



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 1

Friday 12th September 2014



Welcome to the new school year!



Welcome back everyone! We are all very excited about the opportunities that the new school year offers us at King Athelstan. It has been lovely to see the pupils back beautifully dressed in their uniforms and eager to learn. The atmosphere within the school has been fantastic and great learning has already taken place. We are delighted to welcome new staff and children into the school.

The leadership team has seen an increase in capacity. Maggie Fairweather has been replaced by Joe Porter as Deputy Headteacher. We welcome Paul Chandler who has taken the role of Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for leading the curriculum and Maths within the school. Morag Shrafeddin has been appointed Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Assessment and English. Karen Barkha is EYFS lead and Elaine Neafcey is leading on the New School Curriculum. Mr Holmes continues his role as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion.

We also welcome the following teachers:

Miss Rebecca Parker: Rousseau class Mrs Louise Ross: Picasso class Mrs Zoe Wright: Dali class

Miss Laura Meggitt: Van Gogh class

We welcome back Mrs Jenny Hutchings: Michaelangelo (Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs Emma-Jean Lee who will be working in year 1 and across the school (Monday- Wednesday)

We also have new TAs in Michaelangelo: Mr Josh Thomas, and Van Gogh: Mrs Diana Crosbie

Childrens Centre



If you are a parent/carer of a 0 - 5 year old you can attend sessions and access services at the Kingston Town Children's Centre on our school site. Their sessions include 'Stay and Play', 'Bumps and Babies' and 'Fun for Fathers.' The aim is to provide a wide range of activities and services in response to the needs of the local community.

New Curriculum

The children have completed their first mini theme and are now moving onto their main theme for the term. Details are below:

Yr1: All Around Us

Yr2: Where do we belong?

Yr3: Stones and Bones (The Stone Age)

Yr4: Ancient Egypt

Yr5: The Dark Ages (Vikings and Anglo Saxons)

Yr6: The unexplained (mysteries from around the world)

We aim to make learning engaging, inspiring and challenging at King Athelstan and as such would welcome any support from the wider community.

You will be receiving your first parent overview next week.



Reminders

Free School Dinners

Every child in Reception and KS1 is now entitled to a free school meal. If you would like your child to have a school dinner please come to the office and fill in the relevant form.

The office will need the form completed before your child can have their free school dinners. Dinners are ordered in advance on a Tuesday.

Breakfast club

There are still some spaces remaining at Breakfast Club. If you would like your child to attend please contact the office.

Clubs

Club confirmation letters have been distributed today. Clubs will be beginning next week. If your child hasn't come home with a club letter please contact the office.

Climbing Frame

A reminder to all that children are not allowed on the climbing frame at the beginning or end of the day.

Swimming



We are fortunate to be continuing our comprehensive swimming provision. The class groups will be attending as follows:

Year Group	Swimming Term:
Y3 & Y4	Autumn Term
Y5 & Y6	Spring Term
Y1 & Y2	Summer Term

Swimming in year Yr 3 & 4 will commence the week beginning 15th September 2014.

Details of these sessions have been sent to parents and carers.

Upcoming Events:

Nursery Start

Monday 15th September

Year 3 Den making trip

Wednesday 17th September 2014

Reception full time

Monday 22nd September

Da Vinci Cake Sale

Thursday 25th September

Van Gogh Cake sale

Thursday 16th October



Attendance

We finished last year with an overall attendance of 95.7%. With your help, this year we would like to reach 96%. It would be fantastic if we could exceed this!

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring your children are in smart school uniform, including black school shoes. Logoed uniform is available from PMG on Tolworth Broadway. You can also order from PMG online.



Achievement List

The following children have been recently recognised for excellent work at Achievement Assembly today:

Picasso: Theo	Monet: Amelie
Matisse: Aaron	Hockney: Aliz
Dali: Cherry	Magritte: Tyler
Kandinsky: CJ, Carlos	Michelangelo: Alisson
Gainsborough: Kyle	Van Gogh: Piotr
Da Vinci: Ravyn	

Spot The Difference

All the classes are preparing their new class frames. We like colour co-ordination! Have a look at Mrs Neafcey's top and the new Matisse display below.



Weather Vane

We would like to draw your attention to our beautiful new weather vane that now sits proudly upon the school roof. It was kindly presented to the school by the Year 6 parents, carers and children at the end of last year. The parents & carers had it made especially for the school. It is visible from the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

This is what they wrote to accompany the gift. "As the leaving year 6 pupils, who have benefited so much from the support and nurturing of the King Athelstan Staff, we wanted to get a memento. The memento is to remind all future pupils of King Athelstan that no matter which way the wind blows the school will not change its way of teaching. The children and their success are THE most important part of King Athelstan School. We are sad to leave but we know we are leaving behind a thriving and successful school. We are also fully equipped to meet the challenges that secondary school will give us. So as a big thank you, we have purchased a weather vane to be put on the roof of the school. This is to remind you that pupils from this school can choose their direction in life knowing that the foundations from King Athelstan are in place."



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(Parent, Carer and School Association)



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We would like to extend a big thank you to the PCSA who have helped to fund Year 3's den building trip.

Dates

Monday 22nd September: PCSA meeting
Spring Grove pub 8pm. All welcome to attend.

Tuesday 4th November: Annual General Meeting
Children's Centre, King Athelstan School 9am.

Please make every effort to support our amazing parent/carers organisation.