

From September we are introducing the new school uniform, which we launched at the Easter Fair.

The new compulsory items include:

a reversible fleece jacket, a blazer, a V-neck jumper and a winter pinafore dress.

The nursery children will wear the navy track suit over a white polo shirt, as they do now, with the addition of a reversible fleece jacket. In the summer months the boys may wear grey shorts, and the girls may wear the green and white striped summer dress. Girls may also wear the new pinafore dress over a white polo shirt or a white roll neck top with navy tights or socks, if they wish.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 boys will wear grey trousers and a white polo shirt, with the addition of a navy v-neck jumper and a blazer. In the summer months they may wear grey shorts and in the winter months they will have the option of wearing a reversible fleece jacket over their blazer.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 girls will wear the green and white striped dress and white socks with the addition of a navy v-neck jumper and a blazer. In the winter months they will wear the new pinafore dress over a white polo shirt or a white roll neck top with navy tights or socks. On PE and swimming days they will have the option of wearing navy tracksuit trousers instead of the pinafore and tights, and in the winter months they will have the option of wearing a reversible fleece jacket over their blazer.

The children will still require the following items: a green baseball cap in summer, a navy fleece hat in winter, a green school bag, a blue PE bag (with navy shorts, black plimsolls)

All children will wear black or navy school shoes or sandals with closed toes in summer, as they do now.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 require a blue swimming bag, navy trunks or swimming costume and a blue swimming hat.

Year 1 and Year 2 also require a blue book bag, a recorder and a white polo shirt to keep in their PE bag.

Many of the uniform items are available from school

The others items are all available from **Len Smiths**, 1-15 Heath Road, Twickenham, TW1 4DB. Telephone 020 8892 2201.

If you have any questions please contact the School Office.

New School Uniform Shop Dates

We will be selling the new uniform at school on the following days/times. More details to follow:

Friday 2 July	8.30 - 9.30am / 2:30 - 4:30pm
Monday 5 July	8.30 - 9.30am / 2:30 - 4:30pm
Monday 11 October	8:30 - 9:30am / 2:30 - 4:30pm

School Visits

Year 1 & 2 have undertaken two school trips this term.

The first was to the **Stockyard, Bushy Park** where they explored the local natural environment. They watched wild birds from hides and did some pond dipping – the results of which they were able to observe through electronic microscopes. A great time was had by all.



The second occasion was to the **Orange Tree Theatre**. In preparation for this the actor who played the lead role came to school and held an interactive workshop with the children and staff. This was followed by a performance of **Henry V** at the theatre the following Friday. This event was a huge success and was greatly enjoyed by all those involved.

As part of our contribution to promote alternative sustainable transport systems the children and staff travelled by bus to these events.

Early Years and **Reception Class** visited the **Wetlands Centre, Barnes**

On arrival the children were taken for a walk and shown eggs of Indian Runner ducks. They then



took the ducklings for a 'swim'. The children had a picnic in the observatory where they watched birds landing and taking off from the wetlands. After lunch

they followed some footprints to the adventure playground. A lovely day out.



ATHELSTAN HOUSE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010



Easter Fair

Our Easter Fair and Open Morning on Saturday 20th March 2010 was a great success. There was a fantastic turn out, despite the drizzly weather, and everyone seemed to have a great time. We certainly enjoyed seeing so many of our families, both past and present, getting together and having fun. It also gave us the opportunity to welcome new families, one of whom has subsequently joined our school.

We raised an impressive £ 367.92 ,which we have spent on improving our playground. As requested by the children, we now have a fabulous football goal and an extension to our fence to try to keep the balls in the playground!

Autumn Fair



After the success of our Easter Fair we plan to organise a similar event in the Autumn Term on **Saturday 2nd October 2010** between 10:00 and 12:30, so put the date in your diaries. It will be another great chance for all of you to get together, as well as a time to catch up with families who have moved on to other schools. We will also be publicising the event as an Open Morning and encouraging new families to come and get to know us.

The theme will be 'Harvest' and we hope to collect goods for a charity to distribute (please contact Alex Bisping or Jill Collins if you know of one). The star attraction of the day will be a visiting farm with opportunities for animal handling.

Information Communication Technology

This term our upstairs library will become the Library and ICT Suite. We have invested in four new laptops for the children to use. We will also be moving two of the PCs we bought last year in to the Library to make a total of six work stations available in the new Suite. This will dramatically improve our ability to deliver high quality ICT provision throughout the school.

We are also investing in an interactive whiteboard which will be located in the Year 2 classroom, but which will be available for other class to use by prior arrangement



I would like to welcome the new families that have joined us this term. The children have settled in well and are enjoying making new friends and being part of Athelstan House.

I am sure you agree with me that the newly paved side area is a success. The children and staff are greatly enjoying the improved area and have taken full advantage of exploring it in the spring sunshine.

We are excited about the reintroduction of the school blazer which will be compulsory for all children in Reception, Year1 & Year 2 from September 2010. It will be possible to purchase these and the new tunics from school later this term.

For your diaries- next term we will be holding parent information evenings the week beginning 13 September (see diary dates for further information).

Our end of term picnic will be on Friday 9 July 10-12 noon. This is a very important day for all of us at Athelstan. The last day of the school year signals the end of an era for those children leaving the school and we like to give them and their parents a good send off. Also, all the children look forward to performing to their families so please make sure you have that date in your diary. If for some reason you are unable to come to the picnic please inform us so we can make sure your child is adequately supervised.

It's been a very successful year with our new KS1 teachers. The children worked well and we are delighted with their end of year results. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss these in detail at the Progress meetings on the 17 June.

Elsa Woolf

DIARY DATES

Term Dates 2009/2010

Summer Term 2010

Monday 19 April – Friday 9 July

Half Term Monday 24 May – Friday 4 June (2 weeks)

Share a Book Day

Thursday 20 May

Progress Meetings

Thursday 17 June (5.00pm - 7.30pm)

Changeover Dates

Monday 28 June & Wednesday 30 June

Whole School Visit – Bushy Park

Thursday 1 July

School Uniform Shop

Friday 2 July and Monday 5 July

Summer Picnic

Friday 9 July (school ends 12.00 noon)

Term dates 2010/2011

Autumn Term 2010

Monday 6 September – Friday 17 December

Half Term

Monday 18 October – Friday 29 October (2 weeks)

Spring Term 2011

Thursday 6 January – Friday 1 April

Half Term Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Summer Term 2011

Tuesday 26 April – Friday 8 July

Half Term Monday 30 May – Friday 10 June (2 weeks)

Parents' Information Evenings

W/B 13 September

Year 2 Monday 13 September

Year 1 Tuesday 14 September

Reception Wednesday 15 September

Early Years Thursday 16 September

School Photographs

Thursday 30 September

Open Morning

Saturday 2 October (10.00am - 12.00pm)

Whole School Bushy Park Visit

Athelstan House School has been awarded a grant from the Bushy Park Activity Grants Scheme. We put in a bid for some funding to take the whole school to Bushy Park as the highlight of our environmental studies week, which we are planning for the penultimate week of the Summer Term. With the support of Hannah Pritchard, the Park's Education and Community Engagement Officer, we will plan a range of activities aimed at fostering a fascination for the natural world. The visit will enable the children to engage with the environment first hand, but the overall aim of the week is to teach them how to respect and care for their environment. We believe that it is vitally important to get this message across to our young children as they are the next generation who will be responsible for caring for our planet. The staff responsible for allocating the grants agreed with us and has awarded us a grant to cover the cost of hiring a coach and buying some resources to use on the day.

Walking Once A Week

'Walk to School Week', an initiative to encourage children walk to school, has changed to 'Walking Once a Week'. The scheme encourages schools to promote walking as a healthy and sustainable alternative to travelling by car, by rewarding children who walk at least once a week for a month. James Hammond, our School Travel Advisor came to school on Tuesday 4th May to launch the scheme at a special assembly. Children who do walk to school at least once a week for a month will be rewarded with a WoW badge. If you live too far away to walk the whole way, you can simply allow a little extra time and park some distance from congested area around the school and walk from there. We hope that everyone will enjoy taking part in this initiative.

Road Safety Week



The week before the Easter Break was road safety week at Athelstan House School. Each class looked at a story from the Transport for London's A to Z of Traffic Tales, and talked about important road safety messages. We also welcomed John Everet, LBRuTs road safety officer, to our Friday assembly and he showed us how to cross the road safely.

Summer Weather



In hot and sunny conditions it is essential children wear a sunhat – children will not be permitted to play outside without one. School Uniform baseball caps are available from the school office and cost £3.50.

Please ensure sun lotion is applied before coming to school. This is particularly important to Early Years children as during the summer term many of their activities take place in the playground.

Also named bottles (containing water only) are essential in the summer months.



Shooting Star

A representative from The Shooting Star Children's Hospice visited our school to show their appreciation of all the money you have raised on their behalf. Over the last few years you have raised a massive £2,692.70, so, as we say to the children, "Give yourselves a pat on the back!"

We believe that it is really important to teach young children about those who are less fortunate than themselves. Please help us to carry on doing this by sending your child to school with a few pennies for the charity pot every Friday. They feel really proud to wear their stickers and those pennies add up and go to such a good, local cause.

Tuesdays After School Sports Clubs

Before the Easter holiday we had a professional coach from the England Sports Group teaching gymnastics after school on Tuesdays. We were hoping to invite her back this term to do a multi sports club, but sadly we did not have enough children signed up to make it work. I know some you are really keen to take advantage of this great opportunity, but we need a minimum of eight children to run the club. If anyone is interested in signing up for the last five weeks after the half term holiday please let Jill Collins or Alex Bisping know. It costs just £5 per session, so that is £25 for the half term.



Daffodils for Haiti

As you may remember, we took inspiration from our school emblem the Daffodil to raise money for Haiti. With the help of Squires Garden Centre, who kindly donated the bulbs, each pupil planted a daffodil bulb and made a donation towards the appeal, added to our mufti day we raised a total of £300. As I'm sure you noticed when we returned after the Easter Holiday, we had a splendid display of flowers in both the front drive and the playground. This gave us the opportunity to reflect again on the fate of people less fortunate than ourselves, and to empathise with them.

Tesco & Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please continue to collect the vouchers!

Change Over Days

Changeover days are part of the settling in process for the September Term. Children will get to a chance to visit their new classroom and familiarise themselves with their new teachers and assistant. These will take place on Monday 28 June and Wednesday 30 June.