



# King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter No 5. May 2021



## Message from Miss Newton:

Happy half-term to our fantastic King Athelstan community. It has been an incredibly busy few weeks in school with children working hard in their classes, as well as enjoying playtimes with their friends. We are so proud of their resilience.

I am going on maternity leave today so it will feel very strange not returning with you all on the 7th June. I'm sure this feeling will not last long as I will have my hands full very soon! Thank you all so much for your kind words and messages of good wishes, cards and gifts. I have been totally overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of our lovely community.

I hope you all keep safe and well in the coming months. The team will keep me up to date with any news from school while I am off. I look forward to seeing you all on my return.

### Key Dates

31 May—4 June	Half-term holiday
Tues 8 June	Class Photos
Wed 16 June	Bag 2 School charity drop off
Thur 24 June	International Day —Children only
Fri 25 June	INSET Day—no children in school
Wed 30 June	Sports Activity Day 1—Children only
Thur 1 July	Sports Activity Day 2 —Children only
Fri 16 July	Y6 to Thames Young Mariners
Thur 22 July	Prizegiving
Fri 23 July	Break up for Summer—pick up one hour earlier than usual

### Parent Governor

Ms Caroline Dawes, who has daughters in Da Vinci and Van Gogh classes, recently joined the Governing Body of the school, after winning the Parent Governor election. The Governors main role is to help raise pupils' standards of achievement. They are responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils. Governors promote effective ways of teaching and learning when setting the school aims and policies. They do this together with the headteacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school.

### School Photos

Braiwick Photography has donated 50p to charity for every order they received for school photos. As a result, the school raised a wonderful £107.50 in total for Cancer Research UK.



### Contact

The school office remains closed to parents/carers. All visitors must be booked in advance. General enquiries/prospective parents/carers who want to book an online tour: [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) To notify of a change of arrangements for a child: [messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org). Please email wherever possible, as some staff are working off-site. Please try to let us know of same-day changes, such as pick-up arrangements, **before lunchtime**, if possible, to ensure we can pass messages to the correct staff. The telephone number in case of emergency is: 020 8546 8210.

### Symptoms and Testing

You may be aware that COVID cases in Kingston are rising and are now double the London rate. Yesterday, we had 22 children across the school waiting for results of PCR tests. A number of these children came to school with symptoms and had to be sent home to get tests. Others have been kept at home with symptoms, however their siblings have been sent to school. This is putting others at risk of infection and isolation. The number is particularly high as the current advice is for the whole household to seek PCR tests when one member has symptoms and so some tests are for asymptomatic siblings.

The rules are very straightforward and we ask that all parents and carers take these seriously to protect the well-being of everyone within our school community.

**If a member of your household has symptoms, the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD must isolate immediately and wait for the results of the PCR test/s.** Please do not use Lateral Flow test kits for this purpose.

**Please do not send your child in with a temperature or persistent cough.** Please be aware of other symptoms detailed on the NHS and government websites.

**Please do not send children in if adults in the household have symptoms,** even if they have had a negative Lateral Flow test result.

**Please do not send in siblings of children with symptoms,** even if they have had a negative Lateral Flow test result.

**If a member of your household has a positive Lateral Flow Test, the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD/BUBBLE must isolate immediately and wait for the results of the follow up PCR test.**

In addition, we have had a number of reports of children who are supposed to be isolating, being out and about in the community, playing in the park, visiting each other or staying over in other households. **Isolation means they have to stay at home at all times** unless they are going to seek a test or emergency medical care. Breaking isolation puts the whole community at risk.

Please continue to follow the mask-wearing and 2m social distancing rules on the school site and in the queue outside, and obey the instructions of the school staff controlling the crowds. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Outdoor Learning Environment

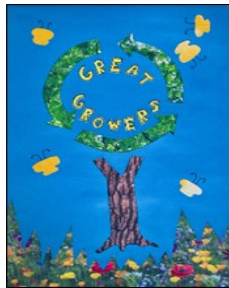
During the Easter holidays we created a new growing area for King Athelstan. We had an amazing team of volunteers onsite. Incredibly with all their hard work we managed to get the new raised beds constructed in just a day! Hopefully the beds will be ready to start planting with vegetables very soon. There are enough beds for one per year group and then a more permanent 'companion' planting bed to encourage insects and add year-round colour and greenery to the far corner of the KS2 playground.

As part of Science Super Learning Day the children were asked to design a poster explaining why the allotment is so important and what we plan to do with it. There were some fantastic entries, and the three worthy winners are:

## BIG OUTDOORS PROJECT



EYFS Sofie



KS1 Eabha



KS2 Bethan

## Super Learning Days

We had a fantastic Science Super Learning Day on 22nd April, which was also Earth Day, an international event celebrated around the world to pledge support for environmental protection. This year's theme was "Innovation" (what can we invent) and the



whole school was set a challenge to invent a way to keep ice cubes as cold as possible.

There was much discussion and varying degrees of success but we all learned a lot and had some fun, too.



## Request from Nursery

If you have any unwanted or spare pants/knickers, leggings/joggers or t-shirts age 2-4, Nursery would love to have them as spares in case the children get very wet/dirty. Clothes must be clean and in good condition. Thanks.



## Toys in school

Please remember that children are not allowed to bring toys from home into school. Lately there has been an increase in children bringing in plush toys, plastic jewellery and mostly the new pop-it fidget toys. Some children are permitted to have a sensory tool due to their Special Educational Needs, but this is by agreement with their teacher or the Inclusion team only. Any other toys being brought in will be removed, so please leave all toys at home.



## Swimming

As you may know, the Kingfisher Swimming Pool was closed in 2019 due to structural problems. Kingston Council has now revealed plans to build a brand new leisure complex with pool to be completed by 2024. At King Athelstan we send all children in Y1-Y6 swimming for a term every year. With the closure of the Kingfisher pool, which was accessible to us on foot, we now have to pay to hire a coach to travel to the Malden Centre in New Malden. As a result, we are planning to take only one year group next year, most likely in the summer term. We will issue more information next year.

## Bag 2 School

The PCSA has arranged for Bag 2 School to collect on **Wednesday 16th June**. Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing. All the bags will be weighed and the PCSA will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you donate, the greater the benefit to our PCSA. Please put any unwanted men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories into any plastic bag (no uniforms, work-wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please). There will be a drop off point for the bags in the school car park, on our one-way system at morning drop off. Any plastic bags used will also be recycled. Thank you!



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The school Wish List is found here:

<http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt>

We regularly update the list with various items which would be useful across the school. If you do make a purchase, please add a note so we know who it is from and can thank you properly. Recent packages have included bookmarks, ice-packs and reading books. Thank you so much, we really appreciate this.

