



## King Athelstan Weekly Digest Issue 3 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

This week our Behaviour Policy focus was 'we are kind'. It has been good to see lots of children demonstrating kindness in so many different ways this week.

Mrs Ahearn and I had the very difficult job of interviewing candidates for the Junior Leadership Team this week. We listened to the presentations of those shortlisted and then interviewed each candidate. We were very impressed by the children's mature attitude and approach to the process. Congratulations to Eabha and Max who are our new Co-Chairs, and also to the rest of the team supporting them. They have already started some of their duties – regularly doing health and safety walks to check for repairs and any issues around school.

Thank you for your support and understanding in the power cut situation yesterday, and to the PCSA who supported with quick communication to everyone on their circulation lists. If we totally lose power, we have a back up system using mobile phones but our main communication with families is always through the home page of our school website, so do check there for updates if there is something out of the ordinary happening. Luckily, it was all sorted out overnight. Hopefully, the repairs and the path in Villiers Rd will be completed soon so that the temporary traffic lights can be removed.

Our Harvest Festival celebration is coming up in a couple of weeks. This will involve a Harvest-themed assembly for the children and a collection of items for our local foodbank. We will issue a list of items that the foodbank needs in next week's Digest. We know that many families here benefit from the regular support of the foodbank. There is no obligation to contribute – it is purely a voluntary collection. Our collection will take place over a week starting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and ending on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, World Mental Health Day which we mark every year. This year's theme is generosity.

Have a good weekend.

**Emily Newton**  
Headteacher



### Junior Leadership Team

We are really pleased to announce our new Junior Leadership Team for 2024-25:

Co-Chairs are Max and Eabha, and the Vice-Chairs are Nicola and Kayla. The Equality Lead is Alice. They will be supported by a large group of Prefects, who will receive their duties shortly.

The successful House Captains are: **Red- Dorothy and Frankie**; **Green- Amber and Oscar**; **Yellow - Adam and Martha**; **Blue - Agatha and Katie**. Mr McLaughlin will be relying on them to collect House Points weekly, and of course they will have a big responsibility on Sports Days (at the end of June)



Elections for the School Council will take place next week. The closing date for Eco Warrior applications is also next week, on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.



### Job Vacancy

Any vacancies for roles within school are advertised on [eteach.com](https://www.eteach.com). We are currently looking for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to work at lunchtimes. Please see the advertisement here. <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-meals-supervisory-assistant-1442778>. The application is online.



### Free School Meals

All children in primary school are entitled to a universal free school lunch. However, if you are in receipt of benefits, your child may qualify for benefits-related free school meals and Pupil Premium. This means you may also receive free meal vouchers during school holidays and qualify for a free extra-curricular club or free clubs during school holidays with KOOSA Kids or other providers. King Athelstan will also receive additional funding too. For further details and to complete the application form, click here: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals-1>

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## Mystery Readers

The Mystery Reader scheme will begin again later this term. Look out for the sign-up sheets coming soon on your child's Google Classroom.



## Amazon Wish List

We have an ongoing Amazon Wish List which was started after families wanted to contribute items to school. There is no obligation to buy anything, but any purchases are very much appreciated. This week we have added some items of spare uniform to support families. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz> . Thank you.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER 2024	
Wednesday 2	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 2	A Day in the Life of Reception online 4pm
Thursday 3	Individual & sibling school photos
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery AM 11.30am in person (15 mins approx.)
Thursday 3	A Day in the Life of Nursery PM 3.30pm in person (15 mins approx.)
Friday 4	INSET DAY - children not in school
Wednesday 10	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11	PSCA Coffee Morning for Reception (local café)
Friday 18	Parent/Carer Book Looks 3.20pm
Tuesday 22	Whole school nasal flu immunisations R-Y6
Tuesday 22	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person
Thursday 24	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online
Friday 25	Cake Sale Y6 3.15pm
Thursday 31	Y6 Secondary School Applications close
Mon 28- Fri 1 Nov	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Thursday 7	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person
Friday 15	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories
Wednesday 20	Y5 Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 23	PSCA Family Rave at St John's - ticket link will be shared soon
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Wednesday 4	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am
Monday 9	Y2 Christmas Assemblies
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 10	Reception Christmas Assemblies
Wednesday 11	Y1 Christmas Assemblies
Thursday 12	Nursery Christmas Singing
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early

## Achievement Assembly

Assembly was beautifully accompanied by James, Y6, on the piano.



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Aicha

Matisse Y2 - Aaron

Cassatt Y3 - Elvis

Mehretu Y4 - Khadija

Dali Y5 - Emily

Riley Y6 - Lenny

KS1 PE Talia in Matisse class

O'Keeffe Y1 - Sunny Blue

Hockney Y2 - Robin

Da Vinci Y3 - Talia-Rose

Wiley Y4 - Roxani

Warhol Y5 - Bob

Kahlo Y6 - Bailey

KS2 PE Arthur in Kahlo class

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Paula	Amina	Pedro	Ben	Karlis
Loni	Alan	Ruby	Poppie-Rose	Mariline

## PCSA

The PCSA (Parent Carer Staff Association) brings together parents, carers and staff to support the school and to raise money. See the website here: <https://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/> to find out all about it.



## 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:

**Fairfield Litter Pick - tomorrow, Saturday 21 Sept from 2-3pm** to clear up the park as part of the World Cleanup Day weekend. As always, there'll be litter pickers to lend out and sweet treats for participants, so hope to see lots of helpers! And if you're keen to find out about other environmentally-focused events happening this month as part of **Sustainable September**, check out [this list](#) of other ways to get involved locally, and maybe even consider signing up for the next family-friendly bike ride on **Sunday 6 October**, from Surbiton's Claremont Gardens - info [here](#).



**Stanley Picker Gallery and Dorich House Museum** – the Gallery and Museum invite you to join their next Communities Forum on **Wednesday 2 October, from 5pm**. The forum will be a relaxed social gathering, including a vegan buffet meal and drinks, and open discussion with community partners of the Gallery, Museum and Kingston University. They will be introducing members of [121 Collective](#) and Kingston School of Art MA Architecture Students, who were involved in the design and installation of the current exhibition, [Under Construction](#). This surveys more than a decade of ambitious live-build projects led by architect Takeshi Hayatsu in collaboration with students and local community partners. A selection of projects is presented through tactile materials, highlighting different craft techniques, scale models, re-constructed structures, and film. They are keen to engage community participants in the exhibition and making processes. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about other upcoming participatory opportunities, including working with Kingston School of Art Illustration Animation, and sculptor, Diana Puntar. Everyone is welcome to come along!

**Natalie Kay, Participation Curator** Stanley Picker Gallery, Dorich House Museum, Kingston University

Free local hockey sessions:



**SURBITON HOCKEY CLUB**  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**FREE  
AFTER SCHOOL  
HOCKEY CLUB**

Yr 3 to Yr 6

**All abilities  
welcome**

Hockey sticks are  
available to borrow.  
Please wear your  
own gum shields and  
shin pads.

**Book  
Here**

**Thursdays**  
TERM TIME  
4.30pm to  
5.30pm

**Surbiton  
Hockey Club**  
Sugden Rd  
Long Ditton  
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