

King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

21/10/16



Welcome to the second newsletter of the year! We extend a special welcome to a number of new faces in the school community. It has been a very busy half term with everyone working hard to "inspire excellence." We hope you all have a happy and relaxing half-term, and return refreshed and ready to work hard again!

Key Dates:

The calendar of events up to the end of term is at the back of this newsletter, and is updated on the Website, too. Remember, parents/carers are always welcome to join us for Class assemblies; the first one is Dali Class on 1st December.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Zoe Wright who will be returning from maternity leave after half-term on a part time basis. Initially Mrs Wright will be working with lots of different classes so all children will benefit from working with her.

We welcome also Miss Sarah Schricker who is taking over as the TA for the rest of the year in Magritte Class. Miss Schricker has been working with the class on a temporary basis for a number of weeks.

We say goodbye to Miss Ashley Tam who is returning overseas after half-term. Miss Tam has been working in Dali Class this term however has worked with the current Year 6 previously. We wish her every success.

Sports News

There have been several sporting events which our children took part in this half-term:

- Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala on Thursday 29th September
 - Year 2 Five-a-side Football Festival at Goals on 6 October
 - Y5-Y6 Tag Rugby Competition on 13th October
- Well done to all competitors!



Bike Shed

Please store bikes and scooters carefully to avoid accidents.

Head Lice

There have been a few recurring instances of head lice lately. Half-term is an ideal time to treat everyone so we all return to school happy and healthy (and lice-free!)

Car Parking and crossing

Please ensure that you take care and park safely around local roads at drop off and pick up. The roads are busy and drivers are often in a rush. We do not want any of our families to be in danger. Parking on the corner of Dawson Road is particularly dangerous as it prevents families crossing safely to get to the pedestrian crossing.

Please also be considerate to our neighbours and do not block driveways or access routes.

Please **ONLY** cross Villiers Road on the crossing. Thank you!



Reminders from the School Office

- After half-term the **vast majority** of our communications will be sent via e-mail. Please ensure we have an up to date e-mail address for you so you receive all messages.
- Please ensure alternative collection arrangements are given to the office before 2pm on the day of the change.
- Please avoid bringing packed lunches into the office after the start of school - children need to bring them in the morning when they arrive.
- Please note Breakfast Club must now be paid for on Parentpay. A booking form must be completed for each child before they can join. Please see the school website for more details, or ask in the office.
- The new menu is now available for you to see on ParentPay. Please ensure that your child's meals are booked in advance, **even if** you do not pay for them.
- Don't forget Secondary School applications are due in by 31st October!
- Thank you for supporting our hardworking office team!

Sickness

If your child is sick, they must stay at home. Children must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and diarrhea. Thank you for your cooperation.

Volunteers

Do you have some spare time? Would you be available to attend school trips, even if it's not your child's class? We sometimes need extra adults with current List99 or DBS clearance to accompany groups. If you could be available, please leave your details with the office and we will contact you if we need you. Thank you.

Gup Shup Aur Chai (Chit chat & tea)
Womens' Support Group



Meet old friends and make new friends

Women from all walks of life welcome

Every Tuesday 12.30-2.30

Tolworth Children's Centre,

School Lane, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7QJ

For more information, please contact Linda Jackson Call:

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True Honour Charity

School Council

On Monday 10th October the school council visited the Houses of Parliament to explore how democracy works. It was the first ever visit undertaken by a group of children from King Athelstan and our school councillors' behaviour was exemplary throughout. After navigating the tight security, they were taken to the House of Lords and the House of Commons where they were not allowed to sit down because they were neither nobility nor elected members of parliament! The trip allowed our elected body, the school council, to experience what it is like to represent others and make laws and rules that govern the country. We hope that this experience will allow them to continue to run our school in the best interests of all pupils.



Key Dates for this term

November

Tuesday 1 st	PCSA Bag2School
Wednesday 2 nd	Y1 trip to the market
Wednesday 2 nd	Cezanne Class to Build-a-Bear
Friday 4 th	Y5 Gainsborough Cake Sale
Monday 7 th	Parents'/Carers' evening 4-7pm
Tuesday 8 th	Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 9 th	Parents'/Carers' evening 3.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Individual School Photos
Thursday 10 th	Rotary Club Assembly
Monday 14 th	James Berry MP to visit
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th	National Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 15 th	Stay & Play - Nursery AM/Reception
Tuesday 15 th	Cinema Trip - Da Vinci
Wednesday 16 th	Y1 storytelling
Thursday 17 th	Governors' Visit Day
Friday 18 th	Y4 Kandinsky Cake Sale
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 5 trip to Kingston Museum

December

Thursday 1 st	Y3 Dali Class Assembly
Monday 5 th	Governors' Meeting
Tuesday 6 th	Dance Festival
Thursday 8 th	Y6 O'Keeffe Class Assembly
Friday 9 th	Christmas Fair
Monday 12 th	Nursery am & pm Christmas Singing
Tuesday 13 th	Y2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 14 th	Y1 Christmas Production
Thursday 15 th	Reception Christmas Production
Monday 19 th	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term

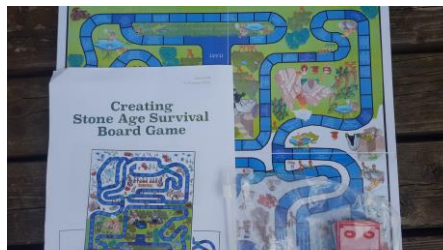
Swimming: Year Groups 5 & 6 will swim in the Spring term.



A number of our Year 4 and 5 children have been exhibiting their writing on Pobble. This is a fantastic website where children can comment on each other's work and also get the views of others. It is really important that children have an audience for their writing. Please take a look at their work and look out for updates. When you get to the home page, click "try Pobble it's free" and then search for King Athelstan. Happy reading! <https://www.pobble.com/>

Thinker's Homework

We are really delighted with the Thinker's Homework that has been brought in this term from "The Dawn of Man".



PCSA News

PCSA AGM - Friday 4 November 9am, Children's Centre

If you are interested in standing for a committee position or becoming a class rep, please attend or email us to let us know if you are unable to attend. More information, including details on all roles and what they entail can be found on the PCSA website

at <http://pcsa.kingathelstan.co.uk/latest-news/2016/09/agm-details/>

Other dates, which you may already have:

- Bag2School Tuesday 1 Nov - please drop bags off to the small hall
- Christmas Fair Friday 9 Dec 2.30-5pm

Next cake sale dates

Gainsborough 04-Nov

Kandinsky 18-Nov

Recruitment Opportunities:



Grounds and Premises Assistant

Grade C (£7,453 - £7,635)

15 hours per week (3 hours per day), year round

Hours of work to be agreed

Flexibility to do overtime is essential

One year contract initially

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic and flexible person to help with the maintenance of our grounds and buildings. Working under the direction of our Premises Manager, your duties will include gardening, general repairs and maintenance, and general portering duties. This position would suit somebody who has practical gardening and DIY skills and enjoys working as part of a team.

Closing date: 9am Friday 4th November 2016

Interviews and activities: w/c 7th November 2016

Lunchtime Supervisor

GLPC Grade A (£2,459 pro rata per annum)

6 hours per week term time only

Required as soon as possible

We are looking for an outstanding Lunchtime Supervisor which requires the ability to work with all groups of children between the ages of 3 and 11 years old. This person needs to be kind, outgoing and creative. The role includes working both in the lunch hall with children and organising games and activities in the playground. Enthusiasm is a must!

Closing date: 9am Friday 4th November 2016

Interviews: w/c Monday 7th November 2016

If you have not heard from us by Wednesday 16th November 2016 your application has been unsuccessful.

King Athelstan is a happy and diverse community school with an on-site Children's Centre and Extended Schools' activities in line with our vision of "Inspiring Excellence."

We strongly encourage and welcome applicants to visit our school.

Please contact the school office to arrange a convenient day and time.

To apply please download the application forms from the school website or contact the school office by telephone on 020 8546 8210 or by email on admin@kingathelstan.rbk.sch.org. Please note that we are unable to accept CVs as an application.

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames is an equal opportunities employer. This authority is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment