



### Dear Families,

Well, life in school is never dull and always surprises us! Little did we know that we would be in the middle of navigating the school through an unprecedented heatwave, when we got the call from Ofsted to say we were being inspected this week. We are incredibly proud of your children and the staff team for showing our school as it always is: a happy family, always striving for excellence in everything that we do. Everyone showed how unbelievably resilient they are and so many of the children were involved in talking to the inspector, reading in front of her, or in being part of lessons that were being observed. Parents and carers rallied to provide a really clear response to Parent View. Your support was overwhelming - thank you so much. You can all view the outcome of the Parent View Survey [here](#).

As you may be aware, the current Ofsted framework is highly focussed on the breadth and progression of the school's curriculum and as a result, the inspector took a "deep dive" into a series of subjects during her visit. Ofsted take a few weeks to quality assure the outcome of the visit and we will inform families as soon as possible in the Autumn Term, as they will not send us the draft report until the new term. This was a Section 8 inspection which is about ratifying the school's own Self Evaluation.

Before we break up for the summer holidays, we wanted to update you on a number of changes in school. Many of you will be aware of the incredible challenge nationally with school funding. Our school has been able to set balanced budgets until the last couple of years, when we have had to draw on reserves to make ends meet. This is a national issue and most schools are already in a more challenging position than us. One of the key issues is the inadequate funding for schools, for pupils with SEND and significant rise in the "cost of living" (fuel bills etc), as well as staffing costs (we have a budget of £3 million and £2.5 million of that is staffing alone). There are many pressures on the budget and we hope to be able to get through this year, and possibly next, by drawing on very limited reserves before they run out. At the same time, we will be rethinking how we approach aspects of our work in order to "do more with less." Let's see this challenge as an opportunity to reflect and think about how we can do things differently moving forwards. I have been working with Governors over this term to think about the re-organisation of the Senior Leadership Team and other teams in our school to reduce costs over all. Our main aim is to maintain as much of the school's current provision as possible so that it does not directly impact on children. From September, we will be permanently reducing the Senior Leadership Team by 1 person and also reducing the Inclusion Team. We have carried out a number of internal recruitment rounds to redistribute responsibilities in order to manage the workload across the school. We will need to continue to rethink our approaches to further reduce the workload for individuals in the Autumn Term, and we will share our thinking around this in the new school year.

As a result of our reorganisation, we have made a number of internal appointments:

- Mrs Naomi Ahearn has been appointed as the Deputy Headteacher from September. We will not be replacing her current Assistant Head role.
- Miss Becks Parker has been appointed as the EYFS Lead. (Miss Kayleigh Lee has stepped back from this role as she is moving to teach Year 2.)
- Mr Stan Barson has been appointed as English Lead. (Mrs Ahearn has led English for many years but will not have to capacity to do this moving forwards.)
- Mrs Karen O'Connor will be moving from the Inclusion Team to support the wider SEND needs across the school in one of our phase teams.

We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff:

- Mrs Lucy Mastrocola, Deputy Head, is taking up Headship at Coombe Hill Junior School
- Mr Tom Channing, teacher of Wiley Class, is re-locating to Suffolk
- Mr Harry Moore, TA in Haring, is moving away
- Miss Sarah Cook, Receptionist, is going to work at Tiffin Girls' School
- Mrs Jackie Jordan is going to spend time looking after her grandson

- Miss Irimi Moutso is taking some time off before going back to study further
- Mrs Laura Davies is taking maternity leave

We wish them all well.

Today you will get you children's books. Please have a look at their very first piece of writing in their English books (Sept 2021) and then take a look at their latest pieces (July 2022). We think you will be really impressed with their progress!

Have a wonderful summer holiday. Stay safe and we will be looking forward to seeing you back in September. For those children and families moving on to pastures new - please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on. You will always be part of our King Athelstan family.

Thank you again for your amazing support.

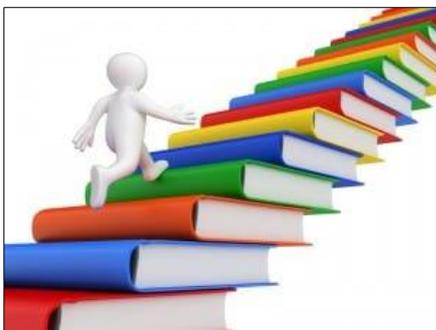
**Emily Newton, Headteacher**

### After School Club Provision

We are well aware that our current After School Club provision is not able to meet the demand in terms of the number of places they offer. We will be writing to you in September with more details, however, wanted to let you know that we are expecting a new provider to take over after October half-term. We will give you more information as soon as it is available.

### Y6 Destinations

At the recent Parent/Carer Forum, we were asked, out of interest, to provide information on our Y6 leavers and their destinations for secondary schools. As you can see, King Athelstan children move on to a wide range of schools as different schools suit different children for different reasons! We wish our current Y6 all the very best in the next stage of their education.



School	2021	2022
Coombe Boys' School	1	1
Chessington School		1
Coombe Girls' School	16	8
Southborough School	2	3
Teddington School	7	10
The Hollyfield School	19	28
The Kingston Academy	5	3
Tolworth Girls' School		4
Dysart School		1
Other out of Borough		1
Grey Court School	1	
Tiffin Boys' School	3	
Raynes Park High School	2	
Richard Challoner Boys' School	1	
St Philip's School	2	
Independent School	1	

### Lost Property



Please start the new school year in September by making sure ALL items your child brings into school are clearly labelled with their name. The picture (left) is lost property from this half-term, none of which has a name on it. Any named items are regularly reunited with owners. Any unnamed, unclaimed lost property will have to be disposed of. Thank you.

### Junior Leadership Team 2022-23

As we say goodbye and good luck to Y6, we introduce our new Junior Leadership Team for 2022-23. They submitted applications, did presentations to the whole of Y5, and were then interviewed by Miss Newton and Mrs Mastrocola. The successful new team is:

Co-Chairs	Jessica and Lucien
Vice Chairs	Tanish and Izzy
Equalities Lead	Savannah

## Prize Winners 2022

Yesterday, we held our surprise Prizegiving meetings for the 11 children who have won end-of-year awards! Families were asked to keep the win a secret until they turned up and the winner was asked to go to the office to meet Miss Newton! All winners received a hardback book with their name plate inside as their prize. Well done, all. Here are the winners:

Award	Winner	Year
Achievement in Foundation Stage	Annie	Reception
Achievement in KS1	Nancy	Year 2
Reading in KS1	Zakariya	Year 2
Y4 Building Learning Power	Jihane	Year 4
Academic Progress from EYFS to Y6	Milosz	Year 6
Accelerated Progress during Year 6	Daniel O	Year 6
Achievement in KS2	Lewis	Year 6
Art and Design	Nishka	Year 6
Sport	Javen	Year 6
Drama and Creative Arts	Leila	Year 6
Outstanding Contribution to the School Community	Elliot	Year 6

## SPARK Book Award Prizes

The following children won prizes:

Frances was the overall winner of the age 10-11 Multi-Media Category. Well done!

Max	Cassatt Y3
Natalia	Cassatt Y3
Ava	Wiley Y4
Hugh	Mehretu Y4
Frances	Warhol Y5



## Achievement Assembly

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



## Achievement Award

Kusama Reception - Whole class      Nelson Reception - Whole class

Van Gogh Y1 - TJ

O'Keeffe Y1 - Rosa

Hockney Y2 - Anson

Matisse Y2 - whole class

Da Vinci Y3 - Martha

Cassatt Y3 - Natalia, Sky and Abdul

Mehretu Y4 - Josh

Wiley Y4 - Dexter

Dali Y5 - Whole class

Warhol Y5 - Whole class

Riley - Florence

Kahlo - Jessica, Miya, Olivier, Senudi and Daniel

KS1 PE - Lillie in O'Keeffe Y1

KS2 PE - Elliot in Riley Y6 and Eme in Wiley Y4

And all staff and children everyone in school for being so heat-resilient!

## Friendship Bench

Friends of Lydia, a parent at our school, who sadly passed away last May, are fundraising for a friendship bench to be placed in her memory in Athelstan Park. As so many parents and children at King Athelstan enjoy the park and may know the family, we are sharing the fundraising link with the school community so that you can donate if you wish:

<https://www.gofundme.com/lydias-friendship-bench>



## Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER	
Thur 1	INSET Day
Fri 2	INSET Day
Mon 5	Y1-6 Children start school
TBC	Meet the Teacher online meetings
Tue 26	Clubs start this week

