



Dear Families,

It has been lovely to end the week with a dry day and some sunshine!

Monday's assembly was on the theme of "Reaching out to stop bullying". This launched anti-bullying week along with the children wearing odd socks which celebrated what makes each of us unique.

We saw some wonderful combinations!

This week our School Business Manager and I have completed final visits to after-school club providers and we are now discussing potential arrangements with a new company. We will write to you as soon as we can with confirmed details moving forwards.

Your children may have spoken to you about being taught by members of the Senior Leadership Team or Inclusion Team if their teacher is unwell. We now aim to provide all cover internally as finances do not allow us to book supply teachers as we have done previously. This means that there are further reductions in capacity so please bear with us if it takes longer than usual to respond to enquiries.

Enjoy your weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher



Inclusion Assembly

Ms Govan took a break from her assemblies on neurodiversity this week to talk about gender diversity instead, marking Transgender Awareness Week.

We considered that there were lots of different ways to be a boy or a girl and learned the difference between biological sex and gender identity. It was explained that, for a small number of people, their body on the outside and their feelings on the inside do not match and this can feel very uncomfortable or upsetting. We made links with anti-bullying week and talked about how this community is sometimes mistreated and how we could respond sensitively if someone in our lives shared this personal information with us.



Message from the Governors

Hi everyone. I've recently become chair of the King Athelstan governing board, and wanted to give you a bit of an update about what we do as governors. School governors are volunteers who provide support and challenge to the school. We don't get involved in the day to day running of the school but provide a sounding board to Miss Newton and her team on key decisions. Clearly, this year the school is facing significant financial pressure and we as governors have been providing support to the school to make sure this impacts as little as possible on children's learning. We were really pleased with the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection and will be overseeing how the school leadership takes forward its recommendations.

We're also currently looking to recruit new governors to the board, particularly members of the community who have health, finance or health and safety expertise. Further details will be issued and will be put on the school website. We currently have our full quota of parent governors, so we are looking beyond the immediate families into the wider community.

Governors come into school on Governor Visit Days, and the next one is on Thursday 24th November. We get a chance to see learning in action, visiting classes and having lunch with the children. I will also attend the parent/carer forum at 9am - all parents/carers are welcome. The purpose of the forum is to share information about whole school issues and hear about the whole school issues parents/carers want to raise.

Caroline Dawes
Chair of Governors





Crazy Hair and Silly Socks...

The PCSA is gearing up for the **Winter Fair on Saturday 3rd December (2pm-4pm)**, where there'll be food and drink, games and gifts, Christmas tree sales, a Silent Auction and a raffle, plus a performance by the school choir. For the next two Fridays at drop-off in the morning, PCSA volunteers will be collecting donations in return for 'fashion tweaks' to your usual school uniform, see below. Thank you for all the unwanted gifts donated today.



- **Friday 25th November - Crazy Hair/Hat day:** bottle and jar donations for the tombola
- **Friday 2nd December - Silly Socks day:** bring your chocolate and sweet donations (unopened, in date and nut free please)

Here are some of the delicious Remembrance-themed cakes from the Year 5 cake sale:



School Photographs

Tuesday 22nd November is individual photographs day. Children should wear full smart school uniform. If your child has PE on Tuesday, they should still wear their PE uniform with school cardigan or sweatshirt, but please wear a white polo shirt instead of t-shirt, as this will look smarter. Siblings will have an additional photo together, as well as on their own. Proofs of the photographs will be sent out shortly after.

Passport Applications

Please note that we are unable to complete identity checks for UK passports any longer. We used to do this to help families applying for UK passports, but recent changes to the online system require personal information from staff and it is no longer possible. In addition, reduction in staffing at all levels meant that we do not have the capacity to complete paperwork that is unrelated to our core business. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Children in Need

Today we have had some great spotty accessories for Children in Need Day! You can still donate directly to this wonderful charity on ParentPay.



Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who have purchased items for on our Wish List. This week we have received ping pong balls, ice-packs and glue sticks. It seems Amazon doesn't always allow you to leave your name so we may not know who the packages are from, but all items are very much appreciated. **There is no obligation to buy anything, but if you would like to make a purchase the link is:** <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>



Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week. Y3 are out on a trip.



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Areeb

O'Keefe Y1 - Poppy

Hockney Y2 - Sofie

Matisse Y2 - Mustafa

Mehretu Y4 - Adam

Wiley Y4 - Mei

Dali Y5 - Rory

Warhol Y5 - Lula

Riley - Lucy

Kahlo - Whole Class

Miss Smee further commended Adam in Mehretu for always holding the door open for others in assembly and being very polite.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amina	Alae Nor	Sky	Eddie	Lillie-Mae
Oscar	Ruby	Bentley		Yahya

House Points

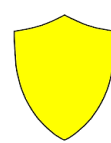
This week's winners are **Yellow House (Cambridge)**, followed by Blue (Hawks), Green (Villiers), and Red (Dawson). Well done Cambridge House!



Villiers



Dawson



Cambridge



Hawks

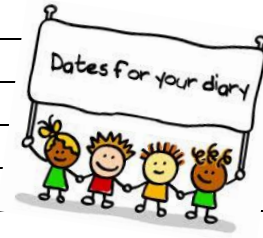
School Tours

We have a [virtual school tour](#) which we would ask you to watch before booking a place on an in-person tour for Reception or Nursery in September 2023. Once you have watched the video, please contact the school office to book a place on: admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or call 0208 546 8210. We have a limited number of places in afternoon nursery for January 2023.

Dates for the Diary

NOVEMBER	
Tue 22	School Photographs (individual & siblings)
Wed 23	Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25	Crazy Hair/Hat Day - please donate a bottle/jar for the Winter Fair
Wed 30	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am

DECEMBER	
Fri 2	Silly Socks/Tights Day - please donate chocolate/cakes for the Winter Fair
Sat 3	Winter Fair 2-4pm
Mon 5-Fri 9	Clubs end this week
Wed 7	Y5 & Y6 Ice Skating Trips
Thur 8	Thinker's Project Exhibition 15.20-15.50pm and again 17.50 - 18.20pm
Mon 12	Hockney Y2 Christmas Assembly 9am
Mon 12	Matisse Y2 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 13	O'Keeffe Y1 Christmas Assembly 9am
Tue 13	Van Gogh Y1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 14	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9am
Wed 14	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thur 15	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11am
Thur 15	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 3pm
Fri 16	Break up one hour earlier than usual
January 2023	
Tue 3	INSET Day - children not in school
Wed 4	Back to school
Fri 13	Y5 first swimming lesson - Malden Centre
Wed 25	Dali Class Assembly 9am
Mon 30	Y6 Junior Citizen trip



Community Notices

The Kingston Rotary Club sleigh

Santa will be visiting local streets on his sleigh around Christmas to bring some Christmas cheer and magic! Santa will be

in these streets on 14th December between 6pm and 8pm:

Norbiton Avenue, Neville Road, Homersham Road, Porchester Road, Charter Road, Douglas Road, Waters Road, Roseberry Road, Orme Road and Arundel Road.



FUEL - Feed Ur Everyday Lives

Achieving for Children is once again running FUEL activities over the Christmas holidays for children on free school meals. Letters are being put into bookbags for eligible children with details on how to book sessions - a code is required which will be on the letter.

