King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear Families,

I am writing to share with you our plans for Christmas at King Athelstan this year, including:

- Children's Christmas cards to each other
- Christmas Assemblies
- Christmas Lunch
- Term dates

Christmas Cards

There will be a Christmas card post box outside the front of the school from Monday 8th to Thursday 18th December, for children to 'post' cards to their friends/staff. Please ensure that the name of the child/adult and their class is clearly written on each envelope.

The cards will be sorted and delivered to classes and staff members before the end of term. Children may NOT bring cards into the classroom/playground to hand out as this is disruptive to lessons.

Christmas Performances

We are delighted to be holding Christmas Assemblies again this year for classes in EYFS and KS1. The children in Y1 and Y2 will be singing festive songs and performing a Christmas poem/story for your enjoyment. Reception Classes are putting on a short Christmas performance, and Nursery will be hosting festive singing and craft activities for their families. Please note that we can only accommodate a maximum of 3 family members (including younger siblings) per child in each assembly/show, and up to 2 family members in the Nursery sessions due to space restrictions. We would be grateful if alternative arrangements could be made for younger siblings during the Nursery sessions. Please note, school-aged siblings will see the performances in school with their classes. Please contact school if you have a specific reason why you would need to bring more people and we will see if we can accommodate this.

We will be recording the assemblies and uploading them onto your child's Google Classroom so that you can play them for other family members and still enjoy the performance virtually in the event that you cannot attend. Please remember that, as part of the home learning agreement, all families have agreed not to download or share on other platforms (e.g. WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.) footage that is available on Google Classroom. This is vital to maintain the safety of individuals within our school community.











Please see below for the dates of your child's event:

Friday 12th December - 9.15am	Hall	Kusama Class (Reception)
Friday 12th December - 2.30pm	Hall	Nelson Class (Reception)
Monday 15 th December - 9.15am	Hall	Matisse Class (Y2)
Monday 15th December - 2.30pm	Hall	O'Keeffe Class (Y1)
Wednesday 17th December - 9.15am	Hall	Van Gogh Class (Y1)
Wednesday 17 th December - 2.30pm	Hall	Hockney Class (Y2)
Thursday 18th December - 11-11.30am	Nursery	AM Nursery (songs and crafts)
Thursday 18th December - 12.30-1pm	Nursery	PM Nursery (songs and crafts)

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Friday 19th December (final day of term) and children may wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories with their uniform if they wish on that day. Please book via ParentPay as usual. The menu for is roast turkey or a vegetarian option. There will be no baked potatoes available. Please note, the menu for Wednesday and Friday will be swapped this week, so the meal on Wednesday 18th December will be fish fingers and chips.

Last Day of Term

Please note that, as usual, we will be finishing early on the last day of term, Friday 19th December. The collection times for your child will be 1 hour earlier than usual (except for Nursery AM). Please remember that there is no KOOSA Kids on this day.

Year Group	Pick up time	
AM Nursery	11:30am as normal	
Reception	2:10pm	
Year 1-6	2:15pm	
PM Nursery	2:30pm	

Spring Term

The spring term will start for children on Tuesday 6th January 2026, as Monday 5th is an INSET day for staff in school only.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to seeing you over this festive period.

Emily Newton

Headteacher

