



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter

23/09/16



Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing Summer break. It was lovely to see the children returning on the first day with huge smiles on their faces. We have heard lots of stories about exciting Summer adventures. A warm welcome to our new families in Nursery and Reception, and to those who have joined our community further up the school. Please take time to read through the newsletter and make a note of the upcoming key dates.

Key Dates

A full calendar of events is at the back of this newsletter. Of course, all dates are subject to change and new events are added so keep an eye on these for updates. Class assembly dates are included, and parents/carers are always welcome to join us for these. Please note that two further inset days have yet to be confirmed.

Admin Staffing Changes

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Nicola Dwyer, the new Finance Assistant working in the main office. Mrs Anita Paris is the new SLT Administrator. Mrs Sarah Kearns is part time Business Manager working in a job share arrangement with Mrs Julie Bywater.

Parentpay Lunch Bookings

Please ensure you have booked and paid for your child's lunch on Parentpay at least 24 hours in advance. You will need to book a lunch for your child **even** if you are in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (KS1). If you have any difficulties with Parentpay, please come and see us in the office and we will be pleased to help.

School Fences

Sometimes our parents/carers/friends approach the fence along the side of the playgrounds by the alley way (Swan Path) (or from the KS1 playground to the path to the bike shed/car park or the path along the main road by the wild area) to speak to children when they are passing. Although we are aware children may be speaking to members of family or friends, we ask that children do not approach the fence and interact with them or with passers-by. Please do not be offended if we call your children away from the fence line and support us in keeping your children safe by not talking to them through the fence.



Sickness

If your child is off sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pick up arrangements

We would be grateful if you would phone the office before 1pm if you would like to notify us of a change to collection arrangements for your child. This will enable us to ensure all arrangements are safely in place.

Back Packs!

Please remember that as a result of the new building works, there are **no** coat pegs in the corridors any more and coats are now stored inside classrooms. It is essential that children **DO NOT** bring backpacks/rucksacks to school as we do not have the space to store them. They only need their **draw string** PE bag (spare clothes bag for nursery) and their book bag. Thank you for your support.



Your Choice-Your Voice

We recently held elections to appoint our school councillors for the year. All candidates were given the opportunity to speak in front of their classmates and fair elections were held. This supports our work on the democracy aspect of British values. We are pleased to announce the following pupils were elected to represent their classmates.

School Councillors 2016-17

Picasso - Dexter
Monet - Lola
Hockney - Amara
Matisse - Sadie
Dali - Joseph
Magritte - Zach

Kandinsky - Riley
Michelangelo - Evie
Van Gogh - James
Gainsborough - Callum
O'Keeffe - Alex
Da Vinci - Mahmut

To further their understanding of democracy they will be undertaking a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on the 10th October 2016. We are very proud to have such enthusiastic young leaders within the school and look forward to the impact their efforts will make this year.



King Athelstan Babies!

Welcome to the latest members of our King Athelstan family. Born over the summer break:



Barbara Favretti's baby Asia, born on 22 July. Asia has already been in to school to meet everyone!

Mrs Charlotte Coltman's baby, Clara, born on 26th August.



Jessica, Mrs Sarah Morton's baby, born on 28th July.

Scooters and Bicycles

Cycling to school is great for fitness, but please ensure that all children wear helmets and of course take care on the roads. Please help keep King Athelstan safe by hopping off scooters and bicycles at the school gate.

Please do not let children use their scooter or bicycle on school premises as it can cause accidents.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Fruit & Nuts

Unfortunately there is no free fruit for Y3 upwards, only for KS1. Children can bring in their own fruit as a snack for breaktime. Please note only actual fruit, not fruit winders or bars etc. should be brought in.

Please remember that **no** food containing nuts can be brought into school as there are children and staff with severe nut allergies. Any items containing nuts will be removed.

Payments to the Office

Please put any payment in an envelope with your child's name and what the payment is for on the front. This will really help to ensure the correct payments are logged. We are moving quickly towards online payment for all payments which will improve efficiency in the longer term. Also, please return your data collection forms as soon as possible. Thank you in advance!

Key Dates for the School Year 2016-2017 - these will be updated regularly

Swimming: Year Groups 3 & 4 will swim in the Autumn term.

September 2016

Date	Event
Thursday 29 th	Y5+6 Swimming Gala
Thursday 29 th	Y2 to Painshill Park
Friday 30 th	Y3 Den Building Trip

October 2016

Thursday 6 th	Y1 Picasso Library Visit
Friday 7 th	Y6 O'Keefe Cake Sale
Monday 10 th	School Council trip to Parliament
Tuesday 11 th	Y2 end of year expectations meeting
Wednesday 12 th	Y1 Monet Library visit
Thursday 13 th	Y1-3 Flu Nasal Jabs
Friday 21 st	Y5 Van Gogh Cake Sale
Friday 21 st	Finish 3.15pm for half-term

November 2016

Wednesday 2 nd	Y1 trip to the market
Friday 4 th	Y5 Gainsborough Cake Sale
Monday 7 th	Parents'/Carers' evening 4-7pm
Wednesday 9 th	Parents'/Carers' evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 10 th	Rotary Club Assembly
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th	National Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 15 th	Stay & Play - Nursery AM/Reception
Thursday 17 th	Governors' Visit Day
Friday 18 th	Y4 Kandinsky Cake Sale

December 2016

Thursday 1 st	Y3 Dali Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th	Y6 O'Keefe Class Assembly
Monday 12 th	Nursery 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 3.15-4pm & 6.15-7pm
Wednesday 21 st	Finish 2.30pm for Christmas

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

January 2017

Tuesday 3 rd	Inset
Friday 13 th	Cake Sale Michelangelo
Thursday 19 th	Y6 Da Vinci Class Assembly
Thursday 26 th	Y3 Magritte Class Assembly
Friday 27 th	Y3 Dali Cake Sale



Ask children in Years 1 - 6 about these images from our assemblies. Talk to them about their butterfly dreams.



February 2017

Thursday 2 nd	Y5 Gainsborough Class Assembly
Friday 10 th	Y3 Magritte Cake Sale
Monday 13-Friday 17 th	Half-term
Thursday 23 rd	Y4 Kandinsky Class Assembly
Friday 24 th	Y2 Hockney Cake Sale
Monday 27 th	Parents'/Carers evening 3.30-7pm

March 2017

Wednesday 1 st	Parents'/Carers evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day
Thursday 9 th	Y5 Van Gogh Class Assembly
Friday 10 th	Y2 Matisse Cake Sale
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th	Y2 Matisse Class Assembly
Thursday 23 rd	Governors' Visit Day
Thursday 23 rd	Y4 Michelangelo Class Assembly
Friday 24 th	Mothers' Day Celebrations
Wednesday 29 th	Thinkers' Homework Exhibition
Friday 31 st	Y1 Picasso Cake Sale
Friday 31 st	Finish 2.30pm for Easter

Swimming: Year Groups 1 & 2 will swim in the Summer term.

April 2017

Monday 3 rd -Tuesday 17 th	Easter Break
Friday 28 th	Y1 Monet Cake Sale

May 2017

Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th	KS2 SATs
Friday 12 th	Cezanne Cake Sale
Thursday 18 th	Y1 Monet Class Assembly
Friday 26 th	Rousseau Cake Sale
Friday 26 th	Finish 3.15pm for half-term
Monday 29 th - Friday 3 rd	Half-term

June 2017

Monday 5 th	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th	Phonics Screening
Friday 16 th	Fathers' Day Superhero Celebrations
Thursday 22 nd	Y2 Hockney Class Assembly
Friday 23 th -Monday 26 th	Y6 School Journey to Kingswood
Thursday 29 th	Y1 Picasso Class Assembly

July 2017

Week commencing 10 th	Reports home
Wednesday 12 th	Y6 Production pm
Thursday 13 th	Y6 Production eve
Friday 14 th	Lowry Cake Sale
Tuesday 18 th	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 th	Thinkers' Homework Exhibition
Thursday 20 th	Y6 Leaving
Friday 21 st	Prize giving
Friday 21 st	Finish 2.30pm for Summer Holidays