



# St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



## Whole School Newsletter

10.12 2021

### Our worship Theme is:

An Angel Just  
Like Me

### Worship

In whole school worship and class worship for the last few weeks, we have been exploring the story 'An Angel Just Like Me' by Mary Hoffman. The story raises the issue of how nativity scenes on cards, decorations and advent calendars tend to present a white European view of characters. We have been thinking about diversity and looked at a range of artistic representations of nativity scenes. This week the children voted for the nativity peg doll set they want Mrs St John to buy ready for next Christmas. They chose the set that had a diverse mix of skin tones so that everyone was included but they really wanted the animals from the other set too!



### Christmas Panto

The whole school were treated to a wonderful performance of Goldilocks and the Three Bears yesterday from the Treehouse Theatre Company. There were several performances across the day so that every child got to see it live. It was so lovely to see the children having such a great time and participating in the long-standing Christmas tradition of panto.

### Admissions Consultation 23-24 Policy

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council is co-ordinating the consultation on proposed 2023/24 admission arrangements for schools located within the BCP Council area. This consultation runs from **Wednesday 1 December 2021 to Monday 31 January 2022.**

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR FUTURE ADMISSIONS POLICY

Please see the links below to St Katharine's CofE (VA) Primary School 2023-2024 Admissions Policy together with the proposed changes.

[DRAFT ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-24](#)

[CHANGES BEING PROPOSED ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-2024](#)

A number of schools are proposing significant changes to their policies; the full consultation, including details of proposed changes, can be found [here](#).

Comments or objections can be submitted directly to the school(s) or by email to [school.admissions@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) – any comments sent to the Local Authority will be forwarded to the relevant school.

### Football



What a fantastic afternoon the Year 5&6 boys and girls had taking part in the Christchurch football league, held at Littledown. We were invited as guests so this was especially exciting as we would not normally play against Christchurch schools. All players demonstrated resilience and determination, cheering for each other and showing respect to the opposition. Well done Year 5 and 6, can't wait for the next game!



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support during last months poppy appeal. The school raised an amazing £372 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you.



### Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Christmas lunch will be served on Monday 13th December at school, if you did not pre-book a lunch for our child, please ensure that you send your child in to school with a packed lunch. Please don't forget that Monday is also a non-uniform Christmas jumper day too.



### Year 3 Admissions September 2022

Applications for the additional 4 spaces allocated for Year 3 are no longer automatically considered for those on our waiting list, we are now unable to consider any applications unless they are made formally via the Local Authority Application Form. Therefore, if you wish for your child to be considered for one of the additional 4 places offered for Year 3 in September 2022, you must formally apply via the Local Authority.

You must complete a Local Authority Application Form available from the Local Authority website, this must be submitted by 15th January 2022



### Wisepay

Please ensure that any outstanding autumn payments are settle by Wednesday 15th December. Thank you.

### Year Two Creature Teachers Visit

Please don't forget to return your Creature Teacher Phobia/Allergies form, the Creature Teachers will be visiting year 2 on Monday.



### Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm every Sunday to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week.



### Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut free school. We have a number of children who can have a very serious allergic reaction should they come into contact with nuts.

As such we ask that you help us protect these children by ensuring that food including packed lunches, snacks, etc. that are sent into school **do not contain nuts or products containing nuts such as peanut butter or hazelnut spreads**. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this please speak to the school office.

2021/2022	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Flu Vaccine</b>	Awaiting new date
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Early Years Nativity—2:15pm</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December—EARLY YEARS PARENTS ONLY
<b>Year 5 and 6 Carol Service —6:00pm</b>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Year 5 and 6 Carol Service —9:30am</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022
<b>Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022, 1.30pm
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
<b>Summer Term</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022, 1.30pm
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022