



Dear Families,

We have marked the start of the Christmas period this week by talking about Advent. Each class was given their very own advent calendar to count down to Christmas. Every day the class choose someone to pick a card out of a special bag with a random act of kindness on it and encourage everyone to do the random act of kindness that day. I wonder what act they picked today? The sounds of carols and words being rehearsed for our Christmas Class assemblies have echoed through King Athelstan this week. We also had lots of 'wow' and 'ahhs' on Wednesday when the children saw our newly decorated Christmas tree standing tall in the school hall which has been kindly donated by the PCSA.



Well done to all of the children in Y5 and Y6 who went to the ice rink at Hampton Court to have fun and learn how to skate. They all discovered or improved their skating skills and persevered to achieve their absolute best. The staff were especially impressed with their behaviour and attitude towards their learning of a new skill. We are very proud of every child for their efforts, they represented the school really well.

As COVID cases are rising locally, **mask-wearing** is again essential for any visitors on the school site, including at Christmas events like the PCSA Christmas Market. We would also request you undertake an **LFD test** prior to attending any school event. We sent an update this week about having to limit numbers at the Christmas assemblies to **two adults** this week as we want everyone to have a safe and healthy holiday.

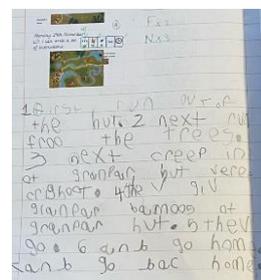
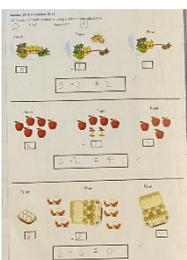
After our Road Safety Week work, the School Council has asked me to remind families to line up on the Children's Centre side of the pavement due to the amount of families now queuing on both sides of the main gate in the morning and blocking up the zebra crossing. The children are having to walk into the road as the queue is blocking the pavements and they are not feeling safe. Please remember that our 'soft start' trickle in system starts at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Thank you to the families who are arriving during this time. I know you will help make the children feel safer by following their request.

Finally, don't forget it is our PCSA Christmas Fair and outdoor market on Saturday from 2pm-4pm. Please come and support our hard-working PCSA volunteers who give so much to support our school. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes, **Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher**

### Spotlight on Learning in Year 1

In English we have been immersing ourselves in the traditional fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood". We received a phone call from the Woodcutter as he had heard screams in the woods! He needed Y1's help to find the way. We transported ourselves to the woods and ran outside in a hurry to remember the route. We then wrote some amazing instructions to Grandma's house under pressure, as we could hear the wicked wolf pacing outside.



In maths, we further secured our addition knowledge with "first, then and now" augmentation stories. We then began learning how to subtract using "first, then and now" reduction stories. Our teachers were so impressed with how well we understood the concepts.

In our PSHE lesson, we explored the shared human experience. We talked about how even though we might look different to one another, we all have innate similarities. For example:



we all have feelings, we all have birthdays and we all have people that we love in our lives. We also spent some time rehearsing for our seasonal assembly. Ask us to tell you our lines and sing for you. We will be more than happy to show you!

### PCSA Christmas Card Competition

The King Athelstan Christmas post boxes will be outside the office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December so children can send Christmas cards to each other. Please talk to your child about card writing etiquette and neat writing as this is a great opportunity to write for a real purpose. Please ensure that the cards have the recipient child's name and class clearly marked e.g. Mary Smith, Y6 Kahlo. If they are not clearly marked our elves will not be able to deliver them!

Last week we announced that Charlie in Dali Class had won Christmas card competition. His winning design is used on PCSA posters to advertise the Christmas Market, and is also the official school Christmas card this year. Here are the runners-up, who also received a prize from the PCSA:

Nancy West - Klee pm, Izzy Venter - Kusama, Souhila Naimi- Nelson, Toby Grant Duff - Van Gogh, Nina Coupar - O'Keeffe, Sammy Velasquez Mesa- Hockney, Zakariya Hajjame - Matisse, Declan Kelly - Da Vinci, Elaie Zezelj - Cassatt, Ollie Choi - Wiley, Isabella Maynard - Mehretu, Roan Thomson - Warhol, Zuzu Al-Rawi - Riley, Charlotte Williamson - Kahlo Well done all!



### Graham Child Christmas Concert

Nishka and Elliot, our Y6 Junior Leadership Team Co Chairs, represented King Athelstan at a Christmas Carol concert. This took place at the New Malden Methodist Church on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The aim of the event was to raise funds for Anstee Bridge, a facility in Kingston which provides incredible support for teenagers who are struggling at school for whatever reason, but often with mental health issues. Nishka and Elliot read a poem called 'The Truth About Santa' by Roann Mendriq. They were confident and composed and both children read beautifully. Well done Nishka and Elliot, you were a credit to yourselves and King Athelstan!

### Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



## Achievement Award

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Kusama Reception - Jack

Nelson Reception - Daisy

Van Gogh Y1 - Alfie (Barw) & Aicha

Mehretu Y4 - Molly & Yasmin

O'Keeffe Y1 - Ethan & Leo

Wiley Y4 - Eme & Lula

Hockney Y2 - Lira & Joviano

Dali Y5 - Owen & Kerem

Matisse Y2 - Rosa & Imran

Warhol Y5 - Josie & Tristan

Cassatt Y3 - Nicholas

Kahlo Y6 - Theo & Saya

Da Vinci Y3 - Bentley

Riley Y6 - Evie & the whole class for being respectful

PE KS1 - Rowen, Matisse Y2

PE KS2 - Josie, Warhol Y5

## Starting School at King Athelstan

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start Reception class at primary school in September 2022. The closing date to submit primary school applications online is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Please submit applications online by visiting: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>  
See the Kingston Primary Guide attached for further information or visit:  
<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-infant-junior-primary-school-place-september-intake/1>

## After School Clubs

We have extended our range of after school clubs from January 2022, to include cooking and more gymnastics and football. A letter was emailed to all families today with all the details of clubs and how to book. The booking system opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7am and is a first come first served basis. Clubs will be allocated on 8<sup>th</sup> December, and will appear in your ParentPay account if your child secures a place. Please pay for your clubs by 13<sup>th</sup> December, or let us know if you no longer want the space so we can re-allocate it to another child. See the emailed information for further details.

## Working at a Kingston School

We have a vacancy at the moment at King Athelstan to join our friendly office team as the Welfare and Attendance Officer as, after 7 years, Mrs Abdool is leaving us at the end of this term to go and work for AfC. The post is advertised on eteach here: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/kingston-upon-thames?oo=lf5>

One of our nearby schools, St John's CofE Primary School, also has a vacancy for a Clerical Officer - see their job advertised here: <https://www.eteach.com/job/clerical-assistant-1188972?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

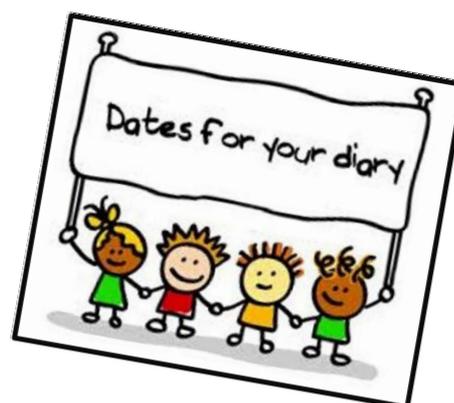
## Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER 2021	
Sat 4	PCSA Christmas Market 2pm - 4pm
Mon 6	Y5 Viking Day - dress as a Viking!
Mon 13	2.30pm - Y2 Hockney Christmas assembly *
Tue 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Christmas Stay &amp; Play * 8.55AM/12.45</li> <li>2.30pm - Y1 Van Gogh Christmas assembly*</li> </ul>
Wed 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am Nelson Class Christmas assembly*</li> <li>2.30pm Kusama Class Christmas assembly*</li> <li>Y4 trip to Rose Theatre</li> </ul>
Thu 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am - Y2 Matisse Christmas assembly*</li> <li>2.30pm - Y1 O'Keefe Christmas assembly*</li> </ul>
Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="color: green;">Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>Christmas lunch</li> <li>Term ends 2.30pm</li> </ul>

Class Assemblies 2022	
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Warhol Class Y5
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> arch	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	O'Keefe Class Y1
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Kusama Class, Reception

\*For all these events, attendance is limited to two people per child, including younger siblings. However, we would be grateful if childcare arrangements could be made for younger siblings.

JANUARY 2022	
Tue 4	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Wed 5	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Thu 6	Children return to school (Thursday)
Mon 10	Y5 Swimming lessons commence
Thur 13	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on <a href="mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org">admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org</a>
Wed 19	Y5 Warhol Class assembly
Wed 26	Y1 Van Gogh Class assembly



## PCSA Christmas Fair & Market

Since the KS2 playground was finished, the money you helped us raise last year has provided funds to redevelop the Early Years playground and will be supporting the creation of a Wild Area – all part of the Big Outdoors Project. This year, we've pledged to raise **£15,000** to fund a fantastic piece of play equipment for the KS1 playground and we're already nearly halfway there! The Fair will really help us to reach that total.



The PCSA Committee would like to thank everyone for all the bottles donated today for the Christmas Fair bottle tombola stall tomorrow. Remember, the **Christmas Fair and Outdoor Market is on from 2-4pm**. This year most of the Fair will be outside in the KS1 Playground.

There'll be stalls where you can find Christmas gift inspiration, tombolas where you can win chocolate, bottles and gifts, fun festive games, home-made cakes (of course!) plus mulled wine and mince pies at the Food & Drink stall. So dress up warm and bring the whole family along! Read on to find out more...

### FIRST-EVER 'PAY BY TOKEN' FAIR! How to get your tokens

This year we'll be trying out using tokens at the PCSA stalls. You can buy tokens either with cash or by card as you come in to the Fair. You will also be able to pay with cash if you have the exact money - **no change will be given**. This will all reduce the amount of cash on site and make the fair more Covid safe. Tokens will be worth 50p each and will be available to buy in bags of £5, £10 and £20. There will be a number of independent stalls, including Christmas trees, which will accept separate cash or card payments. We will be selling tokens in advance of the Market on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at pick up from 3pm in the KS1 playground.

### BUY A CHRISTMAS TREE



We'll be selling non-drop Nordmann Firs in various sizes at the Christmas Fair. It's the perfect weekend to pick up a tree - you can collect it by car after the fair if it's too much to carry home, plus you'll get a good-quality tree of your choosing AND 25% from every sale goes straight back to the PCSA, raising vital funds for our school. To give us an idea of how many trees we'll need on the day, please fill in [this form](#).

### FABULOUS PRIZES IN OUR AUCTION & RAFFLE



There'll be an auction and a raffle. In the auction you can bid on fantastic items like a 55" UHD TV, tickets to Epsom Racecourse, the London Wetlands Centre, Fulham FC, a family photography session, hampers, restaurant vouchers and more! You should have received some raffle tickets in book bags this week, but there'll be more to buy on the day. Prizes include an Amazon Echo Show (with Alexa), a luxury food hamper, high street vouchers and champagne. Only £1 a ticket to enter! Draw will be at 3.30pm.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

As well as the games and tombolas there will be lots to keep children busy with a stall to make Christmas crafts and the chance to choose and wrap a secret present for a friend or family member. That might give you a bit of time to browse some of the great stalls from local businesses selling gifts including candles and wooden toys plus lovely Christmas wreaths. Our wonderful school choir will be providing a lovely Christmas performance with Mr Thomas at 3pm and...



### ...SSSHH - SANTA WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE!

King Athelstan PCSA