



# King Athelstan Primary School

## Newsletter 4

### Friday 13th December 2013



It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of term! It was great to see so many families at the PCSA's Christmas fair. What an amazingly successful event it was. They raised an impressive £2400 - £700 more than last year. Brilliant!! It really shows how the community can come together to support the school. Thank you so much to the PCSA team who organised the event; not a small task at such a busy time of year! Please give us feedback on all events so that we can build on our successes. We look forward to seeing all our EYFS and KS1 families next week at their children's Christmas productions. The children have been working hard and are looking forward to showcasing their talents. Please be aware that the PCSA will be organising teas and coffees for parents to bridge the gap between drop offs, pick-ups and performances. Please join us in the small hall for a festive get together.

All the staff at King Athelstan would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



#### Autumn Term Dates:

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PCSA Film Night 3.30-5.00pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.50pm-Lowry PM Christmas Production
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am-Lowry AM Christmas Production
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm KS1 Production 2.45pm Reception Production
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am KS1 Production 10.45am Reception Production
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class Christmas Parties School Christmas Dinner <b>End of Term (2.30pm)</b>
23 <sup>th</sup> Dec - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Start of Term - INSET</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Children back to school</b>
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.30pm PGL meeting - key information 7.30pm Yr6 SATs briefing
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.00pm PCSA meeting, at The Cocoanut
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	'Helping Your Child To Excel In Maths' - a briefing session for all parents/carers at 9am and repeated at 8.00pm.
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	'Reading and Phonics - Helping your child to become a confident reader' - a briefing session for ALL parents/carers at 9am and repeated at 8.00pm.
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 SATs briefing for Parents/Carers 2pm

#### Polite Reminders

##### Sickness

Please help us to keep everyone fit and healthy and ready to learn by immediately reporting any diagnosis of Noro Virus to the office. We are required to monitor certain illnesses and report them to the local authority. Thank you. (Please note: we have had no diagnosed cases at our school).

##### Lost property:

All lost property is placed in the large plastic box on the infant playground. Please can you make sure you check it for lost items before the end of term. We will be sorting it out and giving things to charity during the Christmas holidays ready for a fresh start in the new year.

##### School Entrances:

Please can you avoid stopping for chats near the school gates - there is a lot of congestion and, as a result of our increasing numbers, people are getting stuck in the bottle neck. Thank you for supporting us in easing the flow in and out of school!

##### Car Park Barrier

There have been a number of children slipping under the car park barrier taking a short cut into school. This is extremely dangerous as this entrance is in constant use. Please make sure that your children sensibly use the main entrance.

##### Breakfasts - Be Ready to Learn!

As the children stagger towards the end of term we have noticed that some of the older children are forgetting to have an adequate breakfast and coming to school hungry and not ready to learn. Please make sure that they have eaten before they leave for school it really does have a huge impact on their learning. Thank you.

##### Library Books

Please make sure all library books have been returned to the library by the end of term. Lost books will be charged at £5 per book. Please see the office for details of outstanding



Thank you for all your support raising money for Children in Need. The mufti raised an impressive £250.79 and the cake sale raised £109.40 giving a grand total of **£360.19!** Sterling effort!

### Parent/Carer Forum - Have your say!

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who came to the parent/carers forum. We had a record breaking turnout. It was good to get your feedback, much of which we have already actioned. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like to know what was discussed please ask the school office for a copy of the minutes.

### Caterlink Taster Session

It was great to see so many of you at the Caterlink taster session. Thank you for your feedback. Caterlink are always striving to provide a good service and high quality meals for your children. If the taster session has inspired you to sign up for a cooked dinner during the winter months please speak to the school office who will help you make arrangements.

### Free School Meals (FSM)

Please remember that children are entitled to free school meals if the income for the household is less than £16,190 and you do not receive working tax credit. For more information speak to staff in the school office. All children who have had free school meals in the last six years are entitled to take part in an extra-curricular club for free. For more information please speak to the school office. Remember, if you are entitled to FSM you don't have to actually take up the meals however, by being registered, you will make a significant difference to the school budget as it triggers out Pupil Premium funding - nearly £900 per pupil. That makes a big difference to the opportunities/support we can offer!

### Assembly Reflections Book

At King Athelstan we are very proud of our diversity. We are constantly looking for opportunities to celebrate our differences and build a solid respect for each other. As part of our daily assemblies we have a moment of quiet reflection where we come together as a community to focus on issues of **kindness, honesty, citizenship, friendship, relationships, achievement, hope and change**. In the New Year we are hoping to create a school 'Reflections' book which represents the diversity of our school community. In order to do this we are asking our families to send in short prayers or poems which reflect on some of these values. We will be selecting poems, reflections and prayers to be put into a book and shared in assembly. Please email suggestions to the school office making sure you detail who it is from and, if necessary, which religion, if any, it represents. Thank you for your support with this! Please note that the children in assembly range from 5-11 and therefore keep the language simple and clear.



### Tiffin's Children's Chorus

We are so proud of Aleksandra and Hanna from Y3 for being selected to join Tiffin's Children's Chorus. They participated in a two hour audition and impressed the selectors. They are now amongst the youngest members of the chorus and will be given the opportunity to perform in venues across the London. Well done girls you are great ambassadors for King Athelstan!

### Class Assemblies coming up!!

The next class assembly will be Dali's on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am.

#### Future Assemblies:



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Van Gogh

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Monet

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Magritte

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Michelangelo

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Picasso

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - O'Keefe

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Kandinsky



All parents and carers are invited to join us to see their child's class in action and find out what they have been learning about.

### Important Change - Please note

In the New Year Achievement assemblies will be an 'in house' event where the children and staff can celebrate individual's achievements. We will no longer be inviting parents/carers to these achievement assemblies. This decision was made as a result of discussions parents/carers at the parent/carers forum.

### **FREE TICKETS TO SEE ALADDIN**



**18th January 2014 Rose Theatre 7pm**

As one of her activities during her reign as mayor, Cllr Penny Shelton has organised a trip to the Rose Theatre on 18th January to see Aladdin. She has booked a block of tickets for 5-12 year old children who live in or around the Cambridge Road Estates which will be free of charge. Tickets will be available on a 'first come, first served basis'. The panto starts at 7pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. In order to be sure that children are at the theatre in time please bring them to Piper Hall by 6pm, as there will be parental forms to fill out before we transport them to the theatre. Children will be escorted by adults who are security cleared and qualified.

If you would like to be considered as one of the escorts, please contact us as soon as possible.

**For tickets, call 020 8241 3624 after 4pm**

**[www.e-voice.org.uk/crest](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/crest)**

**Assemble at Piper Hall Community Centre at 6pm.**