



# King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter - December 2018



The Autumn term of the school year is coming to an end and everyone is looking forward to relaxing after all their hard work. We break up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm for the Christmas holiday, and return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (7<sup>th</sup> January is an Inset Day). We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful break, and look forward to seeing you ready for the Spring Term. On behalf of the whole team at King Athelstan we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a wonderful start to 2019.

## Dates for the Diary

### Y5 and Y6 swim in the Spring term

Mon 7 Jan	<b>Inset Day</b>
Tue 8 Jan	Children return to school
Thur 10 Jan	<b>Reception</b> Reading and Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am and 7pm
Fri 11 Jan	Cake Sale - Kandinsky Class
Tue 15 Jan	Y4 first Ukulele lesson
Thur 17 Jan	<b>KS2</b> Reading and Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am and 7pm
Thur 17 Jan	Census Day
Fri 18 Jan	Dinosaur Workshops for Y1 and Y4
Tue 22 Jan	Lowry AM Stay & Play 8.30-9am
Tue 22 Jan	Reception Stay & Play 9-9.45am
Wed 23 Jan	Lowry AM Stay & Play 8.30-9am
Thur 24 Jan	Fire engine to visit Reception
Fri 25 Jan	Reception Stay & Play 9-9.45am
Fri 25 Jan	Cake Sale - Michelangelo Class
Tues 29 Jan	Lowry PM Stay & Play 12.30-1pm
Thur 31 Jan	Lowry PM Stay & Play 12.30-1pm
Thur 31 Jan	Y1 trip to the Natural History Museum
Thur 7 Feb	Magritte Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 8 Feb	Cake Sale - Dali Class
Wed 13 Feb	Y6 to see Oliver! At Tiffin School
Thur 14 Feb	O'Keeffe Class Assembly at 8.55am
Thur 14 Feb	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
18-22 Feb	<b>Half-term</b>
Thur 28 Feb	Gainsborough Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 1 Mar	Cake Sale - Magritte Class
Mon 4 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Wed 6 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Thur 7 Mar	World Book Day
Thur 14 Mar	Dali Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 15 Mar	Cake Sale - Hockney Class
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Thur 21 Mar	Picasso Class Assembly at 8.55am
18-22 Mar	Y5 Bikeability Course
Wed 27 March	Y5 Easter Experience trip
Thur 28 March	Hockney Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 29 March	Mother's Day Assemblies
Fri 29 March	Cake Sale - Matisse
Tue 2 April	Thinker's Project Exhibition 3.15-4.15pm and then 6-7pm
Thur 4 April	Van Gogh Class Assembly at 8.55am
Fri 5 April	Last day of term. School ends at 2.30pm

## PCSA Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair was a fantastic event and received many complimentary comments throughout the day, which were all very much appreciated! Thank you to everyone who volunteered with setting up, running the stalls and clearing up after the fair, and those who supported the fair in so many other ways, from making crafts to sell, baking cakes, decorating, sourcing prizes, organising class stalls, volunteering on the day and so many more jobs, big and small that all ensured the fair was a big success. A special shout out to the Senior Leadership Team and all the staff at King Athelstan for all their support, assistance and patience throughout! The King Athelstan Christmas Fair 2018 made a grand total of over **£5,900** and there may still be a few late additions to this sum. Congratulations and a huge thank you to Louisa and Areej, the new Co-Chairs of the PCSA, and their team for their relentless efforts on behalf of the school; what a fantastic result!



## Parent/Carer Workshops

In the New Year there are two more Parent/Carer Workshops coming up focussing on reading and writing. The dates are: Reception on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January and KS2 on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January. All workshops are at 9am and are repeated at 7pm. We will email any handouts to everyone.

## Kingston's SEND Transformation Plan

Kingston Council is inviting parents, carers, and young people for their views on the future of services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Kingston. The results of the consultation will inform the Council's budget setting process for 2019-20, and help to further develop the local offer of services and support for children and young people with SEND. The survey and supporting information can be accessed at: <https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/SEnDFuturesKingston>. An accessible or paper copy of the survey and supporting information can be requested from:

[julia.hunt@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:julia.hunt@achievingforchildren.org.uk) or by calling 020 8547 6947. There will also be three public drop-in sessions, where you can meet with representatives of the Council and Achieving for Children to discuss the proposals. These are:

- Thursday 10 January 7.30– 9pm, The Mayo Hall, Richard Mayo Centre, United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston, KT1 1HZ
  - Thursday 17 January 10.30–12pm, King Charles Centre, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton, KT5 9AL
  - Friday 18 January 2-3.30pm, King Charles Centre, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton, KT5 9AL
- Please register your attendance for any of the drop-in sessions by calling 020 8547 6947 and leaving your name, contact number and date you wish to attend. The consultation will run until Sunday 20 January.

### Christmas Productions

This week we have had three wonderful Christmas productions: Y2 performed "A Midwife Crisis", Y1 presented "Angel Express", and Reception staged their version of "The Nativity". All three were amazing and showed how hard all the children and staff had worked. They had fun as well. The rest of the school saw and enjoyed the performances. Any pre-ordered DVDs, which contain all three productions, will be sent home by Friday 21st December. Any photographs ordered will be available at the start of next term.

### Reading Bucket List

The children are really enjoying reading books from their class Reading Bucket List. If you have any copies of the books below, or could donate any, we would be very grateful! Children often bring in a copy as their "birthday book", a lovely way to add to the class collections. The requests are:



EYFS:

**Grandpa Christmas** by Michael Morpurgo  
**Dragon Post** by Emma Yarlett

KS1:

**Dinosaurs Love Underpants** by Claire Freedman  
**Voices in the Park** by Anthony Browne

KS2:

**The Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q Rauf  
**Skellig** by David Almond

Please give any books to the class teacher. Thank you!

### Trips

Reception went to the Arthur Cotterell Theatre to see "The Christmas Crocodile". They had a wonderful time, and behaved beautifully.



Y1 went to St John's Church to learn more about the Christmas story. They looked at all the features of the Church, too, and met the Vicar.

Y4 went to the British Museum Egyptian Galleries to see mummies and find out more about Egyptian life and death for their topic. They had a great day and learned a lot to support their learning.



### Outdoor Learning Environment

We hope many of you were able to attend the recent presentations showing the ambitious plans for our outdoor learning environment. The Fundraising Committee and the PCSA are forging ahead to raise money for this fantastic project. A donation website has now been set up so everyone can see how the fundraising is going as well as make a donation, big or small. Please see: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/bigoutdoorsproject/478357>

### LEAH—Learn English at Home

During the Autumn term LEAH hosted English classes for some of our parents and carers, for whom English is not their first language. These were a huge success and helped those attending make new friends, gain in confidence and extend their social networks. They even set up their own WhatsApp group to communicate together. Congratulations to all of you—what fantastic learners and role models you are for your children! LEAH can be contacted on:

020 8255 6144 or  
email [info@leah.org.uk](mailto:info@leah.org.uk)



### School Lunch

Please remember that we are a **nut free** school. Check the contents of cereal bars, as these do sometimes contain nuts. Please be realistic about the amount of lunch your child can handle in healthy packed lunches. and cut it into manageable portions eg. sandwiches cut into small triangles. For school meals, please be clear on choices for lunch—children often say they do not like the option which has been selected for them by parents and carers and do not want to eat it. We do encourage the children to eat what you have chosen.

### Y3 Tate Photography Project

Y3 have taken part in this London-wide scheme by artist Steve McQueen. Approximately 1300 Y3 classes from across London are being photographed and the pictures will form a display at the Tate Britain Gallery in London from November next year. Dali and Magritte Classes enjoyed a workshop about photography before they posed. We look forward to the final versions!

### Y6 PGL Trip

The next instalment of £50 is due by 4th February, and the final balance by 19th April 2019. Remember that you can pay any amount at any time on Parentpay. Thank you.

### Young Mathematician's Award

Only five schools reached the finals of the National Young Mathematician's Award Competition. Our team of Y6 pupils worked really hard as a team to solve difficult problems, but they lost in the semi-finals. Well done to Hera, Arthur, Orhan and Juliette; we are proud of you!

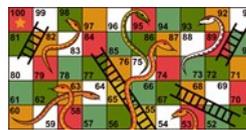
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### Unwanted Games

If you have any games at home that are no longer wanted, we would love to take them off your hands! All items must be in good condition, and complete. We welcome board games, such as Connect 4, Frustration or Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders, puzzles, card games, Uno, Lego, Duplo, and construction kits (without lots of small pieces). Thank you!



### Lost Property

Please check lost property at the end of term and retrieve any items that belong to you. We have a huge amount of lost property, increasing daily, and most of it is un-named so we cannot return it to owners within school. Please put a name on anything your child brings into school. Any unnamed items left over the Christmas break will have to be disposed of.