huge thanks and good luck to Mr Holmes and Mr Chandler in a wonderful assembly today - we will miss them. Have a wonderful Easter!

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 - Emily's Balloon by Komako Sakai or Cars! Cars! Cars! by Grace Maccarone

Reception - Whatever Next? By Jill Murphy

Year 1 - any book by Eric Carle

Year 2 - Burglar Bill by Janet and Allen Ahlberg

Year 3 - Muddle Puddle Farm by Michael Morpurgo

Year 4 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl or A Bear called Paddington by Michael Bond

Year 5 - The Witches by Roald Dahl

Year 6 - James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

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

Rotakids

This term Rotakids have been very busy. They devised a new game, "Rotaball," and ran sessions for each year group and asked for donations in return to go to the Weir Archer Academy. This is an inspirational charity which provides sports facilities for people with disabilities. Rotakids raised £143.43 for this wonderful charity. We had a special assembly attended by an Paralympic athlete and members of the Weir Archer Academy and saw a real racing wheelchair! Well done to all involved!



Good Citizenship

We received a lovely email from a local resident:

"I am currently 36 weeks pregnant and I was travelling on the K1 bus in Surbiton on 20th March. The bus was very full and none of the adults on the bus offered me a seat, all 'pretending' not to see my very large bump and baby on board badge, burying their heads in books and smart phones. The only person on the whole bus to kindly offer me his seat was a boy from your school. He must have been year 5 or possibly year 6, and was travelling with a younger boy. I don't know the child's name but I thought it was incredibly sweet and polite of him so I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was and what an asset to your school that little boy is!"

We investigated and found that this boy was Elias in Year 6. Well done Elias for lovely manners and for your wonderful random act of kindness!

Trips



Y4 went to the London Mithraeum, also known as the Temple of Mithras, found under a building near St Paul's Cathedral during construction work. It dates from 300AD. They handled real Roman artefacts!

Y3 had a great day at Chessington examining exotic animals as part of their "Wild at Heart" topic. They even managed a "Zoofari" ride!

Y5 visited the Cornerstone Church to see a play and learn more about the Easter story as part of their RE studies.

Y6 went to Kew Gardens to check out the Rainforest climate.

Road Safety

We have had a number of assemblies recently on the importance of road safety, and using the Green Cross Code. We are also lucky to have a lollipop man, Mr Garside, to help everyone cross on the zebra crossing outside our school. Please note, the children know they are not allowed to cross Villiers Road except at the traffic lights or on the crossing. They also know no one is allowed to use the car park to enter or leave the school. Please support your children by not breaking these rules. The Department of Transport websites are full of useful information:

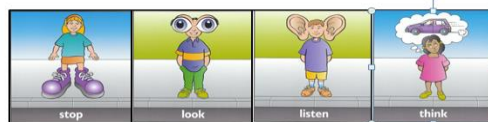
http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/media/safest_place/

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The children also learned about stopping distances for cars:

http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/stopping-dist-calc/story_html5.html

Remember...



Even if you are using a pedestrian crossing it is important to use the

Green Cross Code X

Parents & Carers v Staff Football Match

This annual event took place on Saturday 24th March on Fairfield. It was tough competition but the Staff won again 5-3 being the final score. Well done to all, and thanks to the PSCA and all the supporters who turned out to cheer.

Playground Behaviour

Please do not let children ride scooters or bikes on school premises before or after school. The playground area can get very crowded and there are lots of smaller children who can be hurt. For this reason, there is no football allowed at these times either. Thank you.

Key Dates	
Swimming Y1 & Y2	
Monet	Mondays 10.35-12.40pm from 30 April
Picasso	Fridays 10.35-12.40pm from 4 May
Hockney	Mondays 2.30-4.10pm from 30 April
Matisse	Fridays 2.05-3.45pm from 4 May
April	
Mon 16 Apr	Inset Day
Tues 17 Apr	School starts for children
Thur 19 Apr	Reception trip to the Polka Theatre
Fri 20 Apr	Matisse Class Cake Sale
Tues 24 Apr	Y4 first strings lessons of the term
May	
Thur 3 May	Michelangelo Class Assembly 9am
Thur 3 May	Zoolab in to visit Year 1
Fri 4 May	Picasso Class Cake Sale
Thur 10 May	Y3-4 Tennis Competition
Thur 10 May	Kandinsky Class Assembly 9am
Fri 18 May	Monet Class Cake Sale
Fri 18 May	PCSA Quiz Night
Mon 21 May	Y6 SATRO Business Game
Tues 22 May	Y5-6 Kwik Cricket
Wed 23 May	KS2 Choir Rehearsal at SASM
Thur 24 May	Monet Class Assembly 9am
Thur 24 May	Y5-6 Tennis Competition
Fri 25 May	International Day
Mon 28 May- Fri 1 June	Half-Term week
June	
Tue 5 June	Y5-6 Kwik Cricket Competition
Thur 7 June	O'Keeffe Class Assembly 9am
Fri 8 June	Cezanne cake sale
Mon 11-15 June	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 12 June	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Wed 13 June	Y6 'Kids Out' Chessington
Fri 15 June	Father's Day Celebrations
Tues 19 June	KS2 Choir concert at Rose Theatre
Wed 20 June	Reception trip to Sea Life Centre
Fri 22 June	Rousseau cake sale
Fri 22 June	KS1 Singing Concert at the Rose Theatre
Fri 22- Mon 25 June	Y6 School Journey to PGL Liddington
Thur 28 June	Picasso Class Assembly 9am
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
Thurs 5 July	Y1 trip to Littlehampton
Fri 6 July	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
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	Thinker's Project (3.15-4.15 & 6-7pm)
Thurs 19 July	Leavers' Assembly & tea 2pm
Fri 20 July	School ends at 2.30pm

Sports News

Mr McLaughlin has been busy this month with several events. The whole school took part in Sport Relief over the last week and raised money for a worthy charity. Well done to the Y3 and Y4 gymnastics squad who came third out of 13 teams winning a bronze medal at the borough gymnastics competition.



The Y5 and Y6 netball team also came third in the Netball Playoffs. The Year 5 and Y6 Quicksticks Hockey team did really well against tough competition, winning a game and drawing one. Well done to all who took part! Next term, there will be cricket, rounders, relays and tennis...

Inset Day

Please note that the final Inset day of the year has been confirmed as Friday 29th June. Children do not come to school on this day.

Medication in school

As a school we recognise that in some circumstances children may require medicine during the school day. However there may be occasions where the school will be unable to administer medicines in school and alternative arrangements may need to be made by the parent/carer. All medicine must be signed in via the school office this includes Salbutamol Inhalers.

The school will **only** administer the following non-prescription medicines:

- Paracetamol or Ibuprofen (for pain relief)
- Piriton or a similar product (for treatment of allergic reactions, hayfever etc)

The school will only administer Antibiotics if they are required at least **4 times per day** (or every 6 hours). Please note that the school can only administer medicines as directed by the prescriber. If there is any variation of dose required, the school must be provided with written evidence from the prescriber.

Remember, if children are sick they must stay off school for 48 hours.

Please ask at the office if you have any concerns, or to view the full Medicines Policy. Please note, this policy is currently under review.

PCSA Easter Eggstravaganza

The sun was out for the PCSA's Easter Eggstravaganza last Friday. Well done to all the children who joined in with the Easter Bonnet Parade - there were some amazing creations! The bake off was a huge success, we'd never seen so many cakes! Prizes went to Georgiana (Foundation), Charlie (KS1), Charlotte (KS2) and Victoria (adult). The fair managed to raise a wonderful £1,161.79! A big thank you to the parents and carers in Nursery and Reception for organising it. The next PCSA event is Quiz Night on Friday 18th May.



World Book Day 2018

King Athelstan was turned into a magical world of book characters on Thursday 1 March, despite the snow! The children had a wonderful day of book-related activities, and there were some marvellous outfits:

