



# King Athelstan Primary School

## Newsletter 14

### Tuesday 11th June 2013



We are always keen to improve communication with our school community - we hold Parent/Carer Forums, send out letters, fliers, update our website, run parent/carers briefings and of course send out this newsletter. We are interested in finding out who is reading these newsletters so that we get a measure of circulation. To monitor this we have decided to run a prize draw - once you have read our news, complete and tear off the slip at the back of the newsletter. Drop it off at the school office and your family will be entered into a draw where they will be given the chance to win a family game to enjoy over the summer holidays. If you read the letter online, just email the school office and they will enter you into the draw. Thank you for your support with this survey!

#### Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Parent Briefing 9am Nursery/10am Reception Y5/Y6 Rounders Competition
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Gugafit (Day 1) Y4 Library visit author event
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Gugafit (Day 2) Y6 Thorpe Park 
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day Assembly 2.30pm <b>PCSA Quiz Night</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/Y6 PGL trip
W/B 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics screening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Themed Lunch - Around the World
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Satro Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Mufti Day (Chocolate) Junior Music Festival 
W/B 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Bikeability Year 6 Kingston Heritage Project
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL Group Assembly - 9am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day (Bottles)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Launch Pad Event - Kingston Uni
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Class Assembly -9am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Country Dancing Festival (Y3)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Class Assembly -9am Themed Lunch - Teddy Bears' Picnic
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET day - school closed</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Infant Music Festival (pm)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production (pm) 
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production (evening)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Sleepover
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9am Prize Giving Assembly 1pm Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of term 2.30pm</b>

#### Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

**Excellent Moderation** -Last week we had the Local Authority Moderation Team in school to verify that the school is making secure judgements about the progress and attainment of all the children in EYFS. We are delighted to inform you that all the school's judgements were agreed by the moderators. The moderators were impressed by our EYFS team's 'exceptional' knowledge of all the children, the strong transition arrangements, the staff's secure knowledge of the 'characteristics of effective learning' and the selection of independent writing coming from children's play which they commented was the 'strongest evidence' they had seen during the local authority moderation - **AMAZING!** The moderators also commented on the contribution parents/carers make to their children's learning by supporting with the Learning Journeys and Wow stickers. Thank you for all that you do to support your children - it really does make a HUGE difference.

**Sponsored Bounce** - Thank you so much for all the sponsorship money raised through the EYFS Sponsored Bounce. An impressive total of **£878** was raised!! There will be a special event to unveil the bikes when they arrive to give all parents/carers the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their fundraising efforts. As soon as we have a confirmed delivery date we will let you know!

**Special Event:** Thursday 11 July - EYFS Beach day. Please come dressed for the beach and bring swimwear and a towel as we will be paddling.

#### Reminder - Fathers' Day Assemblies - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Thank you for your feedback regarding the timing of this event. It will be held at 2.30pm this year but we plan to consider a 9.00am time slot for future events to make sure as many of you can attend as possible.

#### Happy Playtimes!

Thank you for your support stopping your children bringing things into school from home. There has been a huge reduction in the number of disruptive incidents at playtime and lunchtime as a result. Please thank your children for playing SO sensibly with the new school footballs. It has been great to finally have happy football matches going on each playtime. In addition to regular playground equipment, we are planning to buy some Circus Skills equipment for the children to enjoy at playtimes - they had such great fun learning how to use this equipment during the Circus Skills day at the end of last term we thought we should give them the opportunity to practise these skills!





## Governor Update



For those of you who came into school last Thursday, you may be aware that it was our termly "Governor Visit Day". Most of our meetings happen long after the children have finished their day, so this gives non-staff governors a great opportunity to interact with the children and see the school in action over the course of a full day. We have individual timetables (thanks to Maggie Fairweather!) which allow us to see particular areas of interest across the school, for instance, this time I saw what we are doing for more able reception children in literacy, as well as a "Fresh Start" group from Year 5. We also join the children for lunch which is always a real pleasure.

At the end of the day, there's time for discussion and healthy debate amongst ourselves and a chance for us to share our feedback with the senior leadership team. It really is a very useful day and not only helps influence future strategy, but also ensures we don't lose sight of what the primary function of the governing body is all about: the children and maximising their outcomes and future opportunities.

Ed Gossage, Chair of Governors

## PE/Sports Update

**KS1 & KS2 Climbing Wall update:** This was a hugely successful event. The final amount raised was £954.83, a huge amount that will really help the school to get new technology into the classrooms. Thank you for your support!

### Forthcoming Events:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Guga Fit - timetables went out last week. Please feel free to join your child's class and Get Up and Get Active together!

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5-6 - Primary Athletics at Kingsmeadow

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3 - Country Dancing at Kingsmeadow



### IMPORTANT - Water Bottle Request:

Please can you make sure that all your children bring a **clearly named refillable water bottle** to all sports events, including sports day, so that we can reduce the number of disposable cups being used. We are an Eco school and are really keen to reduce our waste at all of these events. Thank you in anticipation of your support!

Mr Mc Laughlin

## Celebration of 'World Earth Day'

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June the children celebrated World Earth Day. They took part in a number of Eco workshops, enjoyed a 'Trashen' Show, entered an extreme planting competition and took part in a Big Swap. It was a real coming together of the school community. Children spent the day working in mixed age groups. It was great to see the younger children working alongside the older children. There was a real team spirit. Please visit our website to see more photographs of what they got up to.



## Parent/Forum Update

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June the school hosted a Parent/Carer Forum. Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended, we always find it useful to hear what you have to say about our school. Minutes will be available from the school office shortly.

### Important Change for Year One

One of the issues raised at the Parent Forum was the challenging congestion outside of Year 1 as parents and carers drop off and collect their children. We have spoken to the Year 1 teachers and they are happy to trial the drop off and collection of the Year 1 children via the main KS1 playground **from the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Please let us know your thoughts on this arrangement once it has had time to establish itself. Many thanks.



**Please Stay Safe!**



Thank you to the staff, parents and carers who have made us aware that there are still a number of families ducking under the car park barrier to cut through the car park to get into school and/or pulling in to drop off. A number of dangerous near miss incidents have been reported to the school office. We understand that it can be frustrating and stressful dropping off when the roads get so congested, however we are all keen to make sure that every child arrives at school safely. Please be considerate to others when dropping off and do not stop in the staff car park entrance. If your children walk to and from school on their own make sure that they know you expect them to leave the school through the main gates. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**YES!** Someone in the \_\_\_\_\_ family (insert your name) has read the newsletter this month and would like to be entered into the prize draw to win a family game. The draw will take place on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June during Achievement Assembly**. Please return this slip to the school office before the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013. Many thanks and good luck!