



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter Three December 2019



Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019. It has been a busy time in the run up to the Christmas holidays and we have had fantastic productions from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and wonderful singing from Nursery! We hope you all have a peaceful break and look forward to seeing everyone back well-rested and ready for the Spring term on **Tuesday 7th January**. For those families celebrating, we wish you a happy Christmas, and to all families a very happy and healthy 2020!

Dates for the Diary

Years 5 & 6 go swimming in the Spring term: Y6 (both classes), and Warhol (Y5) will swim on Mondays. Dali (Y5) will swim on Thursdays.

January	
Mon 6	INSET day
Tues 7	Children return to school
Fri 10	Cake Sale—Cassatt Y3
Mon 13	After school clubs start
Wed 22	Reception Phonics Stay & Play 9am
Fri 24	Reception Phonics Stay & Play 9am
Fri 24	Cake Sale—Da Vinci Y3
Thur 30	Y1 trip to Natural History Museum
Fri 31	Class Assembly—Y5 Warhol
February	
Fri 7	Class Assembly—Y3 Cassatt
Fri 7	Cake Sale—Hockney Y2
Mon 10	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Fri 14	Class Assembly—Y2 Hockney
17-21	Half-term
Fri 28	Class Assembly—Y3 Da Vinci
Fri 28	Cake Sale—Matisse Y2
March	
Mon 2	Parent/Carer Consultations (not Da Vinci Y3)
Tue 3	Parent/Carer Consultations Da Vinci only
Wed 4	Parent/Carer Consultations
Thur 5	World Book Day
Tue 10	School Council to Houses of Parliament
Thur 12	Sport Relief
Fri 13	Class Assembly—Y6 Riley
Fri 13	Cake Sale—Van Gogh Y1
Fri 20	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Sat 21	Parents/Carers v Staff Football Match
Thur 26	Parent/Carer Forum 2pm
Fri 27	Reception trip to the Wetland Centre
Fri 27	Class Assembly—Y5 Dali
Fri 27	Cake Sale—O'Keeffe Y1
Tue 31	Thinker's Project Exhibitions
April	
Thur 2	PCSA Easter Fair
Fri 3	Class Assembly—Y4 Wiley
Fri 3	Break up for Easter at 2.30pm

School letters

Please note that this year **all** trip and event letters are being **sent by email**. Please ensure the school office has the correct email addresses for all contacts and check your junk mail to ensure you do not miss any notifications or important messages. All payments are made via ParentPay, as well as giving permission for trips or volunteering to help with trips so all parents/carers need to access it. Please speak to the office if you are not receiving emails. Thank you.

Eco Warriors

There were lots of great applications for the Eco Warrior role this year. The successful candidates are:

Y1: O'Keeffe— Sebastian Van Gogh— Oscar
 Y2: Hockney—Jack Matisse— Frankie
 Y3: Cassatt— Jessica Da Vinci— Addison
 Y4: Mehretu— Elspeth Wiley— Alex
 Y5: Dali—Zoe Warhol— Lara
 Y6: Kahlo— Isobel Riley— Caoimhe



They will now be developing the Eco code for school, and then their mission will be to tackle recycling issues around school. We wish them luck!

MUGA update

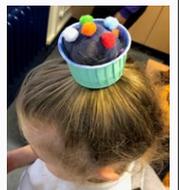
The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) is now open and is being used across the school. The children learned the rules (e.g. only trainers/plimsolls to be worn) for using the MUGA in a special assembly when it was officially opened by the Head Boy and Girl. We will invite parents/carers to see it in January.



PCSA News



The PCSA Christmas Fair raised an amazing £3245 for the school! Thank you so much to all who helped and we hope you all had a lovely time at the fair. The children had fun in the lead up to the fair with Funky Feet and Crazy Hair day to provide chocolate and bottles for the tombolas. Well done to the PCSA Committee and members for making it all such a success once again.



Staff News

We say goodbye and good luck to Kayleigh Lee who starts her maternity leave at Christmas. We look forward to meeting the newest member of her family next year! We welcome Ms Nadja Semec, who will be the Klee class teacher, and who has already been working in Nursery to get to know everyone.



Sports News

Mr McLaughlin is pleased to announce that one of our athletics teams came 2nd in the heats at a recent indoor competition. The other team did well too, giving us the overall position of 12th out of 22 schools in the borough. Well done —what brilliant athletes!

Winter Reading Challenge

Kingston Libraries are running the Winter Mini Challenge this Christmas. Children are encouraged to read three books over the Christmas holidays and can win some small prizes and a certificate. Visit your local library to find out more.

Foodbank Vouchers

Don't forget, the school holds foodbank vouchers. If you would like to access these, please ask the Nurture staff or at the school office.



Trip & Event Photos



Reception had a wonderful Christmas walk into Kingston to see all the decorations and took their donations to the food bank. Thank you to all for the donated food.

Year 4 had a great time investigating ancient Egyptian mummies and artefacts at the British Museum.



Years 5 and 6 went on their amazing annual trip to Hampton Court for ice-skating. What a view!



Y2 went to the Cornerstone Church to investigate the Christian Christmas story, and Y4 had a fascinating trip to the Kingston Synagogue to find out all about Judaism to support their religious education studies.



Christmas Productions

Huge congratulations to all in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their fabulous Christmas productions. DVDs (containing all 3 shows) are on sale for £12—book this on ParentPay. Photos ordered at 50p each will be processed and delivered in the New Year. Thank you for your support.



Charity Donations

The Poppy Appeal in November raised £91.88 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all.

We also raised £86.50 for Cancer Research through Braiswick photography who donate a portion of the cost of the school photos.



Car Parking

There have been concerns about car parking around school. Please turn off your engine if you are waiting to pick up, as cars idling emit toxic fumes. Please also be mindful of our neighbours, and park considerately without blocking any access to housing. Please **do not** park on the corner of Dawson Rd as it is extremely dangerous for children crossing. Thank you for your consideration.



Thinker's Project

The Thinker's Project Exhibition was a huge success once again, showcasing all the fabulous homework the children have completed this term. Well done all!



The Red Box Project

The Kingston Red Box Project

The Red Box Project is a charity supplying boxes to schools which contain sanitary protection that girls can access whenever they need to. The red box has a selection of products, as well as tights and underwear, so that girls can take whatever they need to ensure they are happy, clean and confident for the whole month. The boxes are made up of donations so is completely free to schools. Our box is located in Wiltshire Room with the Nurture Team. Girls can just ask for the "Red Box" when they need it.