



King Athelstan Primary School

Newsletter-July 2018



This half-term has been incredibly busy! We have had lots of trips and events. Thank you for completing the recent Parent/Carer Questionnaire- your views help to shape our action plans for next year. We know that, like us, you will be looking forward to a break from school and the normal routines. Years 1-6 return to school on **Wednesday 5th September**. For all others leaving this year, we wish you every success and happiness. Good luck to Year 6 as they move on to secondary school. Please keep in touch and let us know how things are going. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all your support in such a busy year, and have a wonderful summer break.

Key Dates

Y3 and Y4 will be swimming this term.

Mon 3 Sep	Inset Day
Tues 4 Sep	Inset Day
Wed 5 Sep	Years 1-6 start school
Mon 21 Sep	Y2 to Painshill Park
Mon 28 Sep	Y3 Den Building trip

Messages for September

- Children **must not** bring rucksacks or backpacks as school bags as there is no space to store them. Book bags and string bags are fine.
- Remember to book lunches on Parentpay from 5th September.
- Contact the office if you think you might be eligible for free school meals.
- Remember to book Breakfast Club or YMCA for September, too.

Staffing

As we reach the end of term, we say goodbye to Mrs Diana Crosbie, who is starting her teacher training course, and Miss Nadika Reid-Thomas who has completed her teacher training and is taking up a post at Walnut Tree Walk Primary School in Kennington. Mrs Emma Foster-Jones from Nursery is moving on to new adventures, as is Mrs Claire Bailey who taught French while Mrs Joanna Mendis was on maternity leave. Thank you to all of them for all their hard work. We welcome Miss Simone James to the school as Magritte Class teacher in Y3. Ms Eman Al Obaidi and Miss Carlotta Zardetto, both already known to the school, will start their new roles as Teaching Assistants in Y2 and Y5 in September. Miss Jade Gulliford moves to the Inclusion team as Teaching Assistant. We also say congratulations to Miss Laura Winter who is getting married over the summer and will return to Matisse class as Mrs Laura Davis!

Free Summer Activities

- Thumbs Up It's Thursday! Fun, educational and free activities running across Kingston Town Centre. See: <https://www.inkingston.co.uk/thumbsup>
- Cycle or walk to Richmond along the Thames Path by John Lewis. You will pass through Canbury Gardens, then Teddington Lock and can watch the boats go through. You will also pass Ham House and lots of places to picnic.
- Cycle or walk to Hampton Court: cross the bridge at Kingston, turn left and keep walking until you reach Hampton Court. It is free to enter most of the grounds. You can walk or cycle all the way!
- Take a picnic to Bushey Park - just over Kingston Bridge. There is a large children's playground here.
- Collect things from your garden or the park (leaves or twigs) and make a picture on the ground! Don't pick anything that is growing (flowers or branches) and don't touch litter. Take a photo of it.
- Visit your local library. Enter the Summer Reading Challenge, "Mischievous Makers". Kingston Library is on Fairfield Road, New Malden Library is on Kingston Road, Surbiton Library is on Ewell Road.
- Visit Kingston Museum on Wheatfield Way near Kingston Library.
- Children under 11 travel free on buses and trams with an adult. Children under 11 travel free on Tube, DLR, London Overground and TfL Rail services if they have a 5-10 Zip Oyster photocard, or are travelling with an adult who has a valid ticket. Click here to find out how to apply for a [5-10 Zip Oyster photocard](#).
- Check out <https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/101-things-to-do-in-London-with-kids-free-activities>
- Most of the museums in London are free and you can spend hours visiting them and trying the hands-on activities. See <https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/london-attraction/museum/free-museums-in-london>
- The parks in London are lovely to walk around: Hyde Park, St James' Park, Regents Park, and of course the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park at Stratford. See <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/openspace/best-parks-in-london#IsJii0UGHlLehTJY>



Stop Press

After another fantastic Sports Day, Cambridge House (yellow) came out on top for the third year running! Well done to all and thank you to all the wonderful supporters who make the day so special for everyone.

Trips

There has been a wonderful selection of trips and events this term. Here are just a few of the memories:



Y3 Country Dancing



EYFS Beach Day



Y4 Strings concert at the Rose Theatre



Y1 in the sea at Littlehampton



Y4 in Bushy Park



Hogsmill Garden



Y1 on Littlehampton beach



Y4 at Bushy Park



Nursery in the Hogsmill Garden



Y3 at the Science Museum



Y6 "Darwin Rocks"



Y3 at the Science Museum



EYFS Beach Day

More Summer activities:

- **The Malden Centre** Children's Holiday Summer Activities: <https://www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/malden-centre/centre-activities/children/holiday-activities/>
- **YMCA Hawker Centre:** Summer Holiday Brochure: <https://ymcastpaulsgroup.org/hello-summer/>
- **Marble Hill Adventure Playground:** Summer fun for 0-15 year olds! See: marblehillplaycentres.com
- **The Heatham Holiday Hangout:** exciting activities for young people aged 10 - 16 (years 5 - 11). Also a mixture of trips such as Kayaking, Paintball or Go Ape. Open days are free with trips costing just £5 per person (per trip). For more information please contact Justin Johnson on 0208 288 0950 or justin.johnson@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- **Tolworth Recreation Centre:** www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/tolworth-recreation-centre/centre-activities/children/holiday-activities/
- **Kingfisher Leisure Centre:** www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/kingfisher-leisure-centre/centre-activities/

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to the PCSA and all helpers for the fantastic Summer Fair which raised the huge sum of approximately £6,230 (still being counted!)

Upcoming Projects

- **Outdoor Learning Environment** —a designer has now been appointed and will be working over the holidays on the actual design for the playgrounds. Everyone will be involved in the next stage of the design process.
- **Specialist Resource Provision**—this is the exciting prospect of King Athelstan providing this for 2019-2020. Please see the letter for more details.
- Further work to improve KS2 toilets, the Inclusion spaces and security fencing coming soon.

Special hello

A special 'hello!' to Mr Tim Holmes who reads our fabulous newsletters in his new home in Spain...

International Day—Friday 13th July 2018

As usual International Day was a great success with lots of amazing costumes on show! The International Market after school had many wonderful dishes from around the world. Thank you to all who made the day such a celebration!

