

King Athelstan Weekly Digest
Issue 14 - Friday 16th December 2022



Dear Families,

We are, at last, at the end of a very chilly week, and a very long term. On behalf of the staff team, thank you for all the lovely cards, messages and gifts that have been received. Your generosity is very much appreciated by us all.

At this point, it is fantastic for children to look back at the work in the front of their books to see how much progress they have made, particularly in writing. Well done everyone!

It has been lovely welcoming families of EYFS and KS1 in to school this week for Christmas assemblies. The children performed a selection of Christmas songs, stories and poems. They were very brave performing in front of a big audience and we all enjoyed the lovely festive atmosphere. The assemblies have all been recorded and are on Google Classroom for you. Please remember, these are **not** to be uploaded or shared on any other platform.

I am sure, like the team here, you are all ready for the Christmas holidays and the opportunity to spend time together as a family. If you are celebrating, have a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year to everyone. We will see you in 2023!

Emily Newton, Headteacher



Extra Curricular Clubs - January 2023

You will see a new item in your ParentPay account if your child has been allocated to a club. **Please note, the club is only confirmed once you have made the full payment which is due by 4:00pm on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.** We are unable to chase individual payments and therefore any places not paid for by 4pm on 3rd January will be re-allocated. Families of Pupil Premium children will receive an email to inform them which clubs they have been allocated as no payment is required. **Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 16th January (or 1st February for Skipping).** All afternoon clubs finish at 4.10pm, and pick up will be from the KS1 playground.



Inclusion Bitesize

For the final Inclusion Bitesize of the term and year we are sharing a couple of inclusion analogies. Miss Meggitt and Ms Govan are working closely on further developing our equality, diversity and inclusion approaches in school. Look out for more from each of us in the new year. Have a wonderful break.

	Equality is everyone getting a pair of shoes.
	Diversity is everyone getting a different type of shoe.
	Equity is everyone getting a pair of shoes that fits.
	Acceptance is understanding we all wear different kinds of shoes.
	Belonging is wearing the shoes you want without fear of judgment.

Diversity
is having a seat at the table.

Inclusion
is having a voice.

Belonging
is having that voice be heard.

- Liz Fosslien & Mollie West Duffy

PE Days - January 2023

PE days for spring 2023 have changed from the autumn term, so please check your child's class [here](#). Y5 will go **swimming** on Fridays, so only have one other PE day. Y5 **must** remember to bring their swimming kits on Fridays as they will be leaving at 8.55am. They should wear normal school uniform on this day.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception Kusama				✓	
Reception Nelson				✓	
Year 1 O'Keeffe	✓		✓		
Year 1 Van Gogh			✓		✓
Year 2 Hockney	✓		✓		
Year 2 Matisse	✓		✓		
Year 3 Cassatt		✓		✓	
Year 3 Da Vinci				✓	✓
Year 4 Mehretu	✓	✓			
Year 4 Wiley	✓			✓	
Year 5 Dali		✓			Swim
Year 5 Warhol			✓		Swim
Year 6 Kahlo		✓			✓
Year 6 Riley		✓			✓

Messages

- If you are picking up children in Y1 - Y6, please wait outside the main school gate until their gate opens at 3.15pm. Coming in early and queuing on site blocks the exit for Reception families and causes a huge amount of unnecessary congestion.
- Please note that children younger than Y5 must not be left outside the school gates unaccompanied in the mornings.
- Please ensure that children arrive at school on time, especially for Nursery at 8.30am. It is disruptive to the class and unsettling for the children, as well as time consuming for staff to escort them individually around the school.

Early Morning Reading

Please note that Early Morning Reading will start again on the first day of spring term, Wednesday 4th January, for the children who have been attending this term. Sessions will run every morning from 8.20am except Thursdays. Reception days remain Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 8.20am.

Singing Assembly



Yesterday, Mr Thomas led a wonderfully festive Singing Assembly, attended by everyone from Reception up to Year 6. It was the first time for a very long time that we had so many people in the hall! The Choir once again performed beautifully, including singing soloist Violet and spoken word poet Yasmin. Today we had a leavers' assembly to say

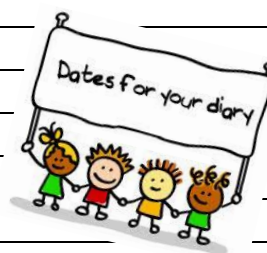


goodbye to Mrs Ross, Mrs Pye, Mrs Waters (Anna) and Miss Keane, and have recording some of these events on Google Classroom. We all had a good sing and are now ready for the Christmas holidays.

Dates for the Diary

JANUARY 2023

Tues 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Wed 4	Back to school
Fri 13	Y5 first swimming lesson - Malden Centre
Mon 16	Extra curricular clubs start this week (except skipping)
Wed 25	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Mon 30	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Tue 31	Y4 online presentation for families - Multiplication Tables Check



FEBRUARY 2023

Wed 1	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wed 8	Book Looks Y1-6
Mon 13- Fri 17	Half-term
20 - 24	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thurs 23	Nursery visiting Kingston Library

Community Notices

Heatham House Youth Centre is thrilled to be offering an absolutely jam-packed holiday programme this Christmas for young people aged 8-19 and runs from Monday 19 to Thursday 22 December.

With a load of free Christmas-themed activities and events across art, music, and sport they are hoping your children will join them to get into the spirit of things.

The full program can be found on the [following pages](#) and can be booked [here](#).

If you would like further information, please contact

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FREE
Holiday activities
and food

For eligible children
aged 5 to 16 years

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FUEL - Feed Ur Everyday Lives



Achieving for Children is once again running FUEL activities over the Christmas holidays for children on free school meals. Letters have been put into bookbags for eligible children with details on how to book sessions - a code is required which will be on the letter.

Parental Controls

Lots of children may be getting new devices for Christmas. Please be aware that these will not have security settings, and families will need to do this to ensure children are safe online. Please use the QR codes here, or check the websites for instructions on parental controls. Thank you.

Setting parental safeguards on your child's devices

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below.
If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child.
We recommend you set the device not to allow any apps or games to be installed without your permission.
Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.

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Christmas Eve Fireside Stories

At New Malden Town Centre Partnership we understand that this Christmas is likely to be quite difficult for a lot of people, so we are bringing some warmth and connection to people with a free fireside winter tales story circle in Jubilee Square, New Malden, at 5-6pm on Christmas Eve. We think this is a great way to bring the magic of Christmas to people in a simple but lovely way. It is free to attend but booking is required. Attached is a flyer and this is the link:



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-tales-tickets-474754221657?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=es_cb