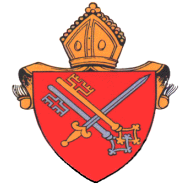




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Our worship
Theme is:

Ubuntu

Worship

Year 6 took part in a fantastic day of celebration at Christchurch Priory last week along with seven other local church schools. The theme of the day was 'Everyday Ubuntu' and the children took part in lots of different activities including making a clay gargoyle. One of the highlights of the day was the collective drumming, during the service, that every child took part in. Our children also loved their ice cream from the ice cream van!



Art Exhibition

This week, our art club hosted another fantastic exhibition of the work they have produced in art club. The work was beautifully displayed in the studio and admired widely by parents, staff and children. Thank you to Mrs Hart for hosting it.

Sports Day

Thank you for coming along to support the children at our sports day this week at King's Park. The weather was kind to us (though not to our gazebo!) and our children displayed the values that we always look for. Year 6 led the morning rotations and their teams brilliantly and everyone had fun. A big thank you to Mr Burke, Miss Smith, Miss Whittley and Mrs Bradley for their mammoth organisation. £177 was raised from the sports day programmes for FSK.

Staff Changes

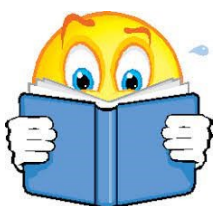
Next week, we say goodbye and good luck to some fabulous staff. As you already know, Mrs Richardson is moving on to be the Headteacher of Priory school - lucky them! Mr Burton is moving on to St Peter's Primary and we wish him well. Miss Scarrett is going to train to be a teacher next year with Bransgore Initial Teacher Training; Mr Deem is heading to Winchester University to do a 3 year teacher training course; Mrs O'Brien (EY TA) is going to manage a nursery; Mrs McCullough (French) is taking up a position at Bournemouth School; Mr Good is moving on to pastures new and we hope that we will continue to see Mrs Harris as a supply teacher. Mrs R Smith (yr2 TA) is leaving the school after 25 years+. She has been involved in pretty much everything at St Katharine's over the years: in all different year groups, residentials, after school club, drama club, productions, sewing clubs, maths support .. the list is endless. Mrs Smith has a big heart and we will miss her.

New staff

In September, we welcome Miss Wilcox to year 6, Miss Spokes to year 5 and Miss Orchard to year 3. We also have a number of staff who have just/are returning from maternity leave: Mrs Dawes, Miss Whittley, Mrs Robson, Mrs Lodge, Mrs Cashion. Other new members of staff will be Miss Ott and Miss Seaward (TAs) and Madame Gentsbittel (French).

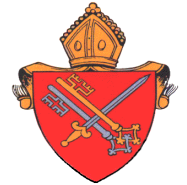
Monday 17th July Book Look

The school will be open on Monday 17th July 3.15pm—3.45pm for a 'Book Look' in your child's current classroom. Please bring a bag so that you can take home your child's books afterwards.





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Music



On Wednesday of last week, we had a very successful Summer concert primarily spotlighting our musicians in Y5&6 but also choir members from Y2 & Y4. They all performed so well - it was a great opportunity to celebrate their successes over the year. Thank you if you were able to join us on that occasion. On Friday Year 4&5 choir were at the Priory Church to take part in the School Choir Day of Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival. We were one of seven choirs from local schools to take part in our class and were delighted to receive a second place. The children all sang fantastically and showed grace and integrity in their appreciation of the other choirs and in their general behaviour both at the festival and walking back to school afterwards.

Offers of instrumental lessons for Y3-5 for next year were sent out earlier this week - if you have not received a letter via your child, please contact the office. If your child is in Y4&5 and has had lessons this year, please ensure you have responded to let Mrs Smith know if your child is continuing next year.

Also a final reminder to ensure that all payments for instrumental lessons, instrument hire and taster sessions are paid before we break up from school - unfortunately we are awaiting payments in excess of £500.

Finally, if your child is currently in Y4 or 5 and is would like to take part in the Young Voices concerts at the O2 next January, please ensure you sign up for Young Voices on a Tuesday morning before school when the club list is sent out.

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.



Activity Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2023, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week.

Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2023

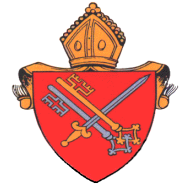
Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2023:

Breakfast Club – short session	-	£3.20	increasing to	£3.50
Breakfast Club – long session	-	£5.00	increasing to	£5.50
Afterschool Club	-	£10.00	increasing to	£11.50





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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.



Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm Sunday of each week to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week. Please do not order a hot school meal on a Tuesday if your child is swimming.



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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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.





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2022/2023	
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.00pm (Year 6 1.20pm)
2023/2024	
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 1st September 2023
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 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
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024