



Dear Families,

It's been another busy week at King Athelstan with new children and families visiting the school and starting in their classes - a warm welcome to you all. Thank you for your support in following the drop off and pick up routines - it really makes things a lot easier. A top tip to help speed things up further is to make sure children have their belongings (water bottle/book bag/lunch) in their hands before they come through the main gate, which will save a lot of time. Please try to avoid blocking the gates whilst saying goodbye to your child and move on once they have left you. Thank you.

This week in assembly we reflected on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the national events surrounding her death. The children thought of one word each to describe the Queen and we are going to make some word clouds as part of our reflection on this important time in history. As you are aware, school will be closed on Monday 19th September, and will be open again as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

Thank you!

We want to say a big thank you to families of last year's Y6, now Y7 at secondary school, for their kind leaving gift to the school. They collected a generous amount and have decided to purchase a piece of equipment for the new KS1 playground once the refurbishment starts. Thank you to those families still at the school, and please pass on our thanks to those who have left.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Please book menu choices on ParentPay. If your child has entered Year 3 (or is older) and you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may still be entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



For further details, and to complete the application form, [Click here](#). Please apply if you think you might be eligible, as the school also benefits by receiving funding for each child eligible for free school meals.



If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). You have to apply before each holiday. [Click here](#) to find out how to apply for the Christmas holidays 2022.

International Day

As you will recall, we had to cancel our annual International Day in June due to the extreme temperatures at the time. We are pleased to be able to host it on Friday 23rd September. We welcome home-made dishes from

around the world for the "International Market" that will take place after school. We need volunteers to commit to providing tasty food for the market, but please note there can be **no pork, nuts or hot dishes**. We will ask for all dishes to come with a list of ingredients used in case of allergies. We would also like to have some traditional music playing at the "International Market." If you are able to make food or play traditional music

at the International Market please complete the Google form here:



<https://forms.gle/s3BxMJ3MoV9eUBPh6> Thank you to those who volunteered last term - we hope you are able to do so again!

We are also looking forward to celebrating our different cultures with the children's 'Culture in a Box' project. International Day is also a mufti day where children are encouraged to wear clothes from their country or choose outfits/colours to represent a country of their choice. Please see the letter emailed earlier this week to all with further details. Please join us after school on **Friday 23rd September** for this celebration of the languages, cultures and food that make King Athelstan great!

Harvest Festival



On Monday 26th September, children will have an assembly about the Harvest Festival. **From Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th September** there will be a table outside where any donations can be left for the Kingston Food Bank. They can only work with non-perishable food and hygiene items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. All items should be unopened, in-date and undamaged. They are forbidden by law to give away food which has passed its "use by" date, and they have no storage

facilities for fresh food. Ideal items are: breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, rice and sponge pudding, UHT milk, squash, household cleaning products, shower gel, personal hygiene products and sanitary wear. Thank you.

Polio Booster Vaccinations

Following the recent detection of polio virus in sewage samples in London, the NHS is offering all 1-9 year olds in London a polio booster vaccination.

Polio is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system - it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. By giving an extra polio vaccine dose, this will boost each child's protection.

Find more information about polio, its symptoms, and vaccinations by visiting

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/>

You can read the information leaflet by visiting

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1097153/UKHSA_12440_polio_leaflet_for_parents_and_carers.pdf

The polio vaccine is safe and effective. The vaccine is given as part of a combined jab to babies, toddlers, and teenagers as part of the NHS routine childhood vaccination schedule. Children need to have all these vaccinations to be fully vaccinated against polio. The NHS in London has contacted parents/carers to come forward for a booster or catch-up polio dose - families should take up the offer as soon as possible.



The Red Box

The Red Box is a scheme that we run in school. The Red Box contains sanitary protection that girls can access whenever they need. The box provides a selection of products as well as tights and underwear to ensure that students can take whatever they need to ensure they are happy, clean and confident for the whole month. The boxes are made up of donations and the scheme is run by the Nurture Team and is completely free. Our box is located in Wiltshire, the Inclusion Room. Girls can just ask any member of staff for the Red Box when they need it.

Attainment Data

The school website contains information about our performance and attainment data. Click [here](#) to see the latest data for 2021-22.

Sickness and Medication

Click [here](#) to see the school website page with lots of useful information for families. Please note the following:

- If a child vomits or has diarrhoea, they must stay off school for **48 hours after their last incidence**.
- Any medication must be handed in to the office and **not** put into a child's book bag. All First Aid staff need to know about any medication in school, including asthma inhalers. We ask parents/carers to complete a form with details. The form can be found on the website link above. Thank you.

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Imogen	O'Keeffe Y1 - Alannah
Hockney Y2 - TJ	Matisse Y2 - Eloise
Da Vinci Y3 - Summer	Cassatt Y3 - Inci
Mehretu Y4 - Kayla	Wiley Y4 - Nicholas
Dali Y5 - Isabella	Warhol Y5 - Karyn
Riley - Hakki	Kahlo - Addison

KS2 PE - Melika in Mehretu Y4

Times Tables Rock Stars - Maths Champions this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ben	Karlis	Nathaniel	Aaliyah
Nancy	Amber	Alex	Harry

Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Mon 19	School closed. Bank Holiday - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's State Funeral
Mon 19	Y2 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom - moved to Thurs 22nd
Tue 20	Y1 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Thur 22	Y2 Meet the Teacher 4pm online via Google Classroom
Friday 23	International Day - mufti day (international dress)
Mon 26	Clubs start this week
Tue 27-30	Harvest Festival donation of items for Food Bank
OCTOBER	
Mon 17	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 19	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-7pm
NOVEMBER	
Week of 1st	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

