

Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest
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Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to have so many parent/carers sharing our Christmas celebrations in school. We've had eight events in total and the acting, singing, dancing and musicianship that the children have displayed has been splendid!

We are now fifteen weeks into the Autumn Term but the enthusiasm and energy of the children continues to be boundless! What is left to say is a very big 'THANK YOU!' I am very proud of all who make up our school community: our wonderful children, who work hard & show PRIDE in all they do; our dedicated staff; our effective governors and diligent PCSA. Much has been achieved during 2021 and your support and encouragement for the children, staff and school makes such a difference - thank you and please keep it up in 2022.

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Welfare and Attendance Officer, Mrs Sam Abdool, who will be starting her new role at AfC in the new year - I know you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work and the support she has given to the whole school community over her 7 years at King Athelstan. We wish her all the best in her new role.

A reminder that our new term starts for the children on Thursday 6th January 2022 at **8.30am for Nursery, 8.35am for Reception and 8.40 - 8.50am for children in Year 1-6** when we will be delighted to welcome the children back to school. Please keep an eye on your emails over the holidays in case these arrangements change, as the national picture is changing so rapidly.

Finally, I send you, and your nearest and dearest, our very best wishes from King Athelstan for this festive season. Thank you so much for all the gifts, cards and kind words. Merry Christmas and a successful, healthy and prosperous new year!

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

Christmas Holiday Safety - What to do if you are worried about a child...

If you are worried or concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child out of school hours, please contact Kingston's Single Point of Access (SPA) on 0208 547 5008. If you are worried about a child's immediate safety you should phone the police on 999.

Y4 trip to the Rose Theatre



On Wednesday, Year 4 were lucky enough to see Beauty and The Beast at the Rose Theatre. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, behaved really well and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to the Rose Theatre for allowing us to see the performance.

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 list countries, but if they do, there are [specific requirements](#) for those who have travelled from these countries. 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.

House Points

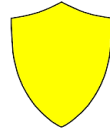
This week first place is taken by **Yellow House, Cambridge**, on 35 points. Red House had 33, Green 25 and Blue 22.



Villers (25)



Dawson (33)



Cambridge (35)



Hawks (22)

Christmas Assembly

Today, instead of our Friday Achievement Assembly, we held a special Christmas Assembly instead. The fantastic choir sang us some Christmas tunes, and we watched a video made by Mr Channing of all our achievements this term. Our assembly also had two extra special guests: Miss Newton and her baby daughter Elise!

Christmas Lunch



Our children had a thoroughly enjoyable day today, wearing their lovely decorated Christmas jumpers and enjoying their festive lunch - well over 290 delicious meals were served! We thank our kitchen staff from Wilson Jones for making the day a great success. Thank you also to the PCSA for supplying over 450 Christmas crackers. All the staff enjoyed joining in with the children, it was great fun!

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors have put together their top 12 tips for an Eco Christmas:

1. Fake Christmas tree you can reuse
2. Natural Christmas decorations
3. Reuse decorations
4. Avoid plastic wrapping paper and use proper paper
5. Recycle materials for decorations and wreaths
6. Use old newspaper to wrap gifts or make decorations
7. Reuse wrapping paper
8. Make your own cards
9. Save unused cards for next year
10. Cut up old Christmas cards to make tags and cards
11. Reduce the amount of tinsel
12. Make snowflakes from recycled paper

Thank you Eco Warriors - very sensible suggestions.

Job Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant to work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7.30am - 8.45am. Please see full details and how to apply here:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1196489>

PCSA News

We will 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

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

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

