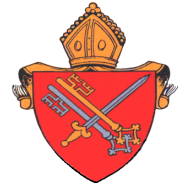




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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Gamechangers

Our worship theme this term is 'Gamechangers'. We always use the Diocesan theme for the year 6 leavers' events as inspiration for school worship (like 'Ubuntu'), and this year's theme, once again, links perfectly to our school vision. Mrs St John launched the theme this week with children, with the Bible story of the miraculous catch and when Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me and I will send you out to fish for people." (Mark 1:17) The children have been writing their own names and what is unique about them inside a fish and learnt that the Greek word for fish is ictus - the fish symbol was used by early Christians to help gather followers. Throughout this worship theme we will draw on Inspirational People from across our SEASIDE curriculum. The Morpurgo House captains led a super worship this week and shared with everyone how Michael Morpurgo was a 'gamechanger', not only in the literary world, but in setting up 'Farms for City Children'.



Fun activities in our local churches

St Nicholas' and All Saints both have exciting events lined up for children and families and flyers are attached to this newsletter. All Saints have 'Crafty Sundays' every third Sunday of the month that they would love you to attend. Families are also invited to attend the special Christingle service on Sunday 4th February at 3pm at St Nicholas' Church. This is a lovely annual service where children receive a Christingle made of an orange, sweets, ribbon and candle and learn about its meaning.

School Navigator

SCHOOL
navigator

It was great to see so many of you visit the Sabina, School Navigator, and her colleagues this week. Sabina is always able to offer helpful advice and provide links to useful services available to families for a variety of reasons. She will be visiting school again later this term - we will email you with details on how to book an appointment with the School Navigator in due course.

PE kit reminders



The children have been looking very smart for their PE lessons and on 'Head, Heart, Hands Fridays', however we have begun to notice some 'non-uniform' items of clothing being worn. Please can we remind you that children are not permitted to wear black leggings or 'skins' with their PE kit. Children should be wearing:

Navy polo shirt with school logo

Plain (no logo) navy shorts or joggers/tracksuit bottoms

Navy sweatshirt with school logo

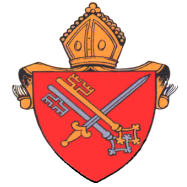
Trainers

Navy socks (Early Years - Yr2) or navy football socks with sky blue hoops (Yr3-6)

We have some second-hand pe kit available if you need to replace any items - please speak to the office about your requirements. Thank for your support.



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Life Education Van

Exciting news - The Life Education Bus (that is no more) has now been replaced by a dome! Make sure you have paid on wise pay for this exciting and essential part of the PSHE curriculum for your child. The dome will be coming from the 29.1 - 2.2 and each class will get there turn.

Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons have started this week, apart from brass lessons - unfortunately Mr Welch was unwell. Please ensure your child is prepared for their lesson by having their instrument and music in school on the correct day. Please be aware that the new invoices have been set up on Wisepay. Please arrange to pay these as soon as possible, as a lot of time is spent by the office staff, and myself, in chasing up payments during the term. I was still chasing last term's fees the week we broke up from school. Obviously, if there are financial difficulties, please contact the school office early in the term as we may be able to support you with instalments if that is helpful.

Orchestra & Band

If your child has been learning an instrument in school for a year I would really recommend that they join a group to play with others in school. Not only is it good for gaining skills in playing with others, sightreading, keeping in time and playing new pieces and notes, but it is also enjoyable and can renew enthusiasm for playing. Please speak to the school office if you would like to sign up your child this term. If your child has been learning brass, woodwind or drums for a year, I have sent them information about another opportunity to play with a group

Choirs

Y2,3&4 choir continues on a Monday lunchtime. Tuesday lunchtime will be an extra practice for Young Voices for the next three weeks and then Y5&6 choir will recommence. 35 children from Y5&6 have been working hard since October to prepare to perform as part of the mass Young Voices choir at the end of the month. There are a lot of words to learn, but I know the day will be an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Year 3 Admissions September 2024

Applications for the additional 4 spaces allocated for Year 3 are not automatically considered for those on our current Year 2 waiting list. We are 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 2024, you must formally apply via the BCP Local Authority by applying for a junior school place. You must complete a Local Authority Application Form available from the Local Authority website; this must be submitted by 15th January 2024.

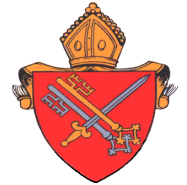
Toy Train Track, Trains and Carriages Donation

We are looking for a high quality wooden toy train track, trains and carriages for The Hive. If you have one which you would like to donate, please contact the school office.





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Absences

If your child is absent due to illness please ring the school office and leave a voicemail on the absence line at 01202 426663 or email office@skps.email on each day of their absence. If your child is absent due to any other circumstances please email the school office with reasonable notice.



Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday 4th September 2022 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.



Are you entitled?

Free School Meals – is your child eligible?

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive), **please apply online at:** <https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx> or email or post your completed form (you can obtain a copy of the form via our school website: <https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals>) to fsm@bpcouncil.gov.uk; Free School Meals Team, Customer Services, BCP Council Civic Centre, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY. For more information on Free School Meals, such as eligibility and how the children and school benefit, please visit <https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals>. For other information, please contact the BCP at fsm@bpcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 01202 123222. If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' (this is in addition to the universal free school meals that all Key Stage 1 children receive) and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school and you would be helping us, if you are eligible and register.

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| Inset Day | Tuesday 2nd January 2024 |
| Spring Term | Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 2024 |
| Spring Half Term | Monday 12th February 2024—Friday 16th February 2024 |
| End of Term | Thursday 28th March 2024—1.30pm |
| Summer Term | Monday 15th April 2024—Tuesday 23rd July 2024 |
| Summer Half Term | Monday 27th May 2024—Friday 31st May 2024 |
| End of Term | Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm |
| Inset Day | Monday 22nd July 2024 |
| Inset Day | Tuesday 23rd July 2024 |

