



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-November 2018



November has been a very busy month at school, and everyone has been working really hard. This Saturday 1st December is our Christmas Fair! It runs from 11am–2pm with lots of fun stalls and things to do and buy. We hope you can visit. As the weather turns colder remember warm coats, gloves and scarves, all name labelled. Please look out for the revised Home Learning Policy being issued at the start of December.

Dates for the Diary

Y5 and Y6 swim in the Spring term

Sat 1 Dec	Christmas Fair 11am–2pm
3–7 Dec	Y6 Bikeability Courses
Wed 5 Dec	KS1 Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am, repeated at 7pm
Fri 7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Journeys trip
Tue 11 Dec	Reception trip to Rose Theatre
Wed 12 Dec	Y3 Tate Photography Project
Thur 13 Dec	Y4 Trip to the British Museum
Thur 13 Dec	Y1 RE trip to St John's Church
Mon 17 Dec	Lowry Christmas Singing
Mon 17 Dec	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition 3.15-4.15pm, and again 6-7pm
Tue 18 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 19 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 19 Dec	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating trips
Thur 20 Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Lunch (book on Parentpay)
Fri 21 Dec	School ends at 2.30pm
Mon 7 Jan	Inset Day
Tue 8 Jan	Children return to school
Thur 10 Jan	EYFS Reading and Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am, repeated at 7pm
Fri 11 Jan	Cake Sale - Kandinsky Class
Thur 17 Jan	KS2 Reading and Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am, repeated at 7pm
Thur 17 Jan	Census Day
Thur 24 Jan	Fire engine to visit Reception
Fri 25 Jan	Cake Sale - Michelangelo Class
Thur 31 Jan	Y1 trip to the Natural History Museum
Thur 7 Feb	Magritte Class Assembly
Fri 8 Feb	Cake Sale—Dali Class
Thur 14 Feb	O'Keeffe Class Assembly
Thur 14 Feb	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
18-22 Feb	Half-term
Thur 28 Feb	Gainsborough Class Assembly
Fri 1 Mar	Cake Sale—Magritte Class
Mon 4 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Wed 6 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Thur 7 Mar	World Book Day
Thur 14 Mar	Dali Class Assembly
Fri 15 Mar	Cake Sale—Hockney Class
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Thur 21 Mar	Picasso Class Assembly
18-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability Course

Remembrance Poppies



Our wonderful Poppy Stones have now moved to their permanent home next to the cycle racks. Please take a look, as they are a lovely tribute around the tree which was sponsored by the Rotary Club.



Y6 PGL Trip

Thank you for all the interim payments made so far. Please note that the next instalment of £50 is due by 4th February, with the final balance then due by 19th April. However, please remember that you can pay any amount at any time on Parentpay which may help with budgeting.

Reading Bucket List

The children are really enjoying reading books from their class Reading Bucket List. If you have any copies of the books below, or could donate any, we would be very grateful! Children often bring in a copy as their "birthday book" which is a lovely way to add to the class collections. The requests are:

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket
The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams
The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith
Beetle Boy by M G Leonard
Harry the Poisonous Centipede by Lynne Reid Banks

Please hand in any books to your class teacher or to the office.

Thank you!



Young Mathematician's Award

A team of four Y6 students attended the National Young Mathematician's Award Competition run by NRich and Explore Learning. They have now reached the regional finals which take place on 5th December. Good luck to Orhan, Juliette, Hera and Arthur!



Eco Warriors

We received over 70 applications for these roles. The new Eco Warriors are:
 Monet—Isabella; Picasso—Georgie; Hockney—Isabelle; Matisse—Charlie; Dali—Charlotte;
 Magritte—Elliot; Michelangelo—Kanishka and Raphaella; Kandinsky—Callum; Gainsborough—Elena; Van Gogh—Alex; Da Vinci—Evie; O'Keeffe—Juliette.
 They will choose their first whole school initiative in their next meeting. Well done everyone!

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 for interaction as a speaking and listening opportunity but more importantly for the social and emotional well-being of children at the start and end of the

school day. 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent/Carer Consultations

The recent Parent/Carer Consultations were really well attended, with 97.3% of parents/carers booking consultations with their children's teacher. 97.5% of those who booked, turned up for their meeting. This is a great opportunity to see your child's books and discuss their progress with their teachers, as well as any areas to work on. This is a huge improvement on attendance, as in the Spring term, only 63.4% made bookings. Teachers will be following up with those families who have not attended.

Pupil News

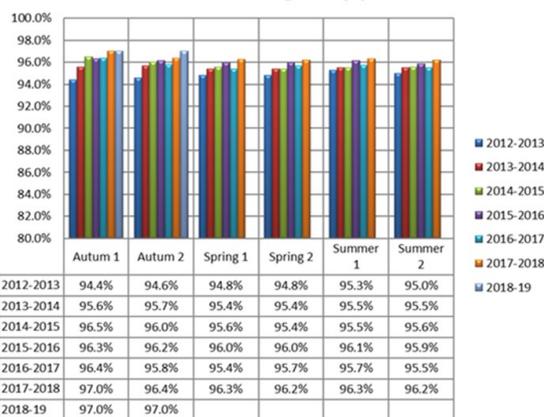
Last weekend, Orhan, our Head Boy, joined an organisation as a volunteer with his older sister, Safiye, and shared a hot meal with our homeless neighbours in Kingston. We are very proud that one of our pupils did something so caring, kind and respectful. Well done Orhan!



Attendance

Attendance figures for the school continue to improve steadily, as you can see from the charts below. This is great news, as it means children are benefitting from learning.

Attendance Targets by year



Charity Money raised

The school raised £79.50 for Cancer Research UK through your purchase of school photos. We also raised £193.48 for Children in Need by wearing spotty accessories. Thank you so much.

Parent/Carer Workshops

Please make a note of the Parent/Carer Workshops coming up focussing on reading and writing. These follow on from the successful maths workshops run recently. We hope you can come along to the one (s) relevant to your child/children. The dates are:
KS1 Reading and Writing Workshop on Wednesday 5th December
EYFS Reading and Writing Workshop Thursday 10th January
KS2 Reading and Writing Workshop Thursday 17th January
We will email any handouts to all.

Trips

The School Council went to the Houses of Parliament to see where our politicians run the country.



Y1 went to Kingston Market to buy a selection of fruit which they turned into fruit salads back at school. They enjoyed the experience and trying some new foods: kiwi, grapes, papaya, melon and pineapple amongst others.



Y5 had a visit from a Viking Drama Workshop as part of their topic 'The Great Invaders'. All of Y5 dressed as Vikings to take part in drama activities, and also created Viking artefacts of their own. There were some amazing outfits!



Staff News

As many of you will already know, Miss James (Magritte Class Y3) is expecting a baby in the Spring. We are all excited about this news. We are currently recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity leave. Mrs Ahearn was recently recruited to be an English School Based Advisor across Kingston schools for one day a week on a year's contract. This is a great opportunity for her and for the school, as we will benefit from all the experience she gains in her new role. Congratulations Mrs Ahearn!

Lost Property

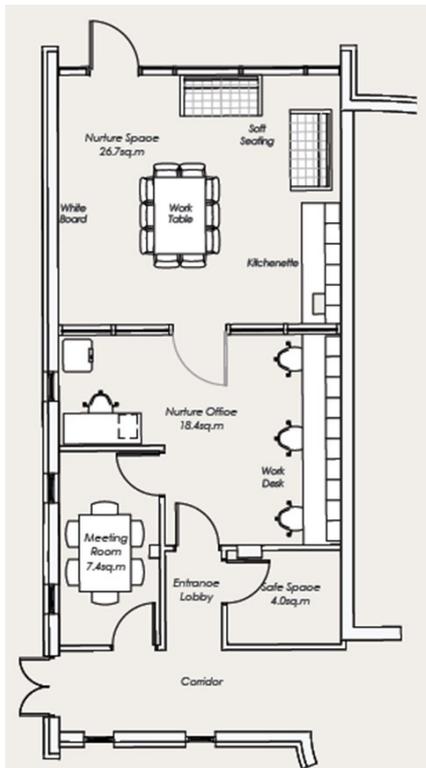
Please put your child's name on **all** clothes and property brought into school. Our Y6 Prefects check the lost items every day to return named items to owners. We have a huge amount of unlabelled items, including coats and shoes which we cannot return without a name label. Thank you.

Building Works

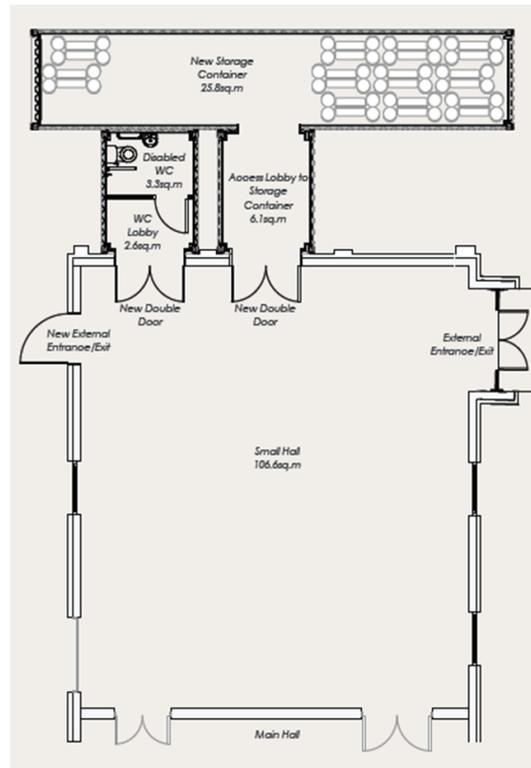
As you know, the Outdoor Learning Environment project is progressing and the meetings to explain the plans for the playgrounds to parents and carers were well-attended. Plans will be on display at the Summer Fair and in school next week. As well as the outdoor area, there are also plans to continue to improve the school buildings. These are four areas where work is planned and is currently being finalised by our architects:

1. Refurbishment of the existing "Hogsmill" KS2 toilets near the hall: the toilets will be extended and all sanitary ware will be replaced, with slab basins and urinal troughs installed which make good use of space and are more hygienic than individual basins and urinals. The doors at the sides will be closed off and new doors installed directly onto the playground. Outside water fountains will also be installed in the KS2 playgrounds.
2. The current Nurture/Inclusion Room will be remodelled into a Nurture Space, open-plan Nurture office, a Meeting Room and a Safe Space to enhance the current provision. See diagram below.
3. At the back of the small hall a container storage unit will be added to create a storage room with heat and light, which will accommodate the school's existing dining tables, along with stacked chairs. This new store will be accessed directly from the small hall via a small lobby. A second small area will connect to the small hall to provide WC facilities. This is to assist with the out-of-hours usage of the hall, ensuring that the hall can be hired out to third parties and remain isolated from the rest of the school. To further improve out-of-hours usage, a new external entrance/exit is proposed to allow for access to the small hall directly from the car park area. The poor acoustics in the small hall will also be addressed to improve teaching in this space. See diagrams below.
4. The Specialist Resource Provision will also open in the "Villa" (the grey demountable in the KS1 playground) in September 2019. This will be staffed by specialists and will provide additional expertise on the school site.

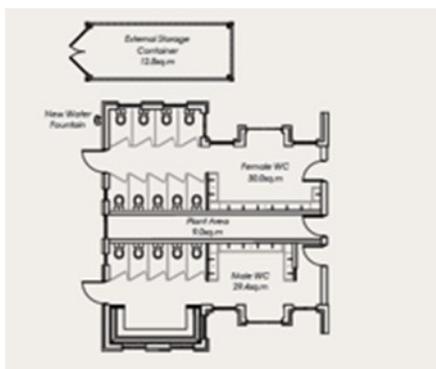
Inclusion Space



Small Hall



KS2 "Hogsmill" toilets Ground Floor



KS2 "Hogsmill" toilets First Floor

