



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

Whole School Newsletter

24th September 2021



Our worship
Theme is:
Flourishing

Worship

In whole school worship this week, four children from year 6 led their own worship, following on from last week's theme of 'The Parable of the Mustard Seed'. They planned this by themselves, reflecting on various worships from over the years that have helped them to flourish. They managed this brilliantly, inviting other children to share what makes them unique and sitting in the special chair to tell the school. We are looking forward to more children leading worship in their classrooms and to the whole school.

Harvest Collection

Next week 6EB will be leading our Harvest worship in school. As part of our celebration, we would like the children to contribute towards a Harvest collection, which will be donated to the local food bank.

Thank you for the many donations that have come in today. If you would still like to contribute an item, there is still an opportunity to bring them in on Monday and Tuesday next week. Items could include any of the following: tinned food, cereal, pasta, rice, long-life milk/juice. NO FRESH FOOD. Children should take their donations straight to their classrooms.

Hooke Court

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their residential at Hooke Court last week. The children demonstrated our school values through their behaviour and team spirit and all the adults on the trip were so proud of their exceptional attitude, collaboration and resilience. They accomplished new skills and showed great independence, as for many, this was their first time away from home. Thank you to all the year 5 parents for their support and kind messages of appreciation.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Monday 27th September. In-school siblings will have their photographs taken in a morning session.

FSK

Friends of St Katharine's (FSK) would like to invite parent/carers to their next meeting on Tuesday 28th September at 6pm. The meeting will last approximately one hour where FSK will provide an overview on how they raise funds for the school and their plans for the Family Fireworks event which will be taking place on the 4th November - your support is much appreciated in putting on this fun and popular fundraiser. The meeting will be held at the school's Inside Out Room so please head to the bike shed area (behind Early Years playground) where you will be met.

FSK are currently looking for local companies to sponsor the event. In return for £200 sponsorship, your company logo will be promoted on posters and banners, social media platforms and on the ticketing website. If you can support FSK in this, please contact Naomi (FSK Chair) on

naomi_milne@hotmail.com.





Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped run our second-hand uniform sale last week and for everyone who made a donation to school funds. You raised a fabulous £165.00 for our school fund.



Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons will be available to pay on Wisepay next week.

Bike to School Week - 27th September to 1st October.

Bike to School Week is a UK-wide event run every year in partnership with Bikeability trust. Together we celebrate cycling and scooting to school and the massive benefits this brings to children's health and the environment.

Everyone can take part in Bike to School Week and there is no registration process.

Instead, all that the Bikeability Trust ask is that you let them know if you and your family will be cycling or scooting to school from 27th September and 1st October by pledging your journeys. All families that fill in our short online form at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-pledge/> to tell us their children will take part will automatically be entered into a free prize draw to win a Frog bike. We as a school will also keep a register every day in classrooms to see how active the children have been.

Your school journey can be made with any type of cycle, for example, handcycle, tagalong, cargo bike or scooter.

We'll also send you a free guide to walking, cycling and scooting to school with lots of great tips and activities.



Hot School Meals and Important Funding for the School

A reminder that school lunches are FREE to all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme. Otherwise, they are £2.50 each day. Children eat a two-course lunch and can have freshly-baked bread and salad too.

If families receive certain benefits, they can apply for 'Free School Meals' and if their child is entitled to them, this gives additional benefits to your child. If you think you are eligible, please visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering> for how to apply. If you're successful, we receive pupil premium of £1,320 from the government for each child registered as eligible for free school meals. Pupil premium supports the learning and wellbeing of children and is used to buy resources, subsidise school trips, provide training for staff and fund support.

For parents with children in years 1-6, the deadline for applying for a medical special diet menu is 30 September.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/specialdiets>

KS1 Universal Free School Meals

We would like to remind KS1 parents of the importance of booking a free school meal on **Thursday 7th October**. As a school, a significant chunk of our funding is determined by the uptake of KS1 school meals on two days in each academic year, one of which is Thursday 7th October.

If you do not order a meal on the 7th October the school will not receive funding for your child for the whole year.

In order to help us secure this funding which is invested back into your child's education, **please ensure you book a free school meal for your child for Thursday 7th October on Wisepay, before midnight Sunday 3rd October**, even if your child doesn't normally have a hot meal.

If you require any help using Wisepay please feel free to contact the School Office.

Many thanks for your support.





Flu Vaccine

The school nursing team will be coming into on 22nd November to administer the flu vaccine.



Allergies

Please ensure no nuts or nut products are brought into school. We have a number of children with severe allergies and their health must not be compromised.



Contact Details

If any of your contact details have changed over the summer months, please complete a *Change of Details* form. These are available from the school office.

Year 3 Admissions September 2022

Applications for the additional 4 spaces allocated for Year 3 are no longer automatically considered for those on our waiting list, we are now 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 2022, you must formally apply via the Local Authority.

You must complete a Local Authority Application Form available from the Local Authority website, this must be submitted by 15th January 2022



2021/2022	
Autumn Term	Thursday 2 nd September 2021 to Friday 17 th December 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September & Friday 3 rd September 2021
Autumn Half term	Monday 25 th October 2021 - Friday 29 th October 2021, 1.30pm
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
Flu Vaccine	Monday 22 nd November 2021
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022
Spring Term	Tuesday 4 th January 2022 – Friday 8 th April 2022, 1.30pm
Spring Half Term	Monday 21 st February 2022 - Friday 25 th February 2022
Inset Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 11 th April 2022 to Friday 22 nd April 2022
Summer Term	Monday 25 th April 2022 – Thursday 21 st July 2022, , 1.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer Half Term	Monday 30 th May 2022 - Friday 3 rd June 2022
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June 2022