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

## **Whole School Newsletter**

22.09.2023



Our worship Theme is:

Flourishing together— Inside out

#### Worship

Our worship theme this term is Flourishing Together: Inside Out. This theme is focusing on how we are part of the great variety of life on Earth and the children are learning what is meant by 'biodiversity'. This ties in with our understanding of spirituality at St Katharine's, 'Inside Out', and what we can do to support biodiversity. The Bible verse we have been thinking about is: "The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24. The children took part in a survey for Mrs St John, sharing some brilliant ideas for worship and our 'Inside Out' courtyard as well as some super suggestions for 'Magnificent Marvelling Moments' on Hengistbury Head next week.



#### **Marvellous Music**

This week, we had the privilege of watching a woodwind concert supported by Sound Storm. We especially loved hearing them play popular, well-known tracks such as the Harry Potter theme tune and Sea Shanty. The musicians encouraged us to sing along whilst they played, which was great fun. They also talked to us about the instruments they p[played, which was really interesting. We loved the whole experience as it inspired us to learn something new. By Izzy, Gracie, Ella C and Cara.



#### **Polite Reminder - Parking Near School**

Following feedback from some neighbours, please could we request that parents/carers park respectfully when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please do not block people's driveways or prevent access to or from their property. If other family members drive your children to or from school, we would be grateful if you could forward this message to them too.



#### **Medical Details**

If any medical details have changed over the summer months, please complete a *Medical Condition Update* form. This is available from the school office and the school website.



#### 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.



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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: <a href="https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx">https://www.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx</a> or email or post your completed form (you can obtain a copy of the form via our school website: <a href="https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals">https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals</a>) to <a href="fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk">fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</a>; 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 <a href="https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals">https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/copy-of-school-meals</a>. For other information, please contact the BCP at <a href="fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk">fsm@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</a> 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.



#### SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

If you are in need of support with bills, you can apply for help through the Household Support Fund via this link: <a href="https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/">https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/</a> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.

| 2023/2024                     |  |
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| Autumn Term                   | Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023    |
| Year 4 Swimming               | Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023 |
| Autumn Half Term              | Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023      |
| <u>Inset Day</u>              | Monday 30th October 2023                               |
| Parents Evening (timings TBC) | Wednesday 8th November & Thursday 9th November 2023    |
| End of Term                   | Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm                       |
| <u>Inset Day</u>              | 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              |
| <u>Inset Day</u>              | Monday 22nd July 2024                                  |
| Inset Day                     | Tuesday 23rd July 2024                                 |