



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



Whole School Newsletter

26th February 2021

**Our worship
Theme is:**

**Make a
Difference**

Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship each week. Do encourage your child to be there for worship on Monday next week at 2:50pm. It's the second of four worships during Lent that relate to our school vision story 'Forever Flourishing'. This week Mrs St John made a den to reflect in, just like Jesus had to think about his purpose, during his 40 days in the wilderness. Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on each of the three Bible stories in our vision picture, that will help us to make a difference, now and in the future.



Art project

During the first few days back at school, all children will be making a contribution to an exciting art project we have planned for Lent, linked with love. Watch this space!

Return to School

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to school from Monday 8th March. We were delighted with the announcement, as I am sure all families were, and we can't wait to see all the children back learning in their classrooms. We would like to take this opportunity, once again, to say a huge well done to all the children and parents for all of the learning done at home during the past 8 weeks; you have done incredibly well. Also, thank you to all the staff who have been providing fantastic quality teaching, both face-to-face and virtually.



You will receive a child's guide and a parent guide to the full return to school next week on Teams to help you and your child with transition back to school - reminders, tips and routines.

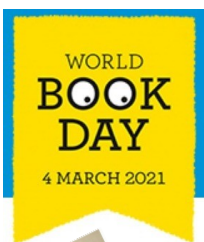
World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place next week on Thursday 4th March. You will already have received details about making a simple headband ready for next week. Please refer back to this letter for further details and ideas. We appreciate, that you may have limited resources at home at the moment so please do not go to any trouble to order or buy anything; just use what you have at home.

On World Book Day, your child will be able to take part in a range of reading, writing and creative tasks all linked with favourite books and authors. For one of the tasks, every child will need a potato; a medium – large potato is best.

All the resources for World Book Day will be uploaded into your child's Teams account. Here you will also find a digital copy of a £1.00 book token which can be used in most supermarkets and shops.

Please also look out for our special St. Katharine's World Book Day Quiz which will go live on Thursday 4th March; we hope all families will take part, combine all their book knowledge and smash the quiz!



Whole School Athletics Competition

With only one week before returning to school, we are excited to be launching a virtual whole school Intra Athletics Competition. The competition aims to encourage competitiveness and ensure that your child remains as physically active as possible. The competition will take place from Monday 1st March – Friday 5th March, your child will be completing one event per day, competing against pupils in their year group. So make sure that you join us, starting on Monday with a 12-minute Cooper Run.



The competition consists of five events, focussing on:

- ◆ Agility
- ◆ Balance
- ◆ Cardiovascular
- ◆ Co-ordination

For more information about this competition please read the letter, which was emailed to you on Wednesday, it has a Loom video explaining the activities and information on how to submit results in more detail.

Your child's teacher will add a file to Teams named 'competition' with resources for this competition.

On Friday the 5th March, please follow the link below to submit results for the 5 events.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gxKP1GBpV0yCAvsQPwFUyp0jXQ8M-SdFI9vwAkoNVVFUQVhYV0ExNDBCMEVEV0E3SjIFNDI2SkIMNi4u>

We hope that you enjoy yourself and remember to show grace, resilience and determination. Good luck!

Activities Clubs

We are pleased to announce we will be able to offer our After School Activity Clubs for Years 3-6 from 8th March 2021 to the end of term. Clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Monday – Year 3 - Starting Monday 8th March – Finishing 29th March
Tuesday – Year 6 - Starting Tuesday 9th March – Finishing 30th March
Wednesday – Year 5 - Starting Wednesday 10th March – Finishing 31th March
Thursday – Year 4 - Starting Thursday 11th March – Finishing 25th March

These clubs are now available to book via Wisepay. Please book by Friday 5th March 2021.

Live and 'Virtually' Inspired

Mrs Smith received the following details about an interactive musical event being launched by Soundstorm.

“Launching next Thursday 4th March, Soundstorm have a programme of interactive and inspirational music coming to you live from the Absolute Music Studios every Thursday at 2pm! Lasting approximately 30 minutes, with the ambition that both schools and home learners can access the performance through a link to the SoundStorm YouTube channel, the performances are designed to be accessible to all



KS1 and KS2 pupils. We encourage you to get as involved as possible, to type in comments and ask questions (the channel is hidden) – which will be managed by the SoundStorm team and put to the performers as they present! Details of the full schedule (type of acts etc) up to Easter will be uploaded onto the page below by Tuesday afternoon.

<https://soundstorm-music.org.uk/live-and-virtually-inspired/>

The password you need to access the page is 'Inspired' All sessions will be recorded and appear on the website after the live session for you to watch back later if you wish, or are unable to tune in live – however we are excited to see what added experience the live element brings to students."

2020/2021	Dates for your Diaries
Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021, 1.30pm
Return to School	Monday 8th March 2021
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 2nd April 2021 to Friday 16th April 2021
Summer Term	Monday 19th April 2021 to Friday 23rd July 2021, 1.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Summer Half Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Inset Day	Monday 7th June 2021
End of Summer Term	Friday 23rd July 2021, 1.30pm