



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

Whole School Newsletter

21st October 2021



Our worship  
Theme is:  
**Flourishing**

## Worship

Thank you to 6JH for their brilliant Black History inspired worship last week. Our whole school worship last week was one of our favourite themes: The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14). It has become a tradition that we dress some year one children up as sheep to re-enact the story and our new Early Years children really enjoyed their first worship in the hall with everyone. This parable reminds us that everyone is unique and valued and can flourish with God. Please do take a look at the relevant page in your child's 'Forever Flourishing' book. Worship this week has been back in classrooms sadly but we hope to resume worship together after half term.

## Covid-19

As you are aware, we have had a number of cases of Covid-19 in school during this last week. Can we please ask that you do not send your child in after half term if they are noticeably unwell so that we can further mitigate the risk of spreading infection. We are grateful for the vigilance of parents in particular classes/year groups over the last few weeks in taking part in PCR testing on receiving our contacts letter - this has in a number of cases, identified positive cases in children who are not displaying any symptoms.

IMPORTANT  
NOTICE :  
COVID-19



## Art and Spirituality Exhibition

We have made a short video of our exhibition for you to watch. All the children have visited it and were wowed!

<https://youtu.be/g3hst8Y9f50>



## Parking

We have had reports that a lot of parents are parking on the double yellow lines, on the bend of Harbour Road/Selfridge Avenue and blocking driveways. This is dangerous and illegal - please park safely, further away, for the safety of our children and out of respect for our neighbours.



## Earrings

We seem to have an unprecedented number of children who had their ears pierced over the summer and *still* haven't removed them. School policy is NO EARRINGS - please ensure that earrings are removed before school every day without fail. If you are planning ahead for ear piercings, they can only be done at the start of the summer holiday so they can be removed for the start of the new school year. This has always been school policy.



## Trainers

Please can you pop your child's trainers inside a carrier bag or similar - and then in their PE bag - from after half term. Children using the field for clubs at lunchtime will be taking their trainer bag outside with them to change their shoes to help protect our carpets inside school from mud. After PE lessons, muddy trainers can go inside the separate bag to stop clothes getting muddy in the PE bags.

### **School Cross Country Event by Lewis and Reuben Year 6**



We were in school buzzing with excitement, when we heard we would be doing a cross country for our school. There were 16 schools from all over Bournemouth and there and over 400 people. The day of the cross country was building our nerves up. Out of our school there were year 4,5,6. When we got there we walked around the track so we knew where we were going to be running. The year 4 were up first 1 lap of the Littledown field. They got us off to a flying start with one of our athletes coming first. They got a big clap from the parents. With year 5 going next our nerves were stacking up since we were next. We got another good result well done year 5s .Now it's our turn. We set of in a steady pace round 2 laps of the shady field with a smile and a red face we were happy how today went. We can't wait for next time.

### **AFC Bournemouth Football Under 11 Tournament by Seb and Jack Year 6**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, eight pupils from our school were chosen to represent the school at a six-a-side football tournament. We started off the tournament at 1:30. We were ready to go but we were nervous and exited at the same time because this would be our first time representing the school in a football tournament.



Like the Euros, we were all put into our own group stages along with three different teams. The first few games were extremely nerve-racking but we managed to win all of our games which got us through to the semi-finals.

Out of 16 teams, we had managed to make our way into the semi-finals which we weren't sure if we could at the start. We were now more nervous than ever. In the semi-finals, one of our players got injured which set the team back quite a bit. Even though we were set back a bit, we used our resilience skills and won the match 2-1.

We were now in the finals! In the finals, we had to use our effective communication and collaboration skills as two more of our players got injured and found themselves on the side line. Sadly, the match ended 3-2 to the opposition, but even though we would have liked to of won, we were all happy with our achievements.

### **Parents Evenings**



Parents evening takes place on Monday 1st November (INSET day) and Tuesday 2nd November. Our parents evening appointments will continue to be hosted online using School Cloud. If you haven't made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please do so by Friday 22nd October. You do not need to book a parents evening appointment if your child has a learning plan, their teacher will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

### **Shoe Box Scheme**



Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary club will be collecting for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. They will be collecting donations on Wednesday 3rd November, please ensure any shoeboxes you wish to donate are brought into school by this date.

### **Flu Vaccine**



The School Nursing team will be coming into school on 22nd November to administer the flu vaccine. Nearer to this time you will receive a letter from the School Age Immunisation Service, this letter will contain details of how you can opt in or out of the vaccination programme.



## Allergies

Please ensure no nuts or nut products are brought into school. We have a number of children with severe allergies and their health must not be compromised.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022



<b>2021/2022</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
<b>Inset Day</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September & Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
<b>Autumn Half term</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
<b>FSK Fabulous Family Fireworks</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November from 5.30 pm
<b>Flu Vaccine</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021
<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