



King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 14 - Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Families,

Thank you to all those who attended the Festive Fair last Saturday. The PCSA raised a fantastic £4400 for the school from this amazing event for children and adults alike. A huge thank you to the PCSA organisers: Emily, Luiza, Sarah, Alex, Nic, Monica & Dominika, as well as the many volunteers, including Santa, who contributed to make the whole event such a success. If you feel inspired to be added to the PCSA WhatsApp group to be involved in more organisation across our other events then please do email: kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com. This week was really busy with EYFs and KS1 Christmas assemblies, and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers there. The children did so well, the assemblies were wonderful and can now all be found on Google Classroom for families to watch again. Please do not upload any part of them onto social media sites. Thank you to everyone for supporting with learning lines, songs, actions and providing costumes - it made the school really feel like Christmas is just around the corner.



Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton
Headteacher

BBC 500 Words Competition



We heard this week that Rachel and Tasya, both in Hockney Class, Year 2, have made it through to the next stage of BBC 500 Words with their stories! Congratulations to them both. Please let us know if any more children are successful. The BBC received thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency, so this is a great achievement. Selection of shortlisted stories will take place in January, so watch this space.

Choir Event

Our wonderful KS2 Choir, after singing so excellently at the Festive Fair, were invited to entertain shoppers at Waitrose in Kingston on Thursday afternoon with lots of Christmassy songs. They received great feedback and really enjoyed the experience. Well done Mr Thomas and the Choir!

Nursery at Christmas

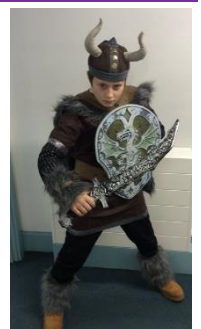


Nursery also delighted their parents and carers when they came into hear their Christmas singing! They have also been busy with Christmas stories, and made their own Stickmen!



Y5 Viking Day

Y5 held a Viking Day this week and dressed up appropriately! There was lots of fur and a few horns. They spent the day immersed in all things Viking, such as making longboats.



Morning Reading Groups

The morning reading groups (by invitation only) starting at 8.20am will be running right up until the last day of term on Thursday 21st December. They will start again on the first day of the spring term, 9th January 2024.

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Thinker's Project

Remember that children are encouraged to bring their Thinker's Project pieces into their classes to show teachers. The Thinker's Project Exhibition will be held on **Wednesday 20th December** in the hall from 3.20 - 3.50pm, and again from 5.30-6pm. Please come along then and help us celebrate your child's amazing contributions.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch is on **Thursday 21st December**. Please book ParentPay as usual, however the original menu selections will still be visible and not the menu changes. To book this special meal on ParentPay:

- choose the meat option (chicken burger) for your child to have roast turkey
- choose the veggie option (cheese and tomato pizza) for your child to have festive veg pinwheel
- **jacket Potatoes will not be served on this day.** However, we are unable to remove this option from ParentPay. If you select jacket potato for your child they will be served the veggie option on the Friday.
- if you select a side it will be chicken/veggie chipolatas, roast potatoes, parsnips, brussels sprouts, carrots, garden peas, sage & onion stuffing & gravy
- If you select dessert it will be chocolate celebration cake or mince pie and custard

Menu swap day

Because we are serving a roast lunch on the Thursday 21st December, we will be swapping our usual Thursday menu (chicken burger or cheese and tomato pizza) to the day before, so to book lunch on Wednesday 20th December:

- choose the meat option (roast chicken) for your child to have chicken burger
- choose the veggie option (Quorn roast) for your child to have cheese and tomato pizza
- jacket potatoes will be available as usual on this day
- if you select a side it will be wedges, baked beans - garden peas
- if you select dessert it will be flapjack

Please contact the School Office on 020 8546 8210 or admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org if you have any questions.



Advent Calendar



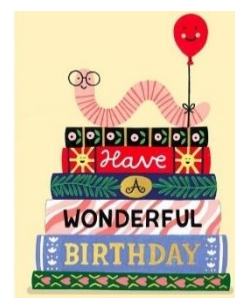
Children across the school have been busy with our Random Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar. Every day since 1st December, each class has been picking random activities for each day. The acts of kindness range from picking up litter, saying hello to everyone, to tidying up without being asked, and children take turns to carry out the activities daily. Advent traditionally runs from 1st December runs right up to 24th December, just before Christmas Day.

Admission to Reception in 2024

Applications are **open** for any children born between **1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020** who are due to start Reception Class in **September 2024**. Please submit your application by **Monday 15th January 2024** by visiting: [eAdmissions Website](#).

Birthday Books

We hold a Silver Healthy Schools Award and are currently working towards our Gold award. We have a fantastic way of celebrating children's birthdays without children bringing in cakes or sweets! We would like children instead to donate a book to their class on their birthday, as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. When your child brings in a birthday book, we add a book plate at the front with their name and birthday and put on a protective cover before the book goes into their class reading corner. We particularly welcome dual language children's reading books. There is no requirement to donate a book - it is purely voluntary.



Meal Vouchers

Achieving for Children (AfC) will again be providing supermarket vouchers for the Christmas holidays for children on benefits related Free School Meals(FSM) in YR - Y6 (not the universal free school meals). If families think that they may qualify for benefits related FSM and have not yet applied please [click here](#). Families will need to have confirmation by **Monday 11th December 2023** to receive the vouchers for the Christmas Holidays.

Anti-Racist Pledge



As a Kingston school, we commit to the actions shown on the left. King Athelstan Primary School is a multi-racial, multi-faith and multi-cultural school community. We welcome this richness and celebrate this diversity in our school. We are an inclusive school where we put children's happiness and welfare at the heart of everything we do, as well as a relentless pursuit of excellence to achieve high standards and where all members of our community are valued equally.

We believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination,

promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It also ensures that we continue to taking account of gender, ethnicity, culture, religion, language, sexual orientation, age, ability, special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) and social circumstances.

Amazon Wish List

Thank you so much to those who continue to purchase items from the school Wish List. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. There is, of course, **no obligation to buy anything**.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Sophia

O'Keeffe Y1 - Hannah

Whole of Y2 for fantastic Christmas assemblies

Cassatt Y3 - Israel

Da Vinci Y3 - Lillie

Whole of Mehretu Y4 for a great assembly

Wiley Y4 - Nancy

Warhol Y5 - Eabha

Dali Y5 - Antonia

Riley Y6 - Anesu

Kahlo Y6 - Daniel

KS1 PE Nicholas in Van Gogh Y1

KS2 PE Ava in Dali Y5

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jamie	Jensen	Daniel	Anastasiia	Meryem	Violet
Matilda	Joshua	Sahib	Mohamad	Martha	

Miss Meggitt awarded a special Equalities and Diversity certificate to Lacey in Y5 for her lovely poster.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Tuesday 19	Y4 to see Peter Pan at the Rose Theatre - please note change of dismissal location
Thursday 21	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 21	Break up one hour earlier for Christmas holidays. No KOOSA Kids on this day

JANUARY 2024

Monday 8	INSET Day - children not in school
Tuesday 9	Children return for spring term
Tuesday 9	Morning reading groups recommence
Friday 12	First Y5 Swimming lesson- please consent/pay/volunteer on ParentPay
Friday 12	Forest School resumes
Monday 15	Spring clubs start this week

FEBRUARY 2024

Thursday 1	Y6 Junior Citizen trip
Wednesday 7	Da Vinci Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 7	EYFS Museum - in Nursery & Reception classrooms
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Half Term

Community Messages

In this section of the Digest we include information received from other agencies. We are not promoting these items, but include them in good faith as they may be of interest to King Athelstan families:

KOOSA Kids are running their **Frosty Fantasyland** activity programme at King Athelstan from 2-5th January 2024. The cost is just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)! Visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are now open.



FUEL: Holiday Activity and Food programme - Winter 2023

AfC is responsible for the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme across Kingston and Richmond. Our HAF is called FUEL and it provides free activities and food for children who are receiving benefit-related free school meals (not universal free school meals). Each eligible child has their own unique FUEL booking code. Contact school if you do not have your child's code. Bookings for the FUEL winter holiday programme are now live, please book places here via the [website](#).



In addition, Hampton Youth Project will be getting into the Christmas spirit and celebrating the holiday across two weeks. As well as the usual activities, young people aged **9-16** will be able to attend two fantastic trips:

Trip 1: Gravity Max Wandsworth - Go Karting, Darts and Bowling

Trip 2: Ice Skating @ Hampton Court Palace

Please note, while the trips are heavily subsidised there is a small cost for the trips (£5) and the roller disco (£3). If you would like more information please contact [Justin Johnson](#).

FUEL: St Mary's Ukrainian Christmas Holiday Programme

St Mary's Supplementary School has secured FUEL permission to run a special Christmas holiday week for Ukrainian pupils aged 5-16. It will be held at St Richards in Ham from 2-6 January 9.30am-4.30pm. Please sign up on the [form here](#), which is in English and Ukrainian. More information in both languages is [here](#). St Mary's will also be offering a GCSE booster group each afternoon for older children.



King Athelstan Primary School is a place of respect for everyone: children, staff, families and visitors.



The staff at King Athelstan are here to listen and assist you.

Please speak calmly and respectfully to all staff so that we can address your concerns effectively.

Aggressive, abusive or threatening communication with staff will not be tolerated, either in person, via voice message, or written messages. This also includes shouting and swearing.

Anyone considered to be behaving in this way, will be asked to leave the school site.

When we work together, we can support your children effectively.