

King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 9 - Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Families.

This week's assemblies have covered the history of Guy Fawkes and his plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. The children were interested to see that the story referred to Westminster Hall, where we most recently saw Queen Elizabeth II lying in state.

Miss Govan talked about Dyspraxia in her assembly which always focusses on aspects of Inclusion. Today, Remembrance Day, we held two minutes silence at 11am at the end of assembly and watched national events live on the BBC.

In this newsletter, you will read about Anti-Bullying Week which starts on Monday, when we invite children to wear odd socks in line with the national initiative.

Please ensure that children come to school with a warm/waterproof coat now that the weather is getting colder and wetter.

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton

Headteacher



Staff Changes

At the end of this term two teachers, Mrs Louise Ross, Y6 Riley Class, and Mrs Mary Pye, Y1 O'Keeffe Class, are leaving King Athelstan to spend more time with their families. Mrs Naomi Ahearn, Deputy Headteacher, will take on class teacher responsibility for Riley Class. Mrs Jane Bennett, Inclusion Teacher, will be Miss Wharton's job share partner in O'Keeffe Class. Both Mrs Ahearn and Mrs Bennett are very experienced teachers and already know the children in school. The teachers will be working closely this term to complete detailed handovers for both classes. We would like to wish Mrs Ross and Mrs Pye very best wishes and good luck in their new adventures.

Car Park

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff and registered visitors only, and not for parents or carers, either during the day or picking up from after-school clubs.

Book Looks

Book Looks are taking place on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th November from 3.20 - 3.50pm. You are invited to come in to look at your child's books and see their work in their classroom. We ask that you sign up using the Google form below so that we know which books to leave out ready, and so that we have an idea of how many



people are attending. https://forms.gle/yLthEP4XTbSbM9j19. On the day, please collect your children as usual, then wait in the KS1 playground until all children are dismissed. We will then be able to let you all back into the classrooms safely.

Medicines in School

Please remember 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)

We will only give medicines to children during school if they need to be given four times a day, such as some anti-biotics, and then only if prescribed by a doctor and in their original packaging, complete with names and prescribers instructions. Otherwise, families are requested to manage dose frequencies outside the school day. Please see here for the full school Medicines Policy.





Next week, 14th-18th November, is national anti-bullying week, and we will be focussing on the theme of 'reaching out' to stop bullying. We will be marking this by joining in with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where all can come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The brighter or crazier the better!

School Meals

From January 2023, the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.45 to £2.50 daily for children in Year 3-6. All children in Reception. Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.

Year 3-6. All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals automatically. If you are in receipt of benefits, your older children may be entitled too. For further details, click <u>here.</u> School lunches can be booked via your ParentPay



account. Save yourself time! - You can now book all the way up to the end of the Spring term (31st March). Lunches must be booked by 7.30 am on the morning of the lunch at the very latest. If a child has not been booked in for lunch on time, we will call and request that parents/carers bring a packed lunch as we may not have spare meals. If you have any questions please contact the school office at admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org.

PCSA

The PCSA are holding the annual Winter Fair on Saturday 3rd December from 2-4pm. Please tell friends and family and come along. There will be bottle and chocolate tombola stalls as well as toys, games cakes and drinks for sale. There will, once again, be Christmas trees for sale from a local supplier, and our fantastic choir will be making a VIP appearance to sing some seasonal songs! We are having some mufti days where we ask for donations to



help us make the Fair more memorable for all:



Fri 18th November - this is Children in Need day where everyone is encouraged to wear spotty accessories. We will also be collecting donations of toys and games in good condition

Friday 25th November - It's Crazy Hair/Hat Day! Create some crazy hairstyles/colours or wear a funky hat in return for donating bottles for the bottle tombola. These can be wine/spirits/squash or even bubble bath.

Friday 2nd December - This is Silly Socks Day - wear bright, wacky socks/tights in return for donations of chocolates and/or cakes which must be within the sell-by date. Remember, no nuts please!



Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Annie and Praneesha O'Keeffe Y1 - Faizan

Hockney Y2 - Erin Matisse Y2 - Micah

Da Vinci Y3 - Nancy Cassatt Y3 - Max F

Mehretu Y4 - Katie Wiley Y4 - Agatha

Dali Y5 - Tanmay Warhol Y5 - Whole Class

Riley - Afroditi Kahlo - Alma

Miss Versey also commended Ava and Agatha (Y4) for hosting their own cake sale to raise money for the Big Outdoors Project.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amina	Alae-Nor	Max F	Electra	Blanka	Mariam
Serah	Dunia	Ziyad	Yaathya	Eddie	Issy

House Points

This week's winners are Blue House (Hawks) on a huge 30, followed by Green (Villiers) on 24, Yellow (Cambridge) on 19, and Red (Dawson) on 18. Well done Hawks House!









Villers (24)

Dawson (18) Cambridge (19) Hawks (30)

Children in Need

Next Friday, 18th November, is Children in Need and we will be wearing spotty accessories in return for a donation to this wonderful charity, which changes lives for children at home and abroad. No cash donations please. There is a special item in ParentPay for Children in Need and your donation will go directly to the charity. You can also arrange gift aid. Thank you.





Please note, it is also a PCSA pre-Winter Market preparation day, where they will be collecting toys and games - see PCSA item above.



School Tours

School tours are available over the next few weeks for anyone thinking of applying to join King Athelstan in Nursery or Reception 2023. Please contact the school office on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org for more information and dates available.

Dates for the Diary					
	NOVEMBER				
14-18th	Anti-Bullying Week				
Mon 14	Wear odd socks for Anti-bullying to celebrate what makes us all unique				
Mon 14	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm - 3.50pm				
Wed 16	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.25pm - 3.50pm				
Fri 18	Children in Need - wear spotty/Pudsey accessories for a donation on ParentPay. Please donate any toys/games in good condition to sell at the Winter Fair				
Fri 18	Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park				
Tue 22	School Photographs (individual)				
Wed 23	Warhol Class Assembly 9am				
Fri 25	Crazy Hair/Hat Day - please donate a bottle for the Winter Fair				
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am				

DECEMBER						
Fri 2	Silly Socks/Tights Day - please donate chocolate/cakes for the Winter Fair					
Sat 3	Winter Fair 2-4pm					
Mon 5-Fri 9	Mon 5-Fri 9 Clubs end this week					
Wed 7	/ed 7 Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating Trips					
Thur 8	Thinker's Project Exhibition 15.20-15.50pm and again 17.50 - 18.20pm					
Mon 12	Hockney Y2 Christmas Assembly 9am					
Mon 12	Matisse Y2 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm					
Tue 13	O'Keeffe Y1 Christmas Assembly 9am Van Goah Y1 Christmas Assembly 2 30pm					
Tue 13	Van Gogh Y1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm					
Wed 14	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9am					
Wed 14	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm					
Thur 15	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11am					
Thur 15	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 3pm					
Fri 16 Break up one hour earlier than usual						
January 2023						
Tue 3	INSET Day - children not in school					
Wed 4 Back to school						

Charity Work

Two of our intrepid Y4 students, Agatha and Ava, decided to make cakes and host their own cake sale from home in aid of our Big Outdoors Project, raising money to refurbish the KS1 playground, and for the WWF. They raised £10 for each worthy



charity. Well gone, girls, these look yummy! The cakes were decorated with the colours of the Ukrainian flag, with world maps and animals and dinosaurs. They really enjoyed their



enterprise and hope to do it again, and encourage others to do something, too. They have decided their motto is "one person can make a difference".

Community Notices



The Kingston Rotary Club sleigh will be visiting local streets around Christmas to bring some Christmas cheer and magic! Santa will be in the streets listed below around Norbiton on 14th December between 6pm and 8pm. Make sure you listen and look out for him:

Norbiton Avenue Neville Road
Homersham Road Porchester Road
Charter Road Douglas Road
Waters Road Roseberry Road
Orme Road Arundel Road