



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



Whole School Newsletter

26th March 2021



## Worship

Last week, we re-visited the third of our school vision bible stories, 'The Miraculous Catch/Fishing for People' (Mark 1:17). We compared this to the story of Christian Aid and small, kind things we can all do for people to make a difference.



This week, our make a difference focus has been 'Love Grows'. We watched the brilliant 'Give a Little Love' video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y0abYKwRWIU> again and thought about what it means that Christians believe that we can see God in other people - what difference would this make to the way we treat other people?

## National Day of Remembrance



On Tuesday we wore yellow and decorated the fence with yellow hearts; the children had a variety of activities during the day to reflect on the challenges of the past year and hope for the future, for example making a paper chain with each part showing something the children are hopeful for.

## Love Grows Postcards

We are thrilled with our collaborative piece of art. Everyone (children and adults) painted their own heart that is now part of our fabulous image. If you look carefully, you will notice a yellow heart that represents the past year. We would love you to use the postcards to spread messages of love to family, friends and neighbours. You can purchase postcards in packs of 5 for £2 each. Proceeds will be split between Christian Aid and further arts opportunities for our children.



## Love Grows Dance

Coming soon - a collaborative dance piece entitled 'Love Grows'.

## Southbourne Sunflowers



St Katharine's and St Nicholas Church have kindly prepared an envelope of sunflower seeds for every child and adult in the school so that we can all grow sunflowers this summer, as part of a Churches Together in Southbourne project. Instructions for growing will be inside each envelope. Children will bring them home before Easter.



## End of Term Finish Times

As we finish at lunchtime on Thursday 1st April, we will have two different pick up times, 1:15 and 1:30. The usual 3pm group will leave at 1:15pm and the 3:15 group at 1:30pm.

## Summer Uniform

After the Easter break children are welcome to wear their summer uniform.



### All Together Against Bullying Gold Award



We were delighted to be informed this week that our school has earned the All Together Against Bullying Gold Award for demonstrating our commitment to stop bullying and improving the wellbeing of our pupils. Through this project we have shown that we have a range of preventative strategies in place, we celebrate difference and that wellbeing is at the heart of our school. A big thank you goes to Miss Crompton, who as our Anti-Bullying Champion, has led this project for the last two years and has continued to develop strategies with staff and pupils to work together to stamp out bullying and give children their voice to share their experiences.

### Parking and Our Neighbours



Now that we have settled back in to a fully open school, please remember to leave plenty of time to park safely when dropping off or picking up your child from school. Please put the safety of all our children first by parking safely, avoiding double yellow lines and the school zigzag road markings. Please also remember to be considerate to our neighbours and do not park over their driveways. Thank you.

### Year 5 Easter Service



This year, Year 5 will invite you to view the Easter Service virtually on Maundy Thursday. We will guide you through the events of Holy Week with prayers, readings, songs and some recreations of well-known paintings by great masters.

### Parents Evening 26<sup>th</sup> April & 27<sup>th</sup> April



Due to the success of our last virtual parents evening we are continuing to use School Cloud for our Summer Term parents evening. Parents evening will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021, using our online parents evening platform School Cloud.

Appointments are now available to book for children in all year groups from Early Years to Year 6. The booking system closes at midday on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

### Year 4 Swimming



Year 4 swimming will start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Please provide your child with a packed lunch, do not order a hot school meal on a Tuesday as they do not fit in with the swimming schedule. Please make sure your child brings the following items named into school, in a suitable bag every Tuesday during the summer term: Towel, Swimming costume/ shorts, Swimming hat and Goggles.

### 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**. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this please speak to the school office.



## 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.

2020/ 2021	Dates for your Diaries
Spring Term	Monday 4th January to Thursday 1st April, 1.15pm & 1.30pm
Swimming - Year 4	Tuesday 20th April - Thursday 13th July
Planetarium Visit - Year 4	Tuesday 20th April
Roman Play in a Day - Year 3	Tuesday 30th March
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April
Summer Term	Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July, 1.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Inset Day	Monday 7th June
End of Summer Term	Friday 23rd July, 1.30pm
2021/2022	
Autumn Term	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September & Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
Autumn Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021, 1.30pm
Inset Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 to Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022
Spring Term	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022, 1.30pm
Spring Half Term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Inset Day	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
Summer Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022, , 1.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022
Summer Half Term	Monday 30th May 2022 - Friday 3rd June 2022
Inset Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022