



Dear Families,

We started this week off with Miss Meggitt (Y6 class teacher and our new Equality and Diversity Lead) hosting assembly to remind everyone about our **PRIDE** values:

PRIDE focusses on our key values at King Athelstan to ensure good learning in all areas. The acronym stands for: Perseverance, Respect, Imagination, Diving deep and Excellence. This initiative was introduced to the school after child-led lessons. Year 6 came up with animals to represent each core value and a summary for each word to explain what they mean and what they look like in practice. You can see, in the words of children at King Athelstan, their understanding and teaching of **PRIDE** which can be found on the school website here: <https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/ethos-and-school-values/pride/>

Pupils at King Athelstan are now able to link the **PRIDE** skills to their own achievements by earning positive postcards based on each of the above skills. We hope that their learning goals are made clearer to them this way and that every child can meet their full potential by 'collecting' all of the **PRIDE** positive postcards! Next week's assembly will focus on Black History Month.

Lost Property & Coats

We are very early into the term and a number of children have missing items: a scooter of a Nursery child is missing as well as various school jumpers and book bags. Please do check your child has all of their correct items and please clearly label every item (including socks, trainers and scooters!) carefully with full names – initials are not enough as we have a number of children with the same initials! Please return anything that doesn't belong to your child to the school office and we will endeavour to reunite it with its owner. With the arrival of the autumn equinox last week, the weather is turning chillier and wetter so it is really important every child has a waterproof coat each day as at King Athelstan we don't let rain showers stop us from playing and learning outside!

World Mental Health Day

Don't forget children can wear a green top next **Friday 8th October** for our Super Learning Day of Mindfulness, to coincide with World Mental Health Day. Any contributions can be paid on ParentPay and will go towards the ongoing refurbishment of our outdoor spaces which is so vital to the children's wellbeing.

Have a lovely weekend – best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola

Acting Headteacher

Virtual Open Day for Nursery and Reception Families

We are recruiting now for 2022! A virtual tour of our school and nursery will be available to prospective families on **Thursday 7th October from 1.30pm–2.30pm**. Mrs Mastrocola & Miss Lee, Early Years Lead, will be available to answer any questions. We would particularly welcome visits from families who are looking for places to start in Nursery or Reception class in September 2022. Contact the school office for more information.

London Marathon

Look out for our PE teacher Mr McLaughlin running the London Marathon this Sunday to help raise money for PCSA's Big Outdoors Project, redeveloping our outdoor learning environment and KS1 playground. The whole school has been taking part in the Mini Marathon this week as well. You can sponsor them all on: <https://www.givey.com/kalondonminimarathon>. Good luck Mr McLaughlin!

Health & Medical Update

Please remember to complete the consent form (sent via email) for the nasal flu immunisations taking place in school on Tuesday 16th November.

House Competition

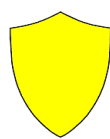
The winner of our House competition this week is **Red House - Dawson**, with 35 points!



Villers (24)



Dawson (35)



Cambridge (27)



Hawks (24)

Securing Good Attendance

Overall attendance this week was 94.6%.

Only 3 out of 16 classes secured greater than 96% attendance and we need to do much better next week!
Every school day counts!

Well done to **Hockney Class**, this week's highest attending class.

1 st	Hockney Y2	97.6%
2 nd	Mehretu Y4	96.9%
3 rd	Van Gogh Y1	96.1%
4 th	O'Keefe Y1	95.8%

School Contacts

Please ensure you let the school office know of any change in circumstance and update us with new address, telephone numbers or email addresses, as well as full details of any other contacts who you permit to collect your child. We will not release children without this information.

School Meals - Wilson Jones

Wilson Jones, our school meals provider, have a new menu starting after half-term on Tuesday 2nd November. You can book your child's meals on ParentPay right up until February half-term! The new menu can be found on the website here:

<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/about-the-school/school-meals/>

PCSA News

Has your child told you about their Christmas card design? All children have now been given a blank template to bring home to draw their design. Please ensure they adhere to the instructions given so that their Christmas card can be printed clearly. There is a strict deadline for return of completed templates to teachers to ensure everything will be printed in time for Christmas. The deadline is **Thursday 7th October**. Please note, there is no obligation to complete the template if you/your child does not want to.

The PCSA would love to welcome new members to help by volunteering with events or becoming a class rep. Please contact kingathelstanpcsa@gmail.com for more information.

Community News

St John's Primary School on Portland Road has an experimental School Street scheme starting on 1st November. This means that Portland Road will be closed between Three Bridges Path and Denmark Road between 8.30-9.30am, and again from 2.45-3.45pm Monday to Friday during term times. Portland Road will only be open to pedestrians and bicycles during these times.