

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 13

Thursday 23rd May 2013

It is hard to believe that we are about to enter the last half term of the year! The time has flown. We are so very proud of what the children have achieved this year. The school has been going from strength to strength. It has been great working in partnership with all our families. Your support makes our school strong. Thank you!

Summer Term Dates

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 6.00pm
Thursday 6 th June	Governor Visit Day Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Friday 7 th June	Celebration of 'World Earth Day'
Tuesday 11 th June	EYFS Parent Briefing 9am Nursery/10am Reception Y5/Y6 Rounders Competition
Wednesday 12 th June	Gugafit (Day 1) Y4 Library visit author event
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
W/B 17 th June	Phonics screening
Wednesday 19 th June	Themed Lunch - Around the World
Thursday 20 th June	Year 6 Satro Event Junior Music Festival
W/B 24 th June	Y5/6 Bikeability Year 6 Kingston Heritage Project
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 Launch Pad Event - Kingston Uni
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day
Monday 8 th July	Country Dancing Festival (Y3)
Thursday 11 th July	Y4 Class Assembly Themed Lunch - Teddy Bears' Picnic
Friday 12 th July	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 16 th July	Y2 Infant Music Festival (pm)
Wednesday 17 th July	KS2 Production (pm)
Thursday 18 th July	KS2 Production (evening)
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Sleepover
Wednesday 24 th July	9am Prize Giving Assembly 1pm Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	End of term 2.30pm



Early Years Foundation Stage News Updates:

Thank you for all the sponsor money received so far for our Sponsored Bounce. We have raised £700 and are looking forward to buying some new scooters and tricycles for our outside area. Thank you to the PCSA for organising such a successful event. Please send in any money raised (if you have not already done so) as soon as possible. Once we have received your sponsorship money, your child will receive a certificate confirming how many bounces they achieved in 1 minute. Something to treasure!

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. Please make sure that you apply sun cream before you send your child to school. We are keen for all the children to be outside for much of the day.

General reminder: Sun hats - children should come to school with a sun hat and waterproof coat - we are outside in all weathers!



Help Us Have Happy Playtimes!

There have been a number of disruptive incidents at playtime and lunchtime as a result of children bringing in items from home. The children are **not** permitted to bring anything from home unless it has been requested by their class teacher. Items that are brought into school and taken into the playground will be taken away and returned to the parent or carer at the end of the day. The children on the School Council are choosing some new Playground equipment to be enjoyed after half term. Mrs Whooley will be in the KS2 playground every lunchtime teaching the children new games and showing them how to use the equipment sensibly. Please encourage your children to join in!

Health Updates

Measles: Many of you may be aware that there have been outbreaks of measles across the country. Fortunately we have had no reported cases in our school. If a member of your family comes down with measles please let the school know immediately.

Nut Allergies: A number of children at our school have a severe allergy to nuts. Please support us in keeping them safe by avoiding nut products in packed lunches.

Themed Lunches

Our caterers have planned some themed meals for the children on Wednesday 19th June 'Around the World in One Meal' and Thursday 11th July 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'. Menus went out last week - please speak to the school office for more information or to book your child a meal.



Governor Update

One of the main objectives of our governing body is to make King Athelstan a full, two form entry school across all year groups. I'm delighted to say we have seen a steady growth over the past few years as our waiting lists in nursery and reception bear testament; we estimate 390 pupils on roll in January 2014 compared to 290 in 2011!

This brings exciting challenges in itself in terms of infrastructure and buildings and we are currently in discussion with the local authority planners to see how we can best meet these challenges over the next few years. One of the first things we are doing is to update our IT and network infrastructure over the summer holidays. This is likely to include mobile IT trollies which will allow us to provide children with computer based learning in all classrooms. It also gives us the opportunity to modernise the existing IT room and convert it into a brand new classroom to accommodate an extra class in September. We'll provide updates on the plans for parents as and when we can.

Ed Gossage, Chair of Governors



PE/Sports Update



Hockey Sports Funding

Well done to Kandinsky (Year 4) who are progressing so well with their hockey skills as a result of this specialist coaching. They have worked with Surbiton Hockey Club over the last half term and have made huge efforts to improve their ability in this invasive game.

Key Steps Gymnastics - Year 3 & 4

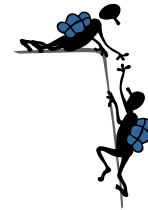
Earlier this month children in Year 3 and 4 participated in the Borough Gymnastics Competition. They worked very hard to learn the complex routines, working on three strands from the British Gymnastics framework - body management, floor exercises and the vault. Well done to all those children who took part, they were a credit to the school and represented us well. Thank you to Miss Penny for helping the children prepare for this event.

Monday 20th May - KS1 & KS2 - Climbing Wall - sponsored event with St John's

This was a hugely successful event. It is always wonderful seeing the children challenging themselves to go to great heights. It reminds us how determined the children can be when they put their minds to it. A big thank you to Mr Mc Laughlin for organising this event in collaboration with our PCSA, who paid for the wall, organised refreshments and plan to claim Gift Aid on all the sponsorship. A fantastic team effort! We have already raised an impressive £804.13 and hope to claim Gift Aid of £124.48 on this amount. Please keep the sponsorship money coming in!

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 4th June - Year 5-6 - Cluster Rounders at St Joseph's
- Tuesday 11th June - Year 5-6 - Borough Rounders at Tolworth Girls'
- Thursday 20th June - Year 5-6 - Primary Athletics at Kingsmeadow
- Monday 8th July - Year 3 - Country Dancing at Kingsmeadow



Mr Mc Laughlin



Reminder

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 the cost of the event and come to school in **mufti with a circus theme**. It promises to be wonderful day!

Remember to stay on after school for the **Spring Fling** being held in the Infant playground. In addition to getting a chance to try out more circus skills, the PCSA will be organising a number of fun events and stalls for you to enjoy before the half term break.



Thank you Good Citizens!

We have recently had positive reports back from the cemetery about the improved behaviour of our children walking to and from school. We were also delighted to hear there had been no litter dropped since Easter. We are hugely grateful that our community pulled together to improve things so quickly and show respect. What a team! Keep it up!

Spruce up the Entrance for Summer

First Impressions count! Mr Vessey is still working to rally a team of enthusiastic parents, grandparents and carers to help him spruce up the gardens at the front of the school. If you could spare an hour or two, your help would be really appreciated. If you are available to help please let the office know - we have a list of jobs waiting for attention!



Polite reminder - Sun Cream and Sun Hats

We know the weather has been mixed and difficult to predict, but when the sun is out it is very strong. Please make sure you apply sun cream before you send your children to school. Please provide them with a named sun hat and talk to them about the importance of wearing it on sunny days.

As the weather warms up the children are removing their jumpers and cardigans during playtimes - please help us to reunite them with these pieces of clothing by making sure the items are clearly named. Lost items will be placed in the Lost Property in the Infant playground.