



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter 8

Monday 14th January 2013

Welcome Back - Happy New Year!

Welcome back - we hope you have had a restful break and the New Year brings you good health and happiness. We have a busy term ahead of us and are looking forward to working with you to build on our successes in 2013!

Spring Term Dates

Wednesday 16 th Jan	RWI Briefing - 6.00pm
Friday 18 th Jan	Y6/Y3 Swimming starts
Thursday 7 th Feb	Maths Passport Briefing -6.00pm
Monday 11 th Feb	Parent/Carer consultation Mtgs
Wednesday 13 th Feb	Parent/Carer consultation Mtgs
Friday 15 th Feb	End of term 3.15pm
18th-22nd February	HALF TERM
Thursday 24 th Jan	'Revised EYFS Curriculum' 6pm
Monday 25 th Feb	Beginning of term
Wednesday 27 th Feb	'How to help your child at home' 3.30-4.15pm (crèche provided)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 2.45pm Lowry (pm) Mother's Day Celebration
Friday 8 th March	2pm Mother's Day Assembly Y1-Y6 Cezanne Mother's Day Celebration 8.45am Rousseau Mother's Day Celebration 8.45am Lowry (am) Mother's Day Celebration 11.15am
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day 9am Parent/Carer Forum
Weds 27 th March	Musical Theatre 'Wind in the Willows' visiting school End of term 2.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	INSET Day
Easter Holiday - 29th March - 12th April	
Monday 15 th April	Beginning of term
Thursday 2 nd May	Bags to School collection
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATs WEEK

School Uniform Orders



With immediate effect - School uniform can only be purchased from the school office on **Thursday afternoons between 2.30pm - 3.00pm**. Any orders placed during the week will be available for collection at this time.

We Need Your Support!

Do you enjoy being in the school environment? Can you spare **an hour a week** to support teachers in class: hearing readers, playing maths games or organising resources? Interested? Please see your child's class teacher or Maggie Fairweather, the deputy, to agree on a time and day that would suit you. All helpers must be CRB checked at the office before they come in to help.

REMINDER - Read Write Inc Briefing

We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at 6pm this Wednesday 16th January. Come along and find out how your child is being taught to read and what you can do to support and help at home.

IMPORTANT - Maths Passport Briefing

Our aim at King Athelstan is to have all children leave our school having experienced mathematics that is both fun and useful in their everyday life. To do this we need your help. To fully access the maths curriculum children need to confidently recall mathematical facts. This is a skill that needs regular practice. To find out how you can help please come along to our **Maths Passport Evening on Thursday 7th February at 6pm** in the Main Hall. It promises to be an informative evening which will help parents to see just how much fun maths can be! There will be a prize draw of maths games and books for you to enjoy at home. If you are planning on coming convince a friend to come too. The more the merrier!



Breakfast Club Booking



We are delighted to report that the Breakfast Club is becoming more popular - as a result we are having to tighten up our booking systems.

All parents/carers wishing to reserve a place for their child/ren at the breakfast club **must** do the following:

- Complete a **registration form**
- Complete a **session booking form** and return it to the school office, with their payment, by 9am on a Thursday. Cheques made payable to 'Kingston Corporation'
- Pay £5.50 for each session. All payments must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name.
- We are happy to accept half termly bookings.

All forms are available from the school office and from the breakfast club.

Warning: If you turn up at Breakfast Club without booking you will be directed to the School Office to complete your booking **before** leaving your child/ren that morning.



Sports update:

Wonderful News! Our school has been selected to receive a schools tennis equipment pack as part of the Olympics 2012 Legacy Pledge.

For every ace served during the recent Barclays ATP World Tour Finals (all 288 of them!), the Lawn Tennis Association and Tennis Foundation made a 'legacy pledge' to donate £200 worth of tennis equipment to primary schools located across London - we are one of the lucky recipients!

Our 'Legacy Pledge' Equipment Pack will contain:

- 30 x Mini Tennis Red Sponge Indoor Balls
- 30 x Mini Tennis Red Outdoor Felt Balls
- 1 x Roll of Schools Tennis Barrier Tape
- 4 x 21" Babolat Mini Tennis Racket & Ball Sets



Message from Mr McLaughlin: Mr McLaughlin would like to thank all parents/carers for providing their child/ren with the correct PE kit. Please make sure that they have suitable footwear to do sports outside. They will not be allowed to take part in the lesson if they are wearing their everyday school shoes. Thank you.

Important - Morning Readers

Every morning children are gathering in the front lobby waiting for their reading session. This is causing disturbance in the school office. We are concerned that children are arriving significantly earlier than they are expected for their reading sessions which start at 8.15am. The school cannot be responsible for children at this time - our expectation is that they go to Breakfast Club if they have to arrive earlier than 8.15am. Breakfast Club information is available from the school office.

Important - Lobby Arrangements

Please note that the school lobby cannot be used as a waiting area for parents/carers. It is for use by visitors and in order to speak to the school office only. We understand that it is cold outside, however we are unable to accommodate parents/carers in this area before, during and after the school day. Of course parents/carers with an appointment to see a member of the senior team may wait here.

Thank you for your support.



Lateness

It is **essential** that everyone arrives at 8.45am. Children arriving late are missing important RWI learning and falling behind their peers. We have asked our Education Welfare Officer (EWO), Fran Dixon, to attend late duties and speak to families as they arrive. Persistent lateness and/or absence trigger formal meetings with Ms Newton and Fran Dixon. This can result in Attendance Contracts, further meetings at the Guildhall and even prosecution. Please support us by getting your children to school on time - together we can make a difference!



Early Years Updates

Our Foundation Stage is a hugely important part of our school; welcoming your children and settling them into school life; ensuring they get a successful start to their education. From years of experience we know that children make better progress if we work together in partnership with our children's families. Please join us at the following briefings to find out more about the EYFS curriculum and what you can do to help at home.

Parent/Carer Briefings and Workshops:

- Thursday 24th Jan - 6pm 'Revised EYFS Curriculum'
- Wednesday 27th Feb - 3.30-4.15pm 'How to help your child at home' (crèche provided)

Parent/Carer Volunteers

Can you spare a couple of hours each week? Our Nursery and Reception classes would welcome more volunteers. Please pop in and see Karen, Siobhan or Kayleigh to arrange a time which will suit you and then go to the school office to complete List 99 form. We welcome the additional help - together we can build a strong foundation for our young children!

Kingston Town Children's Centre

We are proud to have such a successful Children's Centre serving the 0-5yr olds in the community. Please pop in to pick up a timetable of events and meet our supportive team of professionals. Spaces are still available on **Potty Training Advice and Support** - The Health Team will be running the session on **Mon 28th Jan 13:30-14:30** - Please call 0208 481 0640 to book your place.



Free Adult and 'Family Learning' Maths Sessions

First Session: Thursday 24th January

Did you hate maths at school? Would you like to sharpen your skills and become more confident? We still have spaces available on this course. If you are interested please pop into the school office and register your name. Pop in and see Mrs Fairweather if you have any questions.