



# King Athelstan Primary School Newsletter-September 2018



Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We are delighted that the children have returned excited about their new topics and challenges. They have been really busy already and their behaviour has been excellent. A special welcome to those new families who have joined the King Athelstan Community. This half-term promises to be as busy and eventful as ever - please see the list of dates for your diary.

## Trips

Y2 had the first trip of the year to Painshill Park to take part in pond dipping and they found interesting creatures! They all enjoyed their visit and have now completed some fantastic writing about their experiences.



## Accompanying Trips

We often ask for parent/carer helpers on trips and outings such as swimming, but you will need to have a Barred List Check before you can go. This is a check by the Disclosure and Barring Service to ensure everyone who works in schools is suitable to work with children and vulnerable people. When a trip is announced for your child's class and you would like to volunteer, see the school office for a Barred List Check form. These usually take a few days to process. Teachers will always confirm to volunteers that they are required before each trip. We are very grateful for parent/carer help, so thank you in advance!

## Over the Summer

Lots of work went on behind the scenes during the holidays. The outdoor areas in early years were painted and look very smart. Monet and Picasso classrooms were redecorated, as well as the main corridors and stairways. The mural is now gone and we will be making a decision on how to replace it soon.



## Twitter

Check out the latest news on Twitter @KingAthSchool. We now have 166 followers. We would love to get to 200 this term!

## World Mental Health Day

We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on 10<sup>th</sup> of October by starting at 8.30am with a whole school 'Shake Up Wake Up': music and exercise session on the KS1 playground to build the link between mental and physical health. All parents, carers, staff and children are invited to join in! There will be a collection taken for the charity Kingston MIND. Children may wear **blue accessories** on this day - socks, hair accessories/ribbons/bows/nail varnish with usual school uniform. The children will be taking part in various activities during the day focussing on the positive power of words.



## Sports News

Already this term we have had a Year 2 football competition at Goals. Team 1 won four of their 6 matches, and Team 2 won 3. Our Year 5 and 6 swimming teams were at the Kingston Swimming Gala at the Malden Centre on 27th September. The girls made the final for front crawl and for backstroke. The relay team narrowly missed out on the final. We are very proud of the children who represent our school, and especially the commitment they make to practice sessions, which are often before school. Well done to all!



## Messages from the School Office

- We are a **nut-free school**, so please do not pack any nutty snacks, peanut butter or hazelnut spreads, including Nutella, into lunchboxes. This is because we have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies.
- Children **must not** bring rucksacks or backpacks to school as there is no space to store them. Book bags and drawstring bags are fine.
- Thursday 4th October is Census Day and there will be a special 'Build your own Burger' lunch. We would like as many children as possible to have a school lunch on this day. Please book on ParentPay as usual.
- Individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday 3rd October of all children and sibling groups. Details of how to purchase photos will follow.

## Butterfly Dreams

Years 1-6 have now all written their Butterfly Dreams - ask them to explain...



## Kingston Town Children's Centre

The Centre is located next door to King Athelstan School and hosts many services and activities for 0-5 year olds and their families. These include Stay and Play sessions for toddlers, Parenting Courses, advice on feeding and sleep routines, and baby massage. Call Kingston Town Children's Centre on 020 8481 0640 or just drop in.

## Year 6—PGL



Please note that the deadline to pay the £30 deposit for the trip to PGL Liddington in June 2019 is Monday 1st October. Thank you.



## Nursery

If you have any pre-loved toys that your children no longer want, Nursery may be able to put them to good use. They are looking for doll's buggies, wooden sit-and-ride toys, wooden brick trolleys and any good quality wooden toys. All items donated need to be in good condition. Thank you!



Dates for the Diary	
Fri 5 Oct	'Day in the Life of Reception' presentation
Fri 5 Oct	EYFS Tea Party (PCSA)
Wed 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day
Thur 11 Oct	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Competition
Fri 12 Oct	Cake Sale - O'Keeffe Class
Wed 16 Oct	EYFS & KS1 Drama Workshops
Thur 18 Oct	Y1-6 Parents/Carers Maths Workshop 9am and 7pm
Mon 22 Oct	Half-term week
Wed 1 Nov	Outdoor Learning Day
Wed 1 Nov	Y2 SATs Meeting for parents/carers 9am
Fri 2 Nov	Cake Sale—Van Gogh Class
Mon 5 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Tue 6 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm (not Rousseau)
Wed 7 Nov	Parent/Carer Consultations (Lowry and Rousseau only)
Fri 16 Nov	Cake Sale - Gainsborough Class
Mon 19 Nov	Vikings visiting Y5
Sat 1 Dec	Christmas Fair
Fri 7 Dec	Y2 Christmas Journeys
Tue 11 Dec	Reception trip to Rose Theatre
Thur 13 Dec	Y1 RE trip to St John's
Mon 17 Dec	Lowry Christmas Singing
Mon 17 Dec	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition
Tue 18 Dec	Y2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wed 19 Dec	Y1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thur 20 Dec	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 21 Dec	School ends at <b>2.30pm</b>
Mon 7 Jan	Inset Day
Tue 8 Jan	Children return to school
Fri 11 Jan	Cake Sale - Kandinsky Class
Fri 25 Jan	Cake Sale - Michelangelo Class
Thur 7 Feb	Class Assembly - Magritte Class
Fri 8 Feb	Cake Sale - Dali Class
Thur 14 Feb	Class Assembly - O'Keeffe Class
Thur 28 Feb	Class Assembly - Gainsborough Class
Fri 1 Mar	Cake Sale - Magritte
Mon 4 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Wed 6 Mar	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thur 7 Mar	World Book Day
Thur 14 Mar	Class Assembly - Dali Class
Fri 15 Mar	Comic Relief Day
Fri 15 Mar	Cake Sale - Hockney Class
Mon 18 Mar	Y5 Bikeability
Thur 21 Mar	Class Assembly - Picasso Class
Thur 28 Mar	Class Assembly - Hockney Class
Fri 29 Mar	Mother's Day Celebrations
Tue 2 Apr	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition
Thur 4 Apr	Class Assembly - Van Gogh Class
Fri 5 Apr	School ends at <b>2.30pm</b>
Wed 24 Apr	Children return to school
Fri 3 May	Cake Sale - Picasso Class
Thur 9 May	Class Assembly - Kandinsky Class
Thur 16 May	Class Assembly - Monet Class
Fri 17 May	Cake Sale - Monet
Thur 23 May	Class Assembly - Michelangelo Class
Mon 27 May	Half Term
Fri 7 June	Cake Sale - Cezanne
Fri 7 June	Y5 Aegon Tennis trip
Fri 14 June	Cake Sale - Rousseau
Fri 14 June	Father's Day Celebrations

Dates ctd.	
Thur 20 June	Class Assembly - Matisse Class
Fri 21 June	International Day
Thur 27 June	Class Assembly - Da Vinci
Fri 28 June	Inset Day
Wed 3 July	Y3 trip to the Science Museum
Sat 6 July	Summer Fair
Wed 10 July	Y6 Production 2pm
Thur 11 July	Y6 Production 7pm
Fri 12 July	Cake Sale - Lowry
Tue 16 July	Thinker's Project Homework Exhibition
Fri 19 July	Sports Day
Mon 22 July	Y6 Leavers Tea
Thur 18 July	Prizegiving Assembly
Tues 23 July	School finishes <b>2.30pm</b>

### Rotakids

The Weir Archer Academy wrote to us: "We wanted to thank you again for your kind donation to The Weir Archer Academy. This donation has enabled us to purchase some new racing gloves for our younger athletes and to replace some tyres on the racing chairs which has meant that we can continue to invite new young people with disabilities to come and try Wheelchair Racing. Our members love being part of a club and grow in confidence which has helped them focus on what they can do in Sport, not what they can't. We are very thankful to Rotakids for everything they have done to raise awareness within the school environment around disabilities and how important it is for all children to be involved in Sport and the benefits this can bring to the individual."



We thank John Cannon for his ongoing dedication and hard work with Rotakids. Well done everyone!

### Volunteers

If you have any spare time, we would welcome help in school in a variety of ways:

- Reading with Year 1
- Covering and labelling new books
- Helping to run the Library

Please email [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) to volunteer. You will need to have a Barred List Check before you can start - forms can be requested from the office. Thank you.

### Pupil News

We had some wonderful news about Noah, a previous pupil who is now in Year 8 at Greycourt School. He has been offered a place at the Royal College of Music Junior Department. The College said:



"His playing shows enormous potential, and he is a delightful young man." Well done Noah!

### Kingston Music Service

Kingston Music Service offers reduced price music lessons and instrument hire to all pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals. The discount offered is 60%. To find out more, please contact Kingston Music Service directly on: 020 8547 5050. Everyone can try out a range of instruments at their Come And Play Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints Church. All welcome.

