



Dear Families,

This week we have been talking about our 'Butterfly Dreams'. At King Athelstan, we want children to be aspirational and set themselves challenging ambitions. We call these our Butterfly Dreams and link them to the poem below. On Monday, the children spoke in assembly about their dreams for the future and what they would like to achieve this year. In PSHE this week, the children then wrote down their dreams on butterfly cut outs which Ms Newton kindly made and delivered to us. These are now displayed in their classrooms.

### Butterfly Dreams

**I am a caterpillar with butterfly dreams.  
I dream of growing up and having butterfly wings.  
I fly higher than high and capture the blue in the sky,  
I would show everyone just how high I could fly.**



Rather than staggered arrival and departures, we have now introduced a soft start model in the morning for Years 1-6 to come into school from **8.40-8.55am** and be dismissed in the afternoon from **3.10-3.20pm**. Nursery and Reception times remain the same. Many thanks to the families who are spreading out their arrival and pick up across these periods - doing so helps to keep everyone safe and reduces community transmission of Covid-19.

### Covid-19 symptoms in children

The ZOE Covid study has a useful section on children <https://covid.joinzoe.com/post/covid-in-children-webinar>. This includes an hour-long webinar on how Covid-19 affects children, symptoms, long Covid and vaccinations. In summary, the most common symptoms are fever, headache, persistent cough and a sore throat. We strongly encourage families to take a PCR test if their child develops these symptoms at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Thank you to all the families who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions over the last few weeks. Home and school working together is a crucial part of your child being successful in school and it was lovely to see so many of you 'virtually' there. We will be putting the PowerPoint onto Google Classroom so that those who could not attend can view it.

And finally, we are looking forward to starting class assemblies up again with Y6 Riley Class on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October when we are finally able to invite families back into the hall again to watch their children perform. To find out when your child's class assembly is, please refer to the letter emailed on 8<sup>th</sup> September or check on the school website. We will also be recording class assemblies and these will then be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Have a lovely weekend - 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* (i.e., 16 or over) parent or carer. Parents and carers should always let class teachers and school staff know if someone different is going to collect their child. You can do this by emailing the office at: [messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) by 2.30pm. We will not release children without prior consent. In order to begin to develop independence, Year 5 & Year 6 may walk to school and walk home from school by themselves *providing* parents/carers have completed the Google permission form : <https://forms.gle/AvoSpEUfnFAFCWSm9>

## Health & Medical Update

We would like you to be aware that we have had one case of mumps in our community - an adult connected with the school. Most children will have had immunisation for this. Further information at: [www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Mumps/Pages/Symptoms.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Mumps/Pages/Symptoms.aspx)

The annual nasal flu immunisations for the whole school will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The consent form and further information was emailed to all yesterday.

## House Competition

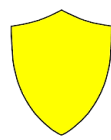
The winner of our House competition this week is **Green House, Villiers**.



Villiers (32)



Dawson (24)



Cambridge (22)



Hawks (27)

## Securing Good Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 95.2%. Matisse Class Y2 were attendance super stars this week with 100% attendance, closely followed by O'Keeffe Y1, Wiley Y4 and Riley Y6!

## Uniform & Property

Please ensure that all items of your child's school uniform are labelled clearly with their name and, where possible, their class. Don't forget to put names on water bottles, too, as well as scooters. Please note, any scooters or bikes are left in the sheds at your own risk, and locks are advised.

## Important School Meals - Wilson Jones

We hope your child has been enjoying their school lunches - prepped and cooked from scratch daily by our wonderful team in the kitchen. The quality is very good, using organic produce and meat - best of all it tastes good! Just a reminder now we are back up and running to full service:

- the ordering system will allow you to choose a pudding but your child may choose something different on the day - we allow free choice of one pudding item
- meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 still need to be ordered on ParentPay, even though they are free through the Government's **Universal Free School Meal** grant.

Wilson Jones will be showcasing what they have to offer with food tasting after school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** in the Key Stage 1 playground. We look forward to seeing you there and talking to you more about what is on offer.

## School Meals - Year 3 Families!

Don't forget if your child has moved from Year 2 to Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for the Universal Free School Meals. If you think your child may be eligible for a **Pupil Premium School Meal** on financial grounds, please contact the school office.

## PCSA News

The PCSA would love to welcome new members to help by volunteering with events or becoming a class rep. Please contact [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) for more information.

Our PE teacher Mr McLaughlin is running the London Marathon on 3<sup>rd</sup> October for the PCSA's Big Outdoors Project, raising money for the outdoor learning environment and redevelopment of the KS1 playground. The whole school is also taking part in the Mini Marathon from 27<sup>th</sup> Sep. You can sponsor them all on: <https://www.givey.com/kalondonminimarathon>

Also coming up: uniform sales, cake sales, a Halloween trail, Christmas cards, and the Christmas Market. Look out for details from the PCSA.