



# King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter 4 – March 2021



It has been absolutely fantastic to have all the children back in school—we really missed them! We hope you all have a restful Easter break with some warmer weather so that everyone can get out and about and enjoy the sunshine, albeit in a socially-distanced way. Please continue to take advantage of the lateral flow tests available for school families. You can book a test here: [Rapid test booking and consent form](#). Remember, you can also obtain test packs to carry out at home here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff> We are back for the Summer term on **Monday 19th April**. Summer uniform is a lilac gingham dress or tailored black shorts with a white polo shirt, with or without the school logo. Both of these should be worn with the school sweatshirt or cardigan from PMG (and not any other sweatshirts or cardigans). The lilac dresses are available from most uniform retailers (PMG, M&S, John Lewis, Asda, Tesco). Summer uniform is optional. Remember, smart black school shoes, not boots or trainers, are required with uniform. Children are still wearing PE kit with trainers on their PE days. Please put your child's name on all items. Please talk to the Inclusion team if you need help with uniform. Thank you.

## Key Dates

Mon 19 April	Summer term begins
Thur 22 April	Science Super Learning Day
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday—school closed
Tue 11—Fr 14 May	Y6 Bikeability
31 May—Fri 4 June	Half-term
Fri 25 June	INSET Day
Fri 23 July	School breaks up for Summer, one hour earlier than usual

## Swimming

As you are aware, the Kingfisher Centre is closed until further notice. We are currently exploring options for swimming in Spring 2022 at the Malden Centre. This would mean reducing to one year group swimming due to the huge transport costs and the additional time that travel would take out of the school day. Whilst it is not ideal, it will be an interim measure until there is a clear plan for a more local option. The majority of schools focus on swimming in one year group unless they have a pool on site.



## Idling Engines

Please ensure that you turn your car engine off if you are waiting in the vicinity of school. 'Engine Off Every Stop' gives drivers a clear action to safeguard personal and public health. Switching off is the easiest way to minimise unnecessary pollution. With a basic change in behaviour, drivers in Kingston can make a big difference to our air quality.



## Staff News

We say goodbye to Miss Beth Gregory, who is relocating, and to lunchtime supervisor Mr Alex Cole, who is taking up a new role. We wish them both good luck in their new challenges.

## 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. The telephone number in case of emergency is: 020 8546 8210.

## School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, PMG Schoolwear in Chessington, is re-opening their shop on 12th April in line with government guidelines. However, they will still be running an appointment system for parents/carers who want to attend in person to buy uniform. You can visit the shop without an appointment, but may have to wait outside in a queue as they can only let a few people inside. Appointments should be booked via their website: <http://www.pmg-schoolwear.co.uk/> Uniform can also be ordered direct on their website. PMG Schoolwear is at 393-395 Hook Rd, Hook, Chessington KT9 1EL



## Lockdown Rules and Social Distancing

Please obey the law and stick to social distancing as we gradually ease out of lockdown. Remember to stay 2m away from others and wear masks whilst queuing outside. It is really important that, as we progress through the government's roadmap, that we do everything we can to adhere to the rules. If you are approaching from the zebra crossing, please follow any instructions from the staff and wait until told to proceed. We will stop people moving forward in order to control any crowding. Please do not arrive too early, but try to be as close to your child's drop off and pick up timeslots as possible, so that those at the front of the queue are next to go in, and do not have to walk around others. We suggest you wait at the back if you are early to help the queue move faster and be more efficient. Thank you.

## Super Learning Days

This term we had a Super Learning Day with a focus on Wellbeing. Then we ran a very successful Digital Detox Day, where all activities were possible with no, or significantly reduced, access to any electronic devices and aimed to use common household resources. We had World Book Day on 4th March, which saw some great outfits from those in school (see over)! We also had the fantastic Masked Reader mystery story tellers—did you guess who they were? Our next Super Learning Day will focus on Science on Thursday 22nd April. Mr Morris (Science Lead) will be planning lots of exciting activities for everyone.



### Autism Awareness Week

Miss Govan marked Autism Awareness Week with an online assembly all about celebrating and appreciating our differences, both visible and invisible. The children were interested to hear of some famous people who have differences, including Swedish teenage activist Greta Thunberg who has Autism, and Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe who has Dyspraxia.



### Children in Need

We just received this certificate for our donations:



### Comic Relief

We planned to celebrate Comic Relief by wearing red accessories, and although school had to close on 19 March, we still wore red on Monday 23rd instead! We raised **£301**. Thank you all for your support.



### Outdoor Learning Environment

We are delighted to announce that the next phase of our Outdoor Learning Environment will commence over the Easter holidays. We will be starting to build a vegetable garden at the far end of the KS2 playground. This project will include raised beds for vegetables, with one large raised bed for each of our year groups (Reception to Year 6, as Nursery already has a growing area) to look after, as well as creating beds for permanent plants. A team of volunteers from school families led by Mrs Williamson will be building the raised beds during the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/ 11<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking for help with the following:

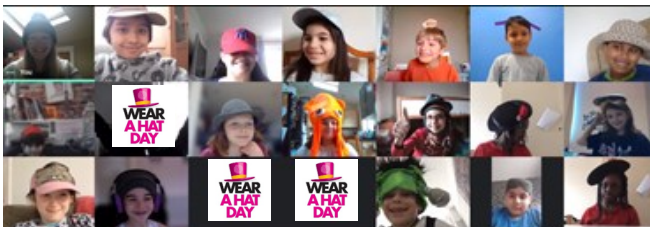
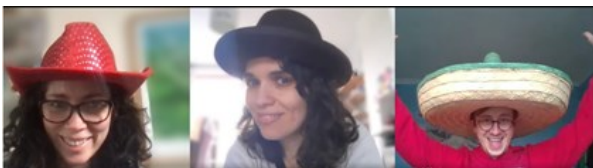


- building beds or moving the materials (even for an hour or two)
- a wheelbarrow to borrow for the weekend above
- anyone with expertise in growing vegetables who would like to support the project at the beginning
- anyone who has a few hours to spare each week to help us to care for the garden
- donations of tools

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate children onsite during the work. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Williamson at [outdoorlearning@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:outdoorlearning@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) Thank you!

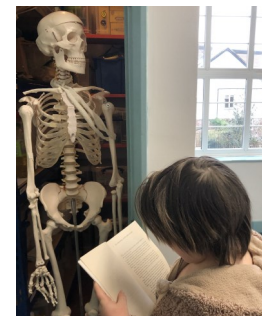
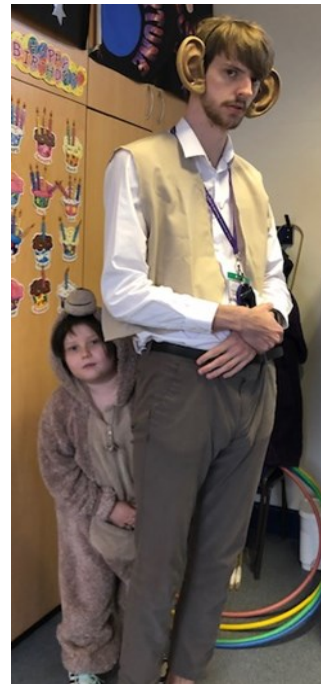
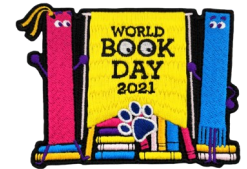
### Wear a Hat Day

On 26th March, there were some wonderful hats on display to support the charity Brain Tumour Research. We have raised **£310** so far, so thank you to all those who donated. Mehretu Class looked great on their Zoom meeting (isolating at home), as did the Y5 staff team!



### World Book Day in school

Mr Coats turned into a wonderful BFG!



Reading in unusual places.



### Amazon Wish List

The school Wish List is found here: <http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt>



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 pencil sharpeners, white board pens, footballs, table tennis bats and fidget toys to support children with SEND. Thank you so much!