



King Athelstan Primary School

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Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We are delighted that the children have returned excited about their new topics and challenges. They have been really busy already and their behaviour has been excellent. A special welcome to those new families who have joined the King Athelstan Community. This half-term promises to be as busy and eventful as ever - please see the list of dates for your diary. Over the Summer lots of work was carried out around the school, such as the start of the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in the KS2 playground, some new planting, and of course, the completion of Haring, our SRP (Specialist Resource Provision).

Dates for the Diary

Wed 9	School individual photos
Thur 10	"Wake Up Shake Up" 8.30am
Thur 10	World Mental Health Day
Fri 18	Cake sale - Dali Y5
28th -1st	Half term
Fri 8 Nov	Y6 Magistrates Court
Fri 8	Cake sake - Warhol Y5
11th - 15th	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm NOT Da Vinci Y3
Tue 12	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm Da Vinci Y3 ONLY
Wed 13	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-7pm
Thur 14	Y5 Science Museum
Fri 15	Y6 Magistrates Court
Thur 21	Governor Visit Day
Thur 21	Parent/Carer Forum 9am
Fri 22	Cake sale - Wiley Y4
Fri 29	PCSA Christmas Fair after school
Wed 4 Dec	Y5 & Y6 ice skating
Thur 5	Y4 to British Museum
Fri 6	Kahlo Y6 Class Assembly
Fri 6	Cake sale - Mehretu Y4
Fri 13	Nursery Christmas Singing
Mon 16	Production filming 9am
Mon 16	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Tue 17	Thinker's Project 3.30-4.30pm & 6-7pm
Wed 18	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thur 19	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Fri 20	Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper/t-shirt/accessory
Fri 20	School ends at 2.30pm
23 Dec- 3 Jan	Christmas holidays
Mon 6 Jan	INSET Day
Tue 7	Children return to school

Scooters and bikes

Please ensure that you lock any bikes or scooters left at school, as they are left at your own risk. Check that you take the correct scooter as people regularly take the wrong one. It's a good idea to ensure any scooter is clearly named and identifiable. Alternatively, please take scooters home after drop-off.

Trip & event letters

Please note that this year **all** trip and event letters are being **sent by email**. Please ensure the school office has the correct email addresses for all contacts and keep them updated of any changes. Parents/Carers need to give permission for trips on Parentpay, as well as make payments. Trips cannot go ahead with out permission from parents/carers. Although payments requested are voluntary contributions, if we are unable to secure funds to cover the costs of any trip it may have to be cancelled. We rely on volunteers who have a Barred List Check or DBS though the school to accompany trips, and are very grateful to those who help in this way. Please see the school office if you would like to complete a Barred List Check.

Kingston Music Service

Kingston Music Service can offer lessons in lots of different instruments. Why not go along to their Come and Play Day, try a few out and find out more: All Saints Church, Kingston, KT1 1JP on Saturday 12th October from 2-4.30pm or check their website: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200176/>

MUGA update

The MUGA is well underway and as you know it is larger than our original design. We are waiting for final planning permission on the height of the fencing however the 'carpet' (astro-turf) will be going down before half-term.

Magazine recommendation for KS2

"Scoop" contains a wide variety of different genres/topics and is issued every other month. It is costly (£33 for 6 paper copies or £32 for 6 digital ones). Let us know what you think about it. You can 'look inside' at: <https://scoopthomag.co.uk/>

PCSA News

The PCSA have been busy sorting out dates for the year. Cake sale dates have been decided and are on the school website. The Christmas Fair will be on **Friday 29th November** after school. Mufti dates will be announced soon for donations of bottles, chocolates etc. The PCSA held an information coffee morning recently to introduce their involvement in the school. Thank you for the continuing hard work by all involved in the PCSA for making their events so wonderful for everyone.



Staff News

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new Teaching Assistants, Ms Cara Rowles and Miss Beth Gregory. We know you will give them both a warm King Athelstan welcome.



After School Snacks

It is great to see many children eating fruit and other healthy snacks after school. Please avoid giving the children crisps and sweets at pick up on a regular basis. Thank you for your support on helping us with our focus on being a healthy school.

Dentists & Opticians



Please be aware that dental and opticians appointments are free for children and regular check-ups are essential. Just make an appointment at any dentist or optician and take the children along to find out about good oral hygiene and eye care.

Sports News

We have been very unlucky and have had to cancel Sports Day this year three times due to bad weather. Sports Day 2020 is now booked for Tuesday 2nd June, with a backup date of Friday 5th June. Fingers crossed!
The Y5&6 swimmers did really well at the recent Borough Swimming Gala, with Morgan winning a silver medal! Well done to all the participants who represented our school brilliantly.

Greet Your Child with a Smile

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Please greet your child with a smile not a mobile!



Please put your mobile away when you drop off and pick up your child. Thank you



Keep an eye out for these posters around the school. We are concerned that a minority of parents/carers are using their mobiles when dropping off or picking up their children. This is a key moment of interaction for the social and emotional well-being of children at the start and end of the school day. It also supports the development of speaking, listening and vocabulary. Please

support your children's well-being by prioritising these important moments of the day and staying off mobiles at drop off and pick up times.

Trip & Event Photos



Last year's School Council undertook a very important job in September when the new Co-Op shop opened on Lower Marsh Lane. The children represented the school at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and were among the first people to visit the shop!

They each received a healthy goody-bag!
Y3 went on their den-building trip to Esher Common and were lucky to have some dry weather. They had a wonderful time making dens and thinking about how people lived and built homes in the Stone Age. There was some inspiring teamwork and investigation of the great outdoors.



World Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day this year on Thursday 10th October supporting Kingston WelCare, a charity focussed on making families stronger. WelCare offers:



- a drop-in service for parents/carers who need advice and support or just a place to go to connect with others
- organised play for families, including during the holidays
- support to parents/carers experiencing mental health issues
- a weekly peer support group
- workshops and well-being sessions to help parents/carers manage the stress of daily life

There will be the opportunity to donate to WelCare. Our theme for the day is "Follow Your Rainbow". On this day, children may choose to wear one brightly coloured accessory in their favourite colour, such as a hair band, socks, tights.



We will start the day with a wonderful 'Wake Up, Shake Up' session at 8.30am in the KS2 playground—all adults and children are encouraged to join in! Together, we'll make a rainbow...

Clothing and Shoes in EYFS/KS1

Please ensure that your child comes to Nursery wearing clothing and shoes which they can manage themselves. Lace-up shoes and difficult buttons or zips are not helpful, and the staff spend a lot of time sorting them out! Slip-on or Velcro shoes are ideal for Early Years and KS1 until they can move on to more difficult fastenings. However, practising with buttons, zips and laces is a really good idea for an activity to do at home.

Mosaic

You may have noticed the lovely mosaic on the wall



of the small hall. It is entitled "The Wave" and represents water and energy. It was donated by parent Mrs Treptow-Rixon who made it as part of her degree in 2004. It has been on display since then in the maternity reception of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and due to their refurbishment, we have been lucky enough to receive it here. Thank you for this lovely addition to our environment.

Foodbank Vouchers

Please be aware that the Nurture team has a small supply of foodbank vouchers for any family that is having financial difficulties and would benefit with some help buying food. Please see Mrs Ramkissoon or Mrs Whooley.

Clubs

A number of people have asked about the number of clubs this term. There are fewer clubs than last year due to availability of providers. We are working on expanding this for the Spring term.

PANTS

We use the NSPCC PANTS rules and the friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus to help keep children safe. You can watch the NSPCC video with your children here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o&feature=youtu.be>

- P**ants are private
- A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- N**o means no
- T**alk about secrets that upset you
- S**peak up, someone can help