

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 12


Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Welcome back - we hope you have had a good Easter break and you and your children are enjoying the warmer weather. We have a busy term ahead of us - it is remarkable to think that this is the last term of this academic year. Where has the time gone?!

Summer Term Dates

Monday 22 nd April	Y2 swimming starts	
Tuesday 23 rd April	PGL meeting for Y5 / Y6 parents/carers 6pm	
	Y5 Briefing for parents/carers 7pm	
Friday 26 th April	Y1 swimming starts	
	PCSA Film Night 3.30 - 6pm	
Thursday 2 nd May	Bags to School collection	
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday	
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs WEEK	
Monday 20 th May	Climbing Wall	
Thursday 23 rd May	Y6 Bushy Park Field Study Day	
Friday 24 th May	Circus Skills Day	
	End of term 3.15pm	
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school	
Tuesday 4 th June	PGL meeting for parents/carers 6.30pm	
Thursday 6 th June	Governor Visit Day	
	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm	
Friday 7 th June	Celebration of 'World Earth Day'	
Tuesday 11 th June	Y5/Y6 Rounders Competition	
Wednesday 12 th June	Gugafit (Day 1)	
Thursday 13 th June	Gugafit (Day 2)	
	Y6 Thorpe Park	
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day Assembly	
Friday 14 th -17 th June	Y5/Y6 PGL trip	
Thursday 20 th June	Junior Music Festival 	
W/B 24 th June	Y5/6 Bikeability	
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fair	
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day	
Monday 8 th July	Country Dancing Festival (Y3)	
Friday 12 th July	INSET day - school closed 	
Tuesday 16 th July	Y2 Infant Music Festival	
Wednesday 24 th July	End of term 2pm	

Wind in the Willows Musical Theatre Visit

All of the children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a lively, interactive performance of the 'Wind in the Willows' on Wednesday 27th March. Thank you to the PCSA for organising this visit. We are hoping that this will become an annual event. 

Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

EYFS Sponsored Bounce

A huge 'thank you' to the PCSA for organising such a successful Sponsored Bounce on Friday 19th April. Nursery and Reception children found out how many times they could bounce in one minute. As well as being enormous fun, they were able to improve their counting skills and exercise their bodies whilst raising money. The sponsored event was held to raise money to buy some new scooters, tricycles and bikes for our Outside Area. The children really enjoy using this equipment to develop their physical skills. Please can all EYFS parents and carers return their children's sponsor forms, together with money raised, as soon as possible in order to get a certificate. Thank you for your support!



Polite Notice - Help Protect Our Flowers!

Please can you make sure your children stay off the grass in our 'Wild Area' before school as our daffodils are getting trampled. Thank you!

Do You Have Any Spare Seeds?

Lowry Class are learning about growing - if you have any spare seeds or plants that you could donate to help us develop our fruit, vegetable and flower gardens it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

We would welcome any parents/carers who could spare an hour or two once or twice a term (or more if they are able!) to come and support our children with activities in class.

Bags2School Collection - Thursday 2nd May

Thanks to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes for the last Bag2school appeal. The PCSA raised a fantastic £150! The next collection will be on **Thursday 2nd May**. The van arrives at 9am - please bring your full bag to school at the beginning of the day. Thanks for your support!



Themed Lunches

Our caterers are planning some themed meals for the children later this term. These will include 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' and 'Around the World in One Meal'. Watch this space for more details!

Class Photo Deadline

Please note: The deadline for ordering a copy of your child's class photo is Thursday 25th April.

Governor Update

Sometimes you hear in the news about climate change and pollution and storms. It all seems too horrible, with nothing that you can do to make the world that King Athelstan children grow up in a good place to be. But did you know that there is lots that you can do, from turning lights and gadgets off when you are not using them, to recycling and not dropping litter, and taking local holidays in the UK rather than jetting off abroad, none of which by itself saves our planet, but all of which help.

Did you join in with Earth Hour, or Climate Week, or visit a local low-energy SuperHome, all last month?

Do you know about Transition Town Kingston and the Save The World Club and other local groups of really quite normal people! For more information visit: www.ttkingston.org.

What will you be doing for King Athelstan's own Eco Day coming up in June? There are lots that we can all do to make the world a better place and to show that we care.

Damon Hart-Davis



Baby News

Congratulations to Sally Paul, our Music Leader, who had a baby boy during the Easter break and to Jodie Turner, our Children's Centre Administrator, who also had a baby boy during the holiday. Both mums and babies are doing well!

Sports Update - Summer 2013 - Key Sports/Event Dates for Summer Term 1

Tuesday 7th May - Year 3-4 - Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

Thursday 16th May - Year 5-6 - Basketball Competition

Monday 20th May - KS1 & KS2 - Climbing Wall - sponsored event

Tuesday 21st May - Year 5-6 - Kwik Cricket Finals



Sports Funding

Starting on Tuesday 23rd April, Kandinsky will be working with Surbiton Hockey Club for one of their PE lessons. This is the third term we have managed to secure funding and it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to have top class coaching from coaches who have often played at a high level.

Country Dancing - Year 3 Dali and Magritte

We are delighted to inform you that we will be participating in the Country Dancing Festival on Monday 8th July at the Kingsmeadow Stadium. This is a fantastic borough wide event involving hundreds of children. Over the course of the next 12 weeks children in year 3 will be learning these dances which they will demonstrate at the event. Each Wednesday afternoon, one of their PE lessons will be delivered by Miss Williams and Miss Phillips who have had specialist training in all of the dances.



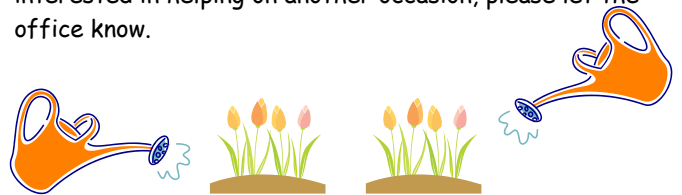
Happy retirement Mick



After many years helping our children to get to and from school safely, Mick, our crossing patrol, will be retiring at the end of April. We will be very sorry to see him go but wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement. A huge thank you should go to him for his wonderful work over the years. Please be aware that the local authority is yet to appoint a replacement. During this transition period please speak to your children about crossing the road safely.

Spruce up the Entrance for Spring

Mr Vessey is working to rally a team of enthusiastic parents and carers to help him spruce up the gardens at the front of the school. If you could spare an hour or two on Friday 3rd May from 9am your help would be really appreciated. If you are available on this day, or would be interested in helping on another occasion, please let the office know.



PCSA Circus Skills Day - Friday 24th May

We are very excited about the forthcoming circus skills day that the PCSA have kindly organised for the children. Everyone will get the chance to work with a professional and try out some circus skills - plate spinning, stilt walking, juggling and even uni-cycling. We will be asking the children to make a donation of £1 to contribute to with the cost of the event and come to school **in mufti with a circus theme**. It promises to be wonderful day!

Help Us To Impress Our Community

One of our school rules is 'To be a good citizen and obey the law'. Please speak to your children about what this means to them. Encourage them to make good choices and be proud members of our school community both within and beyond the school gates. Sadly we have had reports from both the cemetery and local businesses that a few of our pupils have been letting the side down by dropping litter and causing a nuisance. Please help us put a stop to this unacceptable behaviour.

Polite reminder - name your children's clothing

As the weather warms up the children are removing their jumpers and cardigans during playtimes - please help us to reunite them with these items by making sure they are clearly named.