



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-December 2017



The first term of the school year is coming to an end and everyone is looking forward to relaxing after all their hard work. We break up on Thursday 21st December at 2.30pm for the Christmas break, and return on Thursday 4th January 2018 (3rd January is an Inset Day). We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful break, and look forward to seeing you ready for the Spring Term. Please ensure your child returns promptly on 4th January as late returns are treated as unauthorised absence. On behalf of the whole team at King Athelstan we wish you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful start to 2018.

Staff News

As you know, Mr Tim Holmes will be taking early retirement at Easter. Ms Alice Govan will be joining us in the Summer term as Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion and Safeguarding. Ms Govan is an experienced leader and is currently working at Trafalgar Juniors in Twickenham. We look forward to welcoming her to the King Athelstan community.

Emily Newton will continue to support Ellingham Primary School next term in the same way as she has this term. This is a temporary arrangement, likely to run in its current form until Easter. The school has benefitted from lots of sharing of good practice and has also been able to demonstrate excellent outreach work. Mr Joe Porter will continue to be Acting Head in her absence.

Messages from the School Office

- Don't forget to **book meals for January** - children return to school on Thursday 4th.
- Please let the office know of any changes of address or email contact details on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or by phone on 020 8546 8210.
- If you would like to volunteer as a helper on a school trip, you will need a Barred List Check (formerly List99). Please ask at the office well in advance.
- Spring Term Clubs - places will be allocated via Parentpay by 5th January 2018. Please check and pay for clubs by Friday 12th January to confirm the place(s). Waiting lists will be held where clubs are oversubscribed.
- Christmas Production Photographs (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be delivered in early January.

Rotakids

Rotakids, sponsored by Kingston Rotary Club, went to "Young at Heart", a Senior Citizen's tea club, to help serve tea and scones with Purple for Polio jam, raising awareness of polio around the world. They chatted with the club members and also got to eat some cake after their hard work!



Christmas Menu

Christmas dinner is on Thursday 21st December - please book on Parentpay in the usual way by the end of Wednesday 20th.

WILSON JONES
Simply Fresh

Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey, Chicken Chipolata
or
Vegetable Wellington

Roast Potatoes, Honey Glazed Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts,
Peas and Carrot Medley, Stuffing and Gravy

Christmas Tree Ice Cream or Christmas Brownie

Year 2 Christmas Journey

Hockney and Matisse classes visited Cornerstone Church on Canbury Park Road on **Friday 8th December**. This visit was organised to support RE work this term and to aid the children's understanding of the Christmas Story. At the church the children went on an interactive journey about the Nativity and there were Christmas activities for children to participate in. We all had a great time dressing up, too!



Caretaker's House

Over the Christmas holiday, the new owners of the property will be starting work on the development of the site. They are likely to demolish it over the break and will erect hoarding all around the site to ensure it is safe.

Published Data

The Department of Education has published data on the performance of schools for 2017. King Athelstan is "above average" for progress in reading and maths, and "average" for progress in writing. 63% of primary schools in the country are "average" and 10% "above average" (10% are "well above average") so King Athelstan is doing really well. Here is the link to all the data: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=phase®ion=314&geographic=la&phase=primary&f-or=primary&basedon=Overall%20performance&show=All%20upils>

Key Dates	
January	
Wed 3 Jan	Inset Day
Thur 4 Jan	School starts for children
Tues 9 Jan	First Y4 strings lesson this term
Fri 12 Jan	Lowry PM Stay and Play (new starters)
Fri 12 Jan	Kandinsky Class Cake Sale
Thur 25 Jan	Y1 trip to Natural History Museum
Thur 25 Jan	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 26 Jan	Michelangelo Class Cake Sale
Tues 30 Jan	KS1 NHS Puppet Shows
February	
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
March	
Thur 1 Mar	World Book Day
Mon 5 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 4-7pm
Wed 7 Mar	Parent/Carer Evening 15.30-18.30pm
Thur 8 Mar	Van Gogh Class Assembly 9am
Fri 9 Mar	Mother's Day Celebrations
Fri 9 Mar	Y6 to Magistrates Court
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
Thur 22 Mar	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Fri 23 Mar	Y5 Easter Experience
Wed 28 Mar	Thinker's Project Exhibition
Thur 29 Mar	Last day of term. Finish at 2.30pm
April	
Mon 16 Apr	Inset Day
Tues 17 Apr	School starts for children
Tues 24 Apr	Y4 first strings lessons of the term
May	
Thur 3 May	Michelangelo Class Assembly 9am
Thur 10 May	Y3-4 Tennis Competition
Thur 10 May	Kandinsky Class Assembly 9am
Tues 22 May	Y5-6 Kwik Cricket
Thur 24 May	Monet Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25 May	International Day
Mon 28 May-	Half-Term week
Fri 1 June	

Thinker's Project

The end of term Thinker's Project Exhibition 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.

Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal in school in November raised £19.35

Twitter

Check out our Twitter feed: @KingAthSchool. We now have 128 followers - can we get to 150 before the end of 2017?

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:

Year 1 - Funny bones By Janet and Allan Alburg

Year 2 - Voices in the Park by Anthony Brown

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

Year 4 - Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Year 5 - War Monkey by Claire Funge

Year 6 - Private Peaceful - Michael Murpurgo

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



Ice Skating

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful time yesterday ice-skating in the beautiful surroundings of Hampton Court. We don't have any photos yet...

Year 1 trip to St John's Church

Year 1 visited St John the Evangelist Church on Grove Lane as part of their RE curriculum. They examined all the features found in a church. Both Y1 teachers were very impressed with the good, respectful behaviour of all the children.



Reception trip to the Rose Theatre

Cezanne and Rousseau classes went to see "The Three Little Christmas Pigs" as part of their work on celebrations.



The children really enjoyed the Christmassy show, especially when they all got up at the end to have a dance! It was a great celebration.

Christmas Fair- a message from the PCSA

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December a huge success. It was the first time we held it on the weekend so we were unsure how it would go...but it turns out, we didn't need to worry at all! There was a great atmosphere and we managed to raise a record breaking £4,877, beating last year's total by over £1,000!

Thank you to everyone who came on the day, donated items on mufti days, baked cakes, collected raffle prizes or ran stalls. We'd particularly like to thank Dexters Estate Agency, who generously sponsored and ran our drinks stall. The Dexters team served a range of drinks from mulled wine, to tea, coffee and soft drinks and even the occasional glass of Christmas Prosecco! All with a friendly manner and balloons thrown in...we were blown away!

