



King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-October 2018



We had a very busy first half term with everyone working hard. We hope you all had a happy and relaxing half-term break, and the children return refreshed and ready to work hard again. School is incredibly busy this half-term and culminates in our Christmas celebrations. Please take a note of all the important dates below that affect your child.

Dates for the Diary

Y3 and Y4 swim in the Autumn term
Y5 and Y6 swim in the Spring term
Y1 and Y2 swim in the Summer term

Thur 1 Nov	Outdoor Learning Day
Thur 1 Nov	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Fri 2 Nov	Cake Sale—Van Gogh Class
Mon 5 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Tue 6 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 7 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations (Lowry and Rousseau only)
Wed 7 Nov	Y5&Y6 Cross Country Competition
Wed 14 Nov	School Council go to Houses of Parliament
Fri 16 Nov	Cake Sale—Gainsborough Class
Fri 16 Nov	Wear spots for Children in Need!
Mon 19 Nov	Vikings coming to visit Y5
Tue 20 Nov	Parent/Carer Forum at 2pm
Wed 21 Nov	Y1 trip to Kingston Market
Thur 29 Nov	Y4 trip to the British Museum
Sat 1 Dec	Christmas Fair 11am—2pm
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	Y1 RE trip to St John's
Mon 17 Dec	Lowry Christmas Singing
Mon 17 Dec	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition
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
Fri 21 Dec	School ends at 2.30pm

Parent/Carer Consultations

These will take place on Monday 5th November from 4-7pm and Tuesday 6th November from 3.30-6.30pm for all classes except Rousseau Class which will be on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th November. Lowry will have additional appointments on Wednesday 7th. Please note, this is a meeting between parents/carers and class teachers to discuss your child's progress. It is essential that every parent/carers attends. Go online to book an appointment at: <https://kingathelstan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> Contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Eco Warriors

The new Eco Warriors scheme has just been launched, and children from Y1-Y6 have been invited to apply to become the Eco Warrior for their class. Appointments will be announced soon, along with their first projects....

Messages from the School Office

- Please do not let children play in the Early Years areas before or after school. The staff often set up activities and lay out equipment ready for Nursery and Reception children's learning which can then be spoiled.
- Please **do not** send children to school with backpacks as we really do not have space to store them. Please use book bags and drawstring PE bags only.
- Lunches - You can now book school lunches on Parentay right up to the end of the Spring term (Fri 5th April).

Harvest Assembly

On 18th October we held a Harvest Assembly. Each Year group examined how harvest time is celebrated in different parts of the world and shared their findings. There were masks, stories and music from around the world. We sang lots of harvest songs together.



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:

Nursery - Funny Bones by Allan Ahlberg or The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

Reception - How Big is a Million? by Anna Milbourne and Serena Riglietti

Year 1 - The Ravenous Beast by Niamh Sharkey

Year 2 - Monsters Love Underpants by Claire Freedman

Year 3 - How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley

Year 4 - The Firework-Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

Year 5 - any book by David Walliams

Year 6 - The Last Wild by Piers Torday

Please hand in any books to your class teacher.

Thank you!



Keyrings

Please note that children can have **one** keyring on their book bag if they wish to help identify it. They cannot have several as they do not fit into the storage spaces and become entangled together. There has also been an issue with children becoming upset over trading/swapping keyrings. As always, please keep any precious items at home.

School Council 2018

Elections have taken place for this year's School Council. The role of the School Council is to give the children a voice, to share their opinions, questions and queries about the school, and to drive their own ideas and initiatives. Congratulations to our new representatives:

Picasso Class - Jack	Monet Class - Violet
Matisse Class - Owen	Hockney Class - Sebastian
Dali Class - Jasen	Magritte Class - Senudi
Kandinsky Class - Lexi	Michelangelo Class - Ibrahim
Van Gogh Class - Adam	Gainsborough Class - Stanley
Da Vinci Class - Henry	O'Keeffe Class - Imogen

The Council will be visiting the Houses of Parliament in Westminster to see the home of UK government.

World Mental Health Day

We marked World Mental Health Day on 10th October by starting with a wonderful 'Wake Up, Shake Up' session at 8.30am led by Y5 and Y6 with exercises and a fabulous dance routine. In school, we focussed on "The Power of Words" and thinking about what we say to ourselves and others. Everyone took home an individual worry stone, each one hand-made by school staff! We collected over £250 for the MIND charity in Kingston which supports those with mental health issues. Thank you all for your support.



Trips

Y3 went den building to Esher Common and 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.



Y4 had an "Oliver Twist Day" on 18th October and came to school dressed as Victorian children. They learned what life was like for children at that time, and were very glad to return to 2018!

Remembrance Poppies

Year 6 will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion outside school over the next week. Please bring donations to buy a poppy. Suggested donation : 50p/£1.



Congratulations!

Well done to Ava and Orhan in Year 6 who have been appointed as Head Girl and Head Boy for this year. They underwent a tough application process and a formal interview with some strong competition to get the roles.

All of the children interviewed had worked hard to put forward their ideas.

Well done also to our new prefects who are : Juliette, Vy, Hera, Kieran, Akshal, Henry, Ellie-May, Nila, Nicol, Robert, Evie T, Agnes, Sadie, Noor, Meah, Ryan S, Aaliyah, Lola, Arthur, Nabeel, Zac, Jolie, Imogen, Finlay, Emma, Nora, Renae, Bella, Lily and Evie P. The prefects will work in two teams and take turns weekly to carry out the prefect duties. House Captains have also been elected as follows:

Red House Dawson : Mousa and Lois
Blue House Hawks : Maria and Carlos
Yellow House Cambridge : Ryan T and Alice
Green House Villers : Honey and Robert

We wish them all good luck in their new roles.

Rotary Club

Kingston Rotary Club recently won the category of best business commitment to education and skills in the Kingston Business Excellence Awards. They believe their success was based in part on their tireless work with King Athelstan, for which we are very grateful. Well done!

Rotakids this term are focussing on the charity Creative Youth—more information to follow.

Home-Start—Volunteers required

If you have some free time after the Christmas holidays, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children in Kingston borough. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run at Hillcroft College in Surbiton 9.45am-2.30pm, every Thursday for 7 weeks from 24th January to 14th March (not half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For further information, please contact Angie Ahmed on 020 8487 8500, or visit www.homestart-rkh.org.uk. Registered charity no: 1108975

Social Media

We continue to deal with a number of e-safety issues. In doing this, we have discovered children uploading videos onto YouTube that could make them vulnerable. Please do monitor your child's social media use and do not allow them to upload videos in their school uniform which immediately lets people know where they attend. It is also important that they do not talk about their home location or use full names of their friends either. Thank you for your support.

Assembly Video Clips

As you are aware from previous correspondence, this term we have been looking at visible and invisible differences. In assembly we have watched the clips in these links:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fy7qUIp8Ms> about Autism. This one is about visible differences:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iFWyihDvCE>

Over the next few weeks we are going to watch other clips for younger children about Autism - we will include these in our next newsletter for your information.

This clip is about Autism (for older children or adults).

Watch it first before your children - we only showed the very first part. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15655232>

Y6 PGL Trip

Please remember the next instalment of £50 is due on 12th November.