



**Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest
Issue 8 - Friday 5th November 2021**

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school - I hope you had a lovely half term. It was great to have a few sunny and warm days to enjoy autumn.

You will have seen that works have been continuing in our school grounds over the week including: a new covered walkway between Haring and the main building, new Velux windows in our Nursery and Reception classes, work starting to refurbish our EYFS playground and our continuing works to refurbish the Key Stage 2 toilets.

On Monday, staff met to focus on our School Development Plan to ensure that we continue to improve as a school and offer the best outcomes for our children possible, both academically and in their character development.

Autumn seems to have fully arrived now and it is therefore vital that children have their warm, waterproof coats in school (and named!). Outdoor play continues in most weathers so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing.

The number of COVID-19 cases within our community continues to rise. It is really important that you continue the twice weekly tests with your family over the second half of the Autumn Term. If everyone does this our school will be much safer and we can maximise the number of children in school learning. Given the rise in cases and high numbers locally we are constantly reviewing our procedures and 'roadmap' - if these need to change at any point over this term, we will let you know. Lateral flow test kits are available from the school office.

We have been learning all about Diwali and the great British tradition of 'Bonfire Night' and Guy Fawkes this week, and also about being safe with sparklers. Do have safe and enjoyable celebrations with your family!

Many thanks for your support,

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

Collecting children from school - a reminder of our policy

We expect that children from Nursery to Year 4 are dropped off and collected from school by an *adult* (aged 16 or over) parent or carer. Families should always let school staff know if someone different is going to collect their child by emailing admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org. In order to begin to develop independence, Year 5 and 6 may walk to home from school by themselves *providing* the Google Form giving permission for this is filled in by their parent/carer. The link is: <https://forms.gle/Ejix7gEh18QD7JAC6>

Bonfire Night - Keep safe!

Sparklers are often viewed as harmless but they do burn at fierce temperatures and can easily cause injuries to a young child. The heat from a sparkler is equivalent to the heat from a welding torch! So;

- Never give sparklers to very young children
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves, preferably leather ones
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler
- When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water



**Bonfire
Night**

Dates for Your Diary

NOVEMBER 2021		DECEMBER 2021	
Fri 5	Bonfire Night	Fri 3	MUFTI - wear your own clothes in return for donating bottles of wine/juice for the PCSA Christmas Market
Mon 8	Year 6 Mock SATs week	Sat 4	PCSA Christmas Market 2pm - 4pm
Wed 10	Y5 Dali Class assembly	Mon 13	2.30pm - Y2 Hockney Christmas assembly
Thur 11	Armistice (Remembrance) Day	Tue 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Christmas Stay & Play 8.55AM/12.45PM 2.30pm - Y2 Van Gogh Christmas assembly
Fri 12	Crazy Hair/Hat Day in return for donating any unwanted gifts for the PCSA Christmas Market	Wed 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Nelson Class Christmas assembly 2.30pm Kusama Class Christmas assembly
Mon 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anti-Bullying Week Odd socks Monday - wear funky odd socks Virtual Parent/carer evening 3.30pm - 6.30 pm (not Da Vinci) 	Wed 15	Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre
Tue 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu - Nasal Immunisations Da Vinci only - Parent/Carer online consultations 3.30pm - 6.30 pm 	Thu 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am - Y1 Matisse Christmas assembly 2.30pm - Y1 O'Keefe Christmas assembly
Wed 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Y2 Hockney Class assembly Parent/ 4pm - 7pm 	Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch Term ends 2.30pm
Fri 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need - Wear SPOTTY accessories with school uniform in return for donation to Children in Need Y5 Cake sale & PCSA Book Sale 	JANUARY 2022	
Mon 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Week SEND Parent/carer online consultations 	Tue 4	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Tue 23	Individual School Photo Day	Wed 5	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Wed 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Year 4 Wiley Class assembly SEND Parent/carer online consultations 	Thu 6	Children return to school
Fri 26	MUFTI- wear funky socks in return for donating in-date chocolates/sweets for PCSA Christmas Market. No nuts please!	Mon 10	Y5 Swimming lessons commence
		Wed 19	Y5 Warhol Class assembly
		Wed 26	Y1 Van Gogh Class assembly
		Fri 28	PCSA Cake sale

After School Clubs

After school clubs start next week. All clubs run from 3.10pm - 4.10pm. The KS1 gate will be opened at 4.10pm each day for the children to be collected. Please note, children must be signed out by a parent/carer, except for any Y5 and Y6 pupils if they have permission to walk home alone.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Please remember parent/carer consultation meetings for Nursery - Year 6 will be taking place online using SchoolCloud from 15th November (from 29th November for Riley Class). The consultations for children with SEND will all take place in the week beginning 22nd November. Book a meeting with your child's teacher here: <https://kingathelstan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

House Competition

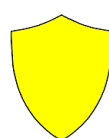
This week **Red House, Dawson** are the winners with 31 points! The other Houses are close, with Green on 26, Blue on 27 and Yellow on 28. Well done all!



Villers (26)



Dawson (31)



Cambridge (28)



Hawks (27)

Certificates of Excellence

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



Achievement Award

Friday 5th November 2021

PE KS1 - Bethany in Y2

PE KS2 - Jack in Y4

Kusama R - Poppy T

Nelson R - Emerson

Van Gogh Y1 - Asia

O'Keefe Y1 - Eloise

Hockney Y2 - Sam

Matisse Y2 - Summer

Cassatt Y3 - Zak

Da Vinci Y3 - Bailey

Mehretu Y4 - Isabella

Wiley Y4 - Sonny

Dali Y5 - Sapphire

Warhol Y5 - Freddie & Grace

Kahlo Y6 - Kristian

Riley Y6 - Daniel

PCSA News

As December approaches, we're having some Mufti days to collect items for the Christmas Fair. The first one is **next Friday**, and its Crazy Hair Day for donations of good quality unwanted gifts. Details of all the days below - put them in your calendar!

Friday 12th November - Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Children can come with funky hairstyles and/or crazy headgear for donations of unwanted gifts

Friday 26th November - Funny Feet Day

Children can wear their silliest socks for donations of chocolates and sweets. **No nuts** please.

Friday 3rd December - Full Mufti Day

Children can wear their own clothes and shoes for donations of bottles of wine/juice

Saturday 4th December 2-4pm - Christmas Market

Come along and bring the family for food, games, stalls and a fantastic auction!

We need your help: next Friday morning (12th November) we're holding a short get together in the Small Hall immediately after school drop off for volunteers to help plan the Market. We want to make it a great event to raise much needed funds for the school, so the more people who get involved the better. If you have some time we'd love to see you!



The Giving Machine

And don't forget, if you're doing some online Christmas shopping, use [The Giving Machine](#) and a portion of what you spend goes to our charity!

The PCSA can be contacted here: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com.