



Dear Families,

This week our school rule focus was "perseverance", the first of our PRIDE values. Next week, our focus will be on "respect".



We spent a lot of time in my assembly this week talking about how to address things that worry us and how to seek help with this so that we feel happy and ready to learn. We reminded children of the 'I need to talk' posters (left) which are in every classroom.



On the same readiness to learn theme, we have noticed that many children are saying they are hungry and/or asking for snacks mid-morning. As our moods can often be determined by hunger (and tiredness) children can struggle to learn. A number of children report not eating anything at all for breakfast or are eating things like a bag of crisps, sweets or items with high sugar content which means it is very hard to concentrate. Please ensure that your child/ren have a really good breakfast before they come to school - enough to sustain them until lunch time at 12.00pm (Reception), 12.20pm (KS1) or 12.30pm - 13.00pm (KS2). Something like cereal (cornflakes, porridge etc) and toast, fruit, or eggs will enable them to focus well on their learning.

EYFS and KS1 children receive a piece of fruit provided as a mid-morning snack but KS2 children do not, so please send in snacks for your KS2 child/ren to eat at break time. Children are only allowed to eat a piece of fruit or vegetables, and please remember **NO NUTS**.

Please be aware that the Inclusion team can provide Food Bank Vouchers to families if they are struggling to buy breakfast items. You can send an email request to the admin email address ([admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org)) or come in and speak to a member of the Inclusion team (Mrs Ramkissoon, Mrs Whooley, Mrs Bennett).

The weather is very changeable at the moment. Please make sure your children have a warm coat in school every day. Thank you.

Don't forget that next week we have Parent/Carer Consultations for most children, with SEND Parent/Carer Consultations after half-term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton  
Headteacher

### Foodbank Donations

Thank you so much to all who generously donated food or other items recently for the Kingston Foodbank. We delivered five crates of tinned food, a large box full of breakfast cereals, two bags of toiletries, six bags of pasta and several other bags of various food and household cleaning items! The Foodbank were very grateful.



## Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Please remember that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your children currently in Year 6 is **Thursday 31st October 2024**, during the half-term break. Applications must be made online via eAdmissions. See the website here for further information and to apply: [AfC website](#). The eAdmissions Helpdesk <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/help> will not be available after 6pm on the closing date, so please start your application as soon as possible so you can contact them if you experience difficulty logging in to an existing account or creating a new one. Year 6 families will find out which school place they have been offered on **Monday 3rd March 2025**.

## 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. The link is: <https://amzn.eu/hcy87Hz>. We also have the voluntary overpayments items in ParentPay. Thank you.



## Y6 PGL Trip

We are delighted to announce that we are once again able to offer a four day (three nights) residential trip for the children in Year 6 in June 2025. The group will go to Liddington, one of PGL's biggest adventure centres, with acres of space to enjoy and plenty of activities to inspire, motivate and challenge pupils. Liddington has a range of facilities such as water sports lakes, sports pitches, climbing walls, zip wires and much more. By combining many National Curriculum-linked modules with thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities, this trip is sure to provide children with a wealth of new experiences outside of the classroom. For current Y6 families, the initial **deposit of £40** for the trip is due by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Please see the letter emailed to you on 10<sup>th</sup> October for more information, and a link to the Google form which also needs to be completed. Thank you.



## Zebra Crossing on Villiers Rd

We are sad to announce that Andy Garside is no longer going to be on the crossing patrol outside school. Andy has been doing this role for 11 years and we thank him for his commitment to the school community and for keeping everyone safe. At the moment, we are liaising with the council about Andy's replacement as the crossing patrol person is employed directly by the council. If you would like to donate towards a gift for Andy from the school community, we have opened an item in ParentPay. This is, of course, entirely optional. Next week we will be reminding children of how to cross the road safely. Please keep your children close to you as you approach the crossing, and cross together using the following guidelines. Please never cross Villiers Road without using the crossing or your children will copy this in the future.

### Highway Code Guidance when crossing the road using a [zebra crossing](#)

- Give traffic plenty of time to see you and to stop before you start to cross, remembering that vehicles need more time when the road is slippery (wet or icy).
- Wait until traffic has stopped before crossing.
- Remember that traffic does not have to stop until someone has moved onto the crossing.
- The Villiers Road zebra crossing has an island in the middle of a zebra crossing which means that you should wait on the island and check for traffic again before you cross the second half of the road - it is a separate crossing.
- Scooters and cycles should be pushed, not ridden
- Keep looking both ways, and listening, in case a driver or rider has not seen you

## EYFS Donation

As mentioned in the 'Day in the Life' Presentations, and on Google Classroom, every year we request a donation of £5 per child in Nursery and Reception. This helps us to continue to provide extra resources, such as play dough, paints and items for cooking and gardening. Please go to ParentPay to make a donation. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY	
OCTOBER 2024	
Tuesday 22	Whole school nasal flu immunisations
Tuesday 22	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (not Matisse)
Thursday 24	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (not Matisse)
Wednesday 23	Author visit in school for Y3-6
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	Y4 Virtual 'trip' to the British Museum - go to ParentPay
Tuesday 5	Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm in person
Tuesday 5	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (not Van Gogh)
Wednesday 6	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (Van Gogh Only)
Thursday 7	SEND Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-5.30pm in person (all classes)
Thursday 7	Little Klee Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 1-2.15pm in person
Monday 11	Y2 trip to Bushy Park - please go to ParentPay
Tuesday 12	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.30-6.30pm in person (Matisse only)
Thursday 14	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings 4-6.30pm online (Matisse only)
Friday 15	Children in Need - wear spotty accessories and donate on ParentPay
Wednesday 20	Y5 Warhol Class Assembly 9am
Saturday 23	PCSA Family Rave at St John's - for ticket link, see PCSA noticeboard
Wednesday 27	Y4 Wiley Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 27	Y5 Trip to the Science Museum - go to ParentPay
Friday 29	Cake Sale Y5 3.15pm
DECEMBER 2024	
Tuesday 3	Y4 MTC Parent/Carer Meeting 3.20pm
Wednesday 4	Y6 Riley Class Assembly 9am
Monday 9	Y2 Matisse Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Monday 9	Y2 Hockney Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 9	Last week of clubs
Saturday 7	Festive Fair 12-3pm
Tuesday 10	Reception Nelson Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 11	Y1 Van Gogh Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 11	Y1 O'Keeffe Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 11	Y5 & Y6 ice skating at Hampton Court
Thursday 12	Nursery AM Christmas Singing & Crafts 11-11.30am
Thursday 12	Reception Kusama Christmas Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 12	Nursery PM Christmas Singing & Crafts 12.30-1pm
Friday 20	Break up for Christmas one hour early. No KOOSA Kids on this day
JANUARY 2025	
Monday 6	Inset Day - children not in school
Friday 10	Y5 first swimming lesson
Wednesday 15	Deadline for applications for Reception places in September 2025
Wednesday 29	Matisse Class Assembly 9am

## Achievement Assembly



### Achievement Award

Van Gogh Y1 - Miles

O'Keeffe Y1 - Sharvika

Matisse Y2 - Grace

Hockney Y2 - Nadia

Cassatt Y3 - Moreglory

Da Vinci Y3 - Rachel

Mehretu Y4 - Dunia

Wiley Y4 - Ottilie

Dali Y5 - Ben

Warhol Y5 - Whole class!

Riley Y6 - Yaathya

Kahlo Y6 - Oscar

KS1 PE - Aaron in Van Gogh class

KS2 PE - Ottilie in Wiley Class

Miss Meggitt awarded certificates to Summer in Wiley Class and Sophia in Kahlo Class for their work relating to Black History Month. You can see their work on the new display board in the Hall.

Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots Maths Champions this week:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 6
Herberts	Clorinda	Joshua	Pedro	Ege
Ruth	Liana	Noor	Ethan	

### House Points

This week, **Red (Dawson)** are the winners with 31 points. Yellow (Cambridge) are just behind on 30. Blue (Hawks) have 26 and Green (Villiers) have 23.



### PCSA

Contact: [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com)

PCSA are very excited to announce the new Second Hand Uniform 'shop'! We now have an area within the school (and outside of the slightly damp PCSA shed) where the uniform can be stored and accessed regularly. To check available stock [please see link here](#). To request any stock, please email [kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com](mailto:kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com) with details of what you would like (item and size). We will then access the items at our earliest convenience and arrange to meet you or leave it at school reception with your name on (or if anyone would be able to volunteer to take on the running of this now it is all set up that would be great!). We can also take donations to keep stock topped up. Please contact one of the committee or your class rep to arrange. Or leave at the school reception and they will let us know to collect it. Please ensure all donations are clean and in good condition. No shoes.

PCSA has partnered with the **Old London Road Café**. They are offering 10% off until the end of the year if you quote King Athelstan. See poster [HERE](#) and on the PCSA board. Make this the location for your next coffee morning! **Why not go along after drop off on any Friday morning and find other KA parents/carers to catch up with.**



## KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to be operating their October Half Term Holiday Club at King Athelstan Primary School from 28th October to 1st November. Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. For all children aged 4-13. Booking is open now.



## 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:

**Girls Journeying Together** - this is a programme run by [Rites for Girls](http://www.ritesforgirls.com), which has been awarded support by the Lottery Fund. They inspire and empower girls using circle-based mentorship; guiding them, building their inner resources and their friendship so they grow up strong and free, gaining tools to navigate their teen years. Free places available (subject to eligibility) for the next [Girls Journeying Together](http://www.ritesforgirls.com) group for 10-12 year old girls (year 6 and 7) starting in March 2025 in Kingston upon Thames. To read more about it and book a place for the free taster session, you can click [here](#) or write to [annamaria@ritesforgirls.com](mailto:annamaria@ritesforgirls.com)"



**Kingston Adult Education** - there are a number of courses starting after half term that may be of interest to parents and carers. As part of Kingston Council, Kingston Adult Education provides a comprehensive range of courses to help adult learners gain qualifications, enhance employability, boost mental health and explore new interests. Many of our courses are government funded, therefore free of charge or subsidised to adults on low incomes. Browse & book online:



[www.kingston.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/adulteducation)

**Jobs Workshop** - there is an exciting **event** on **21 October at 10:30** for Mums in Kingston who want to get ready for work. The project is funded by the Mayor of London and the London Borough of Kingston. The mums get a mentor, free accredited training and a £50 Job start bonus. It takes place at Everyday Conferencing, 46 Union Street, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1RP. See here for more information and to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-welcome-workshop-kingston-tickets-995525653027?aff=oddtcreator>

**Ellingham Primary School** - job vacancy for the role of Clerk to the Governors. See here for full details and how to apply: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=21368>

**Junior Parkrun** - Fancy getting active as a family? Try junior parkrun [www.parkrun.com/about/join-us/junior-parkrun/](http://www.parkrun.com/about/join-us/junior-parkrun/) a free fun, friendly, weekly community event for children aged 4 to 14 organised by local volunteers. Taking part is easy, the course is just 2km, and children can walk, skip, jog or run either by themselves or with a parent/carer. We are lucky enough to have two events locally: one in Kingston at Latchmere Recreation Ground on Latchmere Rd, (<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/latchmererec-juniors/>) and the other in Surbiton at Alexandra Recreation Ground (<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/surbiton-juniors/>). Go along and give it a go!

