

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 10

Monday 25th February 2013

Welcome back - we hope you have had a restful half term break. In addition to sharing important information in this newsletter we wanted to give you a flavour of the rich experiences your children have been getting across the school. Teachers have been working hard to make sure that the curriculum is coming to life in practical ways. We have sampled activities from Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6. In our next newsletter we will be sharing activities from EYFS, Y3 and Y4. Enjoy!

Spring Term Dates

Monday 25 th Feb	Back to school
Wednesday 27 th Feb	EYFS - 'How to Help Your Child at Home' 3.30-4.15pm (crèche provided)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 2.45pm Lowry (pm) Mother's Day Celebration
Friday 8 th March	Cezanne Mother's Day Celebration 8.45am Rousseau Mother's Day Celebration 8.45am Lowry (am) Mother's Day Celebration 11.15am 2pm Mother's Day Assembly Y1-Y6
Thursday 21 st March	Class Photos
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day 9am Parent/Carer Forum
W/B Mon 18 th March	Family Lunch Week
Weds 27 th March	Musical Theatre 'Wind in the Willows' visiting school
Thursday 28 th March	End of term 2.30pm INSET Day
Easter Holiday - 29th March - 12th April	
Monday 15 th April	Beginning of term
Thursday 2 nd May	Bags to School collection
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs WEEK
Friday 24 th May	Circus Skills Day
Monday 7 th June	End of term 3.15pm Back to school



Reminder - Parent/Carer Forum

We are delighted that our school caterers will be offering taster sessions at the Parent/Carer Forum on **Friday 15th March**. If you are interested in sampling some of the food that we offer the children please join us at the meeting. If you have other items which you would like to be placed on the agenda please write them down on the slip available at the office and hand them in. We always value your thoughts and questions.

Look out for the **'Family Lunch Week'** letter coming out soon. We are inviting parents and carers to join their children for lunch during the week beginning 18th March.

PE Kits: Please make sure that your children have their PE kit (shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls) in school at all times. During the cold weather the children still go outside. Feel free to provide them with plain black tracksuit bottoms to keep them warm.

Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper coming home we are changing the two weekly EYFS newsletter to once every half term. To make sure that parents and carers feel informed we will have a regular slot in this whole school newsletter. We are keen to work in partnership with all our parents and carers. We welcome your views, if you have any comments or suggestions please come in and talk to one of the team.

Appeal: We have run out completely of boys' trousers in Nursery! Please check at home and ensure that any clothes borrowed from school are returned. If you have any boys' or girls' socks, pants or trousers in good condition that you would like to donate please see one of the EYFS team. Thank you!

Please ensure that your child has a bag of named spare clothes (to be kept on their pegs) in case they get wet and need changing.

MANY THANKS.

Nursery: A reminder - we change our library books on Thursdays. Please make sure that you return all books on **THURSDAY!**

Session times: Children should be coming into morning Nursery by 8.40 to start at 8.45. The session runs from 8.45-11.45

Afternoon nursery starts at 12.15 and runs until 3.15. The gate is locked promptly and children arriving late need to come via the office. It can unsettle your child if they come into the session late. Thank you for your support.

Working In Partnership

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our curriculum briefings on the RWI, Maths Passports and the revised EYFS curriculum - many found the sessions enjoyable and informative.

Please remember to join us this Wednesday 27th February at 3.30pm for our EYFS - 'How to Help Your Child at Home' session. The session promises to give you a range of handy hints on how you can support your child at home and achieve success at school.

Feeling Artistic? Want to Support the School?

We are looking for some parents and carers who would like to support with the preparation of displays around the school. Guidance and training will be given. Interested? Please leave your name at the school office.



PCSA - Working Hard To Make A Difference To The School

Remember to check out the PCSA website for regular updates on cake sale winners and fundraising information. They have managed to raise a staggering £3700 this year! Thank you for this amazing support!!!

Year 5 - Science Museum Adventure

To support their topic on 'Space Odyssey' the Year 5 classes, Van Gogh and Gainsborough, travelled in to London to visit the Science Museum. The children agreed that the Launch Pad exhibit was the best interactive, mind thrilling, physically tiring experience! Everyone, including the adults, got involved - learning lots of amazing facts about forces and motion, energy transfers, electricity and magnetism and how sound travels.



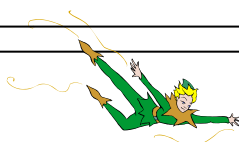
Year 2 - An Eye Opening Experience!

On Wednesday 6th Feb, Year 2 visited Specsavers opticians in Kingston, in connection with their learning about eyes and sight. The children were shown an eye testing room and a laboratory full of machines! They had a chance to test their own vision using one of the machines and listened to a talk from one of the opticians. The children asked lots of interesting questions and represented King Athlestan brilliantly! Well done to all the Year 2 children. Thank you to all the parents who helped us on this trip.

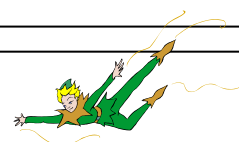


Year 6 - Budding Talent!

Year 6 were very fortunate to have the Orange Tree Theatre, in association with the Young Shakespeare Company, work with them before half term. The children participated in two 'Macbeth' workshops. They were given the opportunity to act out scenes and perform as part of an ensemble, with three other schools, at the end of the week. All of the children absolutely loved the whole enriching experience and their final performance was both powerful and moving. We clearly have some talented actors at the top of the school!



Important Change - World Book Day Amendment



Please note that World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March** and not April, as previously stated. As part of these celebrations we would like the children to come to school on that day dressed as their favourite book character and to bring the book too, if possible!

Year 1 Market Maths

To support their recent work on money Year 1 visited Kingston Apple Market. They delighted in getting to grips with the realities of shopping, counting out their change and weighing their healthy choices. Who would have thought that maths could be so meaningful and fun?! Just look at the pride on their faces!



Year 6 - Junior Citizenship

Last month Year 6 took part in a Junior Citizenship event held at Chessington World of Adventures. This is a terrific event run by the Local Authority in partnership with the local police force and fire brigade. The children are split into teams and experience different lifelike 'scenarios'. The aim is to develop the children's awareness of themselves as good citizens whilst encouraging them to be safe at all times. The children returned to school full of enthusiasm. They reported that they felt they would be more confident when dealing with unfamiliar and potentially challenging situations. A great experience to have before starting secondary school!

