



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

7/12/16



Welcome to the third newsletter of the year! We are now in the run up to Christmas and have some exciting productions planned for EYFS and KS1 parents/carers to attend. Ticket and booking details have been issued. Please note, we finish at **2.30pm** on the 21st December when we break up for Christmas. Our first day back next term is **Wednesday 4th January 2017** (Tuesday 3rd is an inset day). In the meantime, make sure you wrap up warm and enjoy the preparations for the holiday season....

Key Dates:

The calendar of events up to the end of term is at the back of this newsletter, and is updated on the Website, too. Remember, parents/carers are always welcome to join us for Class assemblies; the next one is **O'Keeffe Class** on Thursday **8th December** at 9.00am.

School Crossing

A few reminders about using the crossing outside school:

1. If you would like to use the crossing, please find Mr Garside, who will ask whether you would like to cross or not.
2. Please wait at the crossing until Mr Garside confirms that it is safe to cross - Do not cross until he is in the middle of the road.
3. When crossing, do not run - walk your scooter or bike.
4. Ensure that you cross **in front** of Mr Garside, so that he can ensure everyone has crossed safely.
5. Say "thank you"!

Remember that Mr Garside is there for your safety - please be patient as he decides when it's best to cross.

Swan Alley

At the Parent/Carer Forum on 17th November, the state of Swan Alley was discussed, particularly general litter and dog waste. Anyone who wishes to contact the council to report fly tipping or rubbish should complete the online form:

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200232/contact_us/778/environment_waste_planning_transport_and_parking_contacts

Into Film

We are very lucky this year to have been invited to join in with the **Into Film Festival**, which is the world's largest free film and education event for young people. Several classes have already been to Kingston Odeon to see, amongst others, "Transylvania 2", and "Frozen". We have used the films to support our English work in class. The children have really enjoyed the experience, and all for free!

James Berry MP

On Monday 14th November, James Berry MP came to visit. This is what he said: "Thank you for the warm welcome I received. I enjoyed talking to the school assembly and was impressed with the many thoughtful questions asked by pupils. I was impressed with the behaviour and smartness of your students I met - they are certainly a credit to the school."

Christmas Menu

This is the delicious Christmas menu for **21st December**. Please ensure that your child's meals are booked in advance on Parentpay, **even if** you do not pay for them. Payment must be made by Friday 16th December.



Cold weather!

Now that winter is here, please ensure your child has a coat, hat, gloves, scarf etc for breaktimes. All items must be named. Thank you for your cooperation.



Thinker's Project

The Thinker's Project has been running successfully all term, and is hosting an exhibition on Monday 19th December to showcase all the fantastic work the children have done. Unfortunately, we are unable to run the evening session on this occasion. **The exhibition will now run from 3.15- 5.00pm.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Do try to come and see the wonderful exhibits.

Vikings!

The Vikings came to Year 5 on 30th November, See the Twitter feed for photos of the very creative costumes!
@KingAthSchool

Rotakids

Rotakids have been taking turns to visit a local centre for adults with disabilities. The charity is called Enhancable, and the children enjoy playing board games with the adults. The adults have absolutely loved the visits.

Advent

Every year, Miss Newton buys chocolate advent calendars for each class, but this year she has challenged each class with a Random Acts of Kindness calendar. Ask the children what their random act of kindness is each day.

PCSA News

The PCSA website is at <http://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk>

Dates for the diary:

- Friday 9th Dec Normal uniform with Crazy Hair (bottles)
- Friday 9th Dec Christmas Fair 2.30-5pm
- Thursday 15th Dec Film Night 'Elf' **SOLD OUT**
- Friday 13th Jan Y4 Michelangelo Class cake sale
- Friday 27th Jan Y3 Dali Class cake sale

And don't forget to order your tea towels!

Key Dates for this term

December

Wednesday 7 th	Rotakids visit to Enhancable
Thursday 8 th	Y6 O'Keefe Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 8 th	Y4 trip to the London Water & Steam Museum
Thursday 8 th	Dental Survey - selected R & Y1 children
Friday 9 th	PCSA Crazy Hair Day for bottles
Friday 9 th	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 12 th	Nursery AM Christmas Singing 11.15am
Monday 12 th	Nursery PM Christmas Singing 2.50pm
Tuesday 13 th	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 14 th	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 15 th	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 15 th	PCSA Film Night 'Elf' SOLD OUT
Friday 16 th	Y5&6 Ice skating at Hampton Court
Monday 19 th	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition 3.15pm-5pm
Wednesday 21 st	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term. Finish 2.30pm

Years 5 & 6 to have swimming lessons this term

January

Monday 3 rd	Inset Day
Tuesday 4 th	First day back at school
Thursday 12 th	Skippping Workshop Reception & Y1
Thursday 12 th	Skippping Workshop for Young Leaders
Friday 13 th	Cake Sale - Michelangelo Class
Thursday 19 th	Y1 Trip to Natural History Museum
Thursday 19 th	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 24 th	Y3 & Y4 Boys Football Tournament
Thursday 26 th	Magritte Class Assembly 9am
Friday 27 th	Cake Sale - Dali Class

INSETs: please note two further INSET days are to be planned to coincide with the end of the building works. We will let you know as soon as we know more, but they are likely to be around Easter time and NOT at February half-term.

Twitter

Keep up to date by following us on Twitter @KingAthSchool
We only have 72 followers so far...

Children in Need

On 18th November, we came to school wearing spotty accessories to support Children in Need. There were some beautifully-decorated shoes, lovely hair bands and crazy spotty socks. Altogether, we raised £248.66. Well done everyone!



Bucket List

As you know we have raised the status of the *love* of reading at King Athelstan by introducing '**The Reading Bucket List**' for each year group. It would be great if we could get multiple copies of the books, so that the children can enjoy reading them in groups with a teacher, picking apart the rich vocabulary and gaining a greater understanding of the text.

To achieve this goal, in every newsletter we will be flagging a book from the list for each year group and inviting you to either: dig out an old copy you may have at home; have a look in your local charity shop; find secondhand online; donate as a 'birthday book' or (if you're feeling particularly generous) buy from a book shop and donate them to the school; Oxfam Books in Kingston have some real bargains!

Books we are currently looking for are:

Year 6: Charlotte's Web by E.B White

Year 5: Holes by Louis Sachar

Year 4: The Twits by Roald Dahl

Year 3: The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith

Year 2: Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Year 1: Billy's Bucket by Kes Gray

Reception: Don't put your Finger in the Jelly Nelly by Nick Sharratt



So let's get searching and see if we can gather some more copies of these books for even more children to enjoy! Please put a note in the book if you would like a sticker to show your name as the contributor.

Happy hunting!

Mrs Ahearn

Literacy Coordinator



PS Have a look at Oxford Owl website for lots of free online reading resources: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Parent Governor

Welcome to the board of Governors Majeed Neky, who was appointed earlier this month, and joins Helen Beresford-Murray as a Parent/Carer Governor. We wish them well with all the hard work the Governors do for our school.

Recycled Christmas Tree

Thank you to everyone who brought in their used green plastic bottles for the Kingston University students who won a competition to create a recycled tree. The bottles (we collected approximately 200!) will be shredded and turned into a Christmas Tree at the Old Vic - have a look if you are in London. Photos to follow...

Ice Skating

Years 5 and 6 will be going on an exciting trip to Hampton Court ice rink on Friday 16th December. Wrap up warm!