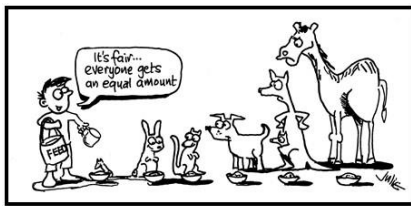




Dear Families,

What a wonderful Christmas Market we had last Saturday! It was great to see lots of visitors and the festive atmosphere around school. I am sure you will agree that the PCSA committee and all the volunteers did a marvellous job - many thanks to all involved! The PCSA fair has raised over **£5000**, which is an amazing amount and one of the highest ever fundraisers. What a great starting point for the £15,000 that they are trying to raise for the KS1 Outdoor learning project! Please look out for our upcoming KS1 Outdoor Learning launch event in January.

This week our Monday assembly focussed on a key phrase from our revised behaviour policy: 'Fair isn't everybody getting the same thing, fair is everybody getting what they need in order to be successful'. We illustrated this in a variety of ways and thought about how it relates to life in school. The children



were supported to understand that, while everyone being given the same (equipment, work, support, consequences) sounds fair, actually what made things fair was everyone having access to the same opportunities and everyone's individual needs being met. This relates to our PRIDE value of 'Respect'.



Do take note of all of the various dates for our Christmas festivities overleaf. If you are joining us, you should undertake a rapid LFD test and receive a negative result that morning. Please take one of the LFD test packs, which are often available outside school, if needed. Please remember that for the EYFS and KS1 Christmas assemblies and the Nursery 'Stay and Plays', a **maximum of 2 people** may attend per child, which includes younger siblings. Anyone over 11 attending must wear a face covering for the duration of your time on the school site, unless medically exempt. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to keep everyone safe.

Please remember, term ends on Friday 17th December one hour earlier than usual, so Reception will finish at 2.05pm, Y1-Y6 can be collected between 2.10pm and 2.20pm, and Nursery will end at 2.30pm. Term starts in January on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Best wishes, **Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher**

Christmas Jumper / Accessory Day

As it is Christmas lunch on **Friday 17th December**, (don't forget to book) children may wear a Christmas jumper or accessory e.g. reindeer antlers, some tinsel or a Santa hat **alongside their usual school uniform**.

Christmas Post Boxes

The Christmas post boxes are outside the office every morning until Thursday 16th December. Children wanting to send Christmas Cards must place them in the right post box (EYFS/KS1 or KS2) and **ensure they have the child's full name and class written on the envelope**. Cards will be delivered to classes over the next week.

Early Morning Reading/Maths

Please note that there will be no early morning reading or maths groups next week. However, if your child is part of the National Tutoring Programme, these sessions will run as normal.

Book Amnesty

Please ask your children to have a good look around at home during the Christmas holiday for any 'home reader' books that belong to the school and return any books that you find to their teacher. Thanks for your help.

Parking Politely & Safely

This week we have received several complaints from local residents about King Athelstan families parking irresponsibly in local roads. The school works hard to teach the children about the values of 'community', 'kindness' and 'respect'. I would encourage you to support the school by embracing these values; parking responsibly, away from double yellow lines, yellow zig-zags and driveways and maintaining a positive relationship with all of the members of our community. Please also ensure you use the zebra crossing when crossing the busy road with children, modelling good road safety. In addition, we would like you to consider that time school staff spend dealing with parking issues is time that could be spent making King Athelstan an even better place for your children. Many thanks for your support.

Spotlight on Learning in Year 3

This term in Year 3 we have been exploring the Stone Age in all our subjects.

The children have loved our writing about Minnow and the Bear. We reimagined the story as Herring and the mammoth, reinventing the story in our own way. The children really amazed us with their imagination, vocabulary and improving sentence structure.

In DT, we have designed and created a Stone Age fruit stew. The children then bravely tasted their recipe and explained to a Stone Age child how to replicate the stew. We were impressed by how many children tried the fruity stew... and enjoyed it! Many wanted to make one at home!



Thinking about climate change over history, we have been investigating the current world climate and how it is changing in our geography work. This fitted in really well with the COP 26 conference and has sparked the imagination of the children.

After some incredible hard work on addition and subtraction, learning to use the column method, we are now moving onto multiplication and division as grouping and sharing. We are refreshing our understanding and building a good foundation ready to move onto more complex multiplication and division strategies next term.



Mrs Ramkissoon has arranged a series of amazing PSHE sessions focusing on friendship and being kind. We are working hard on the bingo challenge we were set where we get a point on our bingo cards every time we are kind. Also, we are still 'filling buckets' from anti-bullying week and enjoying dipping into the positive comments when we need a boost!

Graham Child Christmas Concert

Nishka and Elliot, our Y6 Junior Leadership Team Co-Chairs, represented King Athelstan at a Christmas carol concert. This took place at the New Malden Methodist Church on 1st December. The aim of the event was to raise funds for Anstee Bridge, a facility in Kingston which provides incredible support for teenagers who are struggling at school for whatever reason, but often with mental health issues. Nishka and Elliot read a poem called 'The Truth About Santa' by Roann Mendriq. They were confident and composed, and they both read beautifully. Well done Nishka and Elliot, you were a credit to yourselves and King Athelstan.



Starting School

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start Reception class at primary school in September 2022. The closing date to submit primary school applications online is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Please submit applications online by visiting: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>
See the Kingston Primary Guide attached for further information or visit:
<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/apply-infant-junior-primary-school-place-september-intake/1>

House Points

On Friday 3rd December, the House winners were: **Green House, Villiers**, on 31 points. Yellow was in second place on 29, Red with 27 and Blue on 18.

This week (10th December) first place is taken by **Blue House, Hawks**, on 31 points, Yellow close behind on 30, Green on 27 and Red on 23.



Villiers (27)



Dawson (23)



Cambridge (30)



Hawks (31)

Achievement Assembly

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



Achievement Award

Friday 10th December 2021

Kusama Reception - Elif and Precious

Nelson Reception - Areeb and Emma

Van Gogh Y1 - Victoria

Keefe Y1 - Eden

Hockney Y2 - Ella and Bethany

Matisse Y2 - Poppie-Rose and Alessandro

Cassatt Y3 - Max and Nicola

Da Vinci Y3 - Poppy and Harman

Mehretu Y4 - Nataniel and Zaid

Wiley Y4 - Can and Lucas

Dali Y5 - Tanish and Addison

Warhol Y5 - Lucy and Afroditi

Kahlo Y6 - Maximus

Riley Y6 - Lola and Bella

PE KS1 - Lorelai, O'Keefe Y1

PE KS2 - Harry, Riley Y6

After School Clubs

After school clubs finish today for this term, so please ensure you collect children at 3.10pm next week. Clubs have now been allocated for January 2022. Please check and pay for your clubs in ParentPay - all payments must be made by **9am Monday 13th December** to secure the space. After this time, any spaces will be re-allocated. All clubs will start in the week commencing Monday 17th January 2022.

School Office

Families should, wherever possible, use the email address admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org or messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org to pass on messages about change of pick-up arrangements, notification of appointments (dentist etc.) or messages to teachers. The school office remains officially 'closed' to try to limit the number of people on site. The school phone number is: 020 8546 8210.

Art Club

This week, ten of our wonderful artists from across KS2 were invited to attend the Stanley Picker Gallery in Kingston for the first of a two-part workshop. The workshops will be led by students and graduate artists



from Kingston School of Art. The workshops are inspired by the gallery's upcoming exhibition *Portal Tables* - an installation of sculpture, film, and furniture by design collective The Decorators. They will include interactive exhibition visits, practical activities, and discussion. The children enjoyed their visit, and we hope to showcase their work soon.

Going away at Christmas?

We would like to remind you that there is specific [Government advice](#) for anyone who returns to the UK from abroad. It is not anticipated that staff or pupils will have travelled abroad to red listed countries, but if they do, there are [specific requirements](#) for those who have travelled from countries on the 'red list'. The latest guidance on quarantine can be accessed at [coronavirus \(COVID-19\): how to quarantine when you travel to the UK](#). All children and staff returning to England must adhere to government travel advice in [travel to England from another country during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). Any families planning to travel abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.

Y5 Vikings

During the Year 5 Viking Day, Dali and Warhol classes looked at what life was like for a Viking. First we made some traditional Viking bread. Instead of making yeasty bread, we combined



different flours, oats and honey - in order to make it tasty. Each child made their own little bun, which they then took home. The main activity of the day was creating our very own Viking longship. We designed our ships, paying close attention to the design on the sails, of the animal on the prow of the ship and of the Viking shields, which hung over the outside of the longships. We made these from a range of materials such as paper, straw, and felt - using a range of tools and techniques to assemble them. Lastly, we looked at Viking runes - the ancient language the Vikings used. We looked at their uses, such as

making memorial plaques and protection from spirits. They also used their runes to inscribe their belongings so others knew who they belonged to. Our runes focused on our names or our initials.



PCSA News

We were so pleased to see so many families come and support the Christmas Fair last Saturday. The weather was kind to us, the Christmas tunes were playing and all of the stalls were really busy from the auction and raffle to the chocolate tombola, craft stall and the food and drink stand, serving warming mulled wine and hot chocolate. The PCSA would like to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who volunteered and gave up their time to prepare for the Fair and help on the day. We are so grateful to all of you and everyone who came along. With your support we raised **over £5,000** for the Big Outdoors Project. A fantastic total!

We'll keep you posted about fundraising events in the New Year and don't forget you can still donate towards our fundraising goal by using [The Giving Machine](#) when you shop online and at our [Givey](#) page. Merry Christmas!

King Athelstan PCSA

Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER 2021	
Mon 13	2.30pm - Y2 Hockney Christmas assembly *
Tue 14	Nursery Christmas Stay & Play * 8.55AM/12.45PM 2.30pm - Y1 Van Gogh Christmas assembly*
Wed 15	9.00am YR Nelson Christmas assembly* 2.30pm YR Kusama Christmas assembly* Y4 trip to Rose Theatre
Thu 16	9.00am - Y2 Matisse Christmas assembly* 2.30pm - Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas assembly*
Fri 17	Christmas Jumper/accessories Day Christmas lunch Term ends one hour earlier than usual

Class Assemblies 2022	
Wed 19 th January	Warhol Class Y5
Wed 26 th January	Van Gogh Class Y1
Wed 2 nd February	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 9 th March	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 16 th March	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 3 rd arch	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception

***For all these events, attendance is limited to two people per child, including younger siblings.**

JANUARY 2022	
Tue 4	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Wed 5	School & Nursery closed - INSET day
Thu 6	Children return to school (Thursday)
Mon 10	Y5 Swimming lessons commence
Thu 13	School Tour for new families 4pm - request a place on admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org

