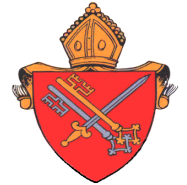




# St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



## Whole School Newsletter

21.10.2022

### Worship

**Our worship  
Theme is:**  
Light

In worship last week we challenged three children to make a lamp light using different combinations of components in an electrical circuit. We then thought about how all the circuits were different but they all shone brightly. During the week, the children thought about how they could shine by being a powerful learner, showing they were ready to learn and be the best they could be. The message was that they are all different but they can all shine. One of our values is 'Aspiration' and the Bible verse that goes with it is: "With God all things are possible."



### Book Look/Parents' evening

Thank you for coming into school earlier this week. We hope you enjoyed the additional opportunity to look at your child's work and talk to their teacher before your parents' evening or learning plan appointment. The teachers really appreciated being able to see you informally and are looking forward to meeting you virtually during the first week back. Do remember that if you wish to follow anything up, you are welcome to request a further meeting with the teacher. We would love to know if there are any particular aspects of maths, reading or writing you would like to know more about, in terms of how you can support at home, and will send a brief survey out soon so that we can plan further parent sessions according to need.



### Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will be selling poppies and other items in support of The Royal British Legion. The items will be on sale on the front playground before school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.



### NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

Our school will be taking part in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme during November. This programme is designed to empower children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about someone hurting them. It is an opportunity to reinforce important messages so that every child knows how they can speak out and stay safe. You will receive a separate letter after half term to explain in further detail about the programme.



### Antibullying Week

This year's Anti-bullying Week will take place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November with the theme 'Reach Out'. This links with the programme above and will encourage children to think about how reaching out can help to prevent and stop bullying. Through the week, the children will explore the different ways to reach out and practice putting these into action in their classrooms and on the playground.



### Cross Country

It was the start of the cross-country season last week at Littledown, with children in years 4-6 competing against others schools from across Bournemouth. In each race there were on average over 100 children in each age group all competing to be the best they can be. This is always a tough event, as not only is it about an individual being the best, it is also a team event. St Katharine's took a full team and were well represented in each race, with some great stand out individual runners and some great teamwork. It was lovely to see that some of the things the children had learnt in club were used in the races and hopefully helped them to achieve such good results. Keep up the good work and look forward to the next event.



### Year 5 football Tournament

The year 5 football team had their first experience of representing the school within a football tournament last week against 18 other schools from across Bournemouth. At the start, there was a few nerves, but these soon settled down when they won their first match. This set the standard for the rest of the day, with the whole team showing great teamwork and commitment to help others. The team went on and won their league in the morning, without losing a single game or conceding any goals, but always showing grace for each other and the other teams. The afternoon league followed a similar path, but games were a lot harder, and some nerves started to come back. All had to show resilience when times become hard. Once again the team did not lose a game and went onto become Bournemouth champions. Great team effort showed by all.



### Shoebox Appeal

This year we are supporting the Link to Hope Charity which provides Christmas shoeboxes for families in need. The shoeboxes we donate will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania. Unlike many other shoebox appeals, this scheme collects boxes for entire families and the elderly, so nobody's left out. **Please note that shoeboxes will need to be in school by 3<sup>rd</sup> November ready for collection.**



### Absences

Please could we remind parents to call the school absence line 01202 426663 or email office@skps.email by 9am. This is imperative to ensure the safeguarding of our pupils. At present, we are concerned that we do not receive a number of notifications each day and it results in school staff spending time calling parents to ensure their children are safe. Thank you.

### Year 3 Admissions September 2023

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 2023, 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### 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: <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/> Alternatively call BCP Citizens Advice 0800 278 7939.

### 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.



<b>2022/2023</b>	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	1st September 2022—16th December 2022
<b>Year 4 Swimming</b>	Tuesday 13th September —Tuesday 29th November 2022
<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	Monday 24th October 2022—Friday 28th October 2022
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 31st October 2022
<b>Parents Meetings (Virtual)</b>	Monday 31st October 2022 2pm—6.20pm Tuesday 1st November 2022 3.30pm—4.50pm
<b>Shoebus Appeal Deadline</b>	Thursday 3rd November 2022
<b>FSK Fantastic Family Fireworks</b>	Thursday 3rd November 2022
<b>Poppy Appeal</b>	Monday 7th November 2022
<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>	Monday 14th—Friday 18th November 2022
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Nativity</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2:05pm Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2:05pm
<b>FSK Christmas Fair</b>	Thursday 1st December 2022
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 Nativity</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 2:05pm Wednesday 7th December 2022 2:05pm
<b>Treehouse Pantomime</b>	Thursday 8th December 2022
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	Friday 9th December 2022
<b>Early Years Nativity</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 2:15pm
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Carol Service at St Katharine's Church</b>	Wednesday 14th December 2022 5pm
<b>Spring Term</b>	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
<b>Year 3 Admissions Deadline</b>	Sunday 15th January 2023
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Monday 13th February 2023—Friday 17th February 2023
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 20th February 2023
<b>Summer Term</b>	17th April—21st July 2023
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 1st May 2023
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 5th June 2023