



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter 3 – February 2021



Thank you for your amazing support in this very unusual term. We are so proud of your fantastic children who have worked hard both on site and at home, and demonstrated real resilience to all the changes that have come their way. Please make sure you all have a good rest over half term and enjoy time as a family without the pressure of remote learning. As yet, the government has not announced any plans for returning to school - as soon as they do, we will write to you to explain our approach. We hope you have enjoyed our Super Learning Days this term. World Book Day 2021 is on 4th March—more information to follow.

Key Dates

15-19 Feb	Half-term
Mon 22nd Feb	Parent/Carer Consultations N-Y6
Tues 23rd Feb	Parent/Carer Consultations N only
Wed 24th Feb	Parent/Carer Consultations N-Y6
Mon 1 March 1-4	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations
Thur 1st March	World Book Day

Class Google Meet Sessions

We know that some children find it difficult to have their cameras on during Google Meets, however, from a safeguarding point of view, it is really important that the teachers see all children, and that the children see each other. If cameras are off, we do not know for sure who is online. Thank you for your support in this. The sessions are:

Time	Year	Class	Days
9.20am (20 mins)	N	Klee AM	Tuesday & Wednesday
9.40am (20 mins)	R	Kusama Nelson	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10am (30 mins)	1	O'Keefe Van Gogh	Monday, Tuesday, Friday
10.30am (30 min)	2	Hockney	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11am (30 mins)	3	Cassatt Da Vinci	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11.30am (30 mins)	2	Matisse	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12pm (30 mins)	4	Mehretu Wiley	Tuesday, Thursday Friday
1pm (20 mins)	N	Klee PM	Tuesday & Thursday
1.20pm (30 mins)	6	Kahlo Riley	*Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1.50pm (30 mins)	5	Dali Warhol	*Monday, Wednesday, Friday

* Please note, there will be no Y5 or Y6 Google Meets on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February as teachers will be doing parent/carers consultations.

Parent/Carer Consultations

This week you will have received emailed letters about the parent/carers consultation meetings which take place on Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February (with additional appointments available for Nursery on Tuesday 23rd). The meetings for children with SEND take place the following week, from 1st March. The booking site is now open for all meetings on:

<https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

You will need to use your child's **Legal Forename, Legal Surname, Date of Birth** and the email address currently registered with school to book an appointment. Once a booking has been made you will be sent a booking confirmation by email, which you will use to access the meeting on the day. School does not receive a copy of this, so please keep the email safe. Please note, the meetings are automatically timed, so cannot run late or start early.

EYFS and KS1 Workshops for Parents/Carers

This term, we have run reading and writing workshops for parents and carers in EYFS and KS1. The online workshops explained the following common questions:



- How are reading and writing taught at school?
- What is phonics and how is it taught?
- How does the reading colour scheme work?
- How can parents/carers help at home?

You can view the workshop presentations on the website here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/>

Nursery Request

Our baby dolls are cold and would love to have some more snuggly clothes to wear, if at all possible? We have baby girls and boys and they are 45cm long. Any small blankets would be an extra bonus, too!



Staff News

At the end of last term, we welcomed back to Nursery Kayleigh Lee who has been on maternity leave. Kayleigh will be joined in the middle of March by Laura Davis, also returning from maternity leave, who lots of you will know from when she taught in KS1. It is great to have them both back.

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 To notify of a change of arrangements for a child: 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.

Lockdown Rules

Please obey the law and stick to the lockdown rules. A number of children have talked about playdates when they are on Google Meets. This breaks the lockdown rules and puts everyone at risk. Thank you.



ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

THE NEW VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST. WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.

- ▶ LEAVING HOME**
You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.
- ▶ MEETING OTHERS**
You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.
- ▶ EXERCISE**
You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.
- ▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS**
Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.
- ▶ RETAIL**
Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.
- ▶ WORK AND BUSINESS**
Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.
- ▶ EDUCATION**
Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.
- ▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES**
Closed, with limited exceptions.
- ▶ ACCOMMODATION**
Closed, with limited exceptions.
- ▶ PERSONAL CARE**
Closed.
- ▶ ENTERTAINMENT**
Closed.
- ▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS**
You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.
- ▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS**
Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.
- ▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP**
Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.
- ▶ TRAVELLING**
You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.
- ▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE**
Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.
- ▶ CARE HOME VISITS**
Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to: gov.uk/coronavirus

Amazon Wish List

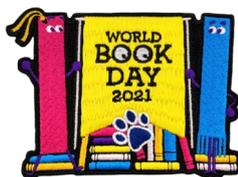
We continue to be surprised by deliveries of items from the school wish list! Here is our list, which we update regularly: <http://amzn.eu/iVtYjlt>

If you do make a purchase, please attach a note so we know who it is from and can thank you properly. Recent packages have included white board pens, reading books, table tennis bats and fidget toys.



Super Learning Days

On 22nd January we held a Super Learning Day with a focus on Wellbeing. There was an Action for Happiness assembly, live online story times, uplifting music sessions, family craft times and physical wellbeing sessions. This week, in response to feedback regarding the amount of time children are spending on electronic devices during the lockdown, we ran a 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 have had great feedback from both children and parents/carers about both days and hope you all enjoyed and benefitted from them. Our next Super Learning Day will be World Book Day on 4th March. On this day, children on site may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in pyjamas for bedtime stories if they wish, but this is entirely optional.



Chinese New Year

Friday 12th February is the start of the Chinese Year of the Ox. People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be strong, reliable, fair and conscientious, inspiring confidence in others. Happy New Year!



Wear a Hat Day

On 26th March, we will be supporting the charity Brain Tumour Research by taking part in Wear a Hat Day. Children (and adults) can wear a hat on this day in return for a donation to Brain Tumour Research (via the item on ParentPay). This can either be at home if we are still remote learning, or in school if we are back. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer, and have affected families within our school community. Thank you for your support.

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DO IT FOR THE FAMILIES

WEAR A HAT DAY

26.03.2021

Just 1% of all cancer cases are brain tumours. But they are the leading cause of death in children and young adults.

Just 15p per year FREE FUNDRAISING PACK

Families urgently need a research breakthrough now

www.wearahatday.org #WearAHatDay Together we will find a cure

Registered charity number 112087 England and Wales 1120828 (Scotland). Logo by Helen Hill. Photos by Vanessa Hudson.

Snow!

Here are some pictures of the recent snow at King Athelstan. The children on site had a lovely time playing in the snow in the playground, and Dariusz was kept busy clearing the paths!

