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Worship

To start off our first worships of the new half term, the SEASIDE leaders and Dance Ambassadors presented a wonderful worship in which they shared how lucky we are to have so many brilliant experiences to develop our understanding of the world with our SEASIDE curriculum. Continuing with the themes of our SEASIDE curriculum, this week, our worships have been focusing on diversity. Mrs St John shared the 'Parable of the Great Banquet' (Luke 14:15 - 24) by inviting everyone to attend the worship with 'worship friends' from other year groups - we were even treated to disco lights! During the worship, we talked about how important it was to feel included and for us all to be inclusive by showing love, kindness, respect and tolerance. Mr Jewell also visited us to lead a worship about Remembrance, which linked perfectly to our school challenge of having a time for reflection in the Inside Out Court yard where we laid ceramic poppies.



Parents' Evening

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the recent Parents' Evenings and Learning Plan meetings. Thank you for all of your positive feedback regarding the reintroduction of 'in-person' appointments. We look forward to seeing the parents and carers of children in 4SP over the next couple of weeks.



Anti-bullying and Inter Faith Week

Monday 13th November starts off our Anti-bullying and Inter Faith week. Children will be involved in numerous activities for both aspects. The theme of Anti-bullying Week is 'make a noise about bullying' which starts with us all wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and remind us that we are all unique. The purpose of Inter Faith week is to explore different faith communities in the UK and to celebrate the contribution that faiths can make to our local and global neighbours.



Dropping off and collecting children

Please can we politely request that dogs are kept on leads and away from the school gates during drop off and collection times to ensure that all children arrive at and leave school in a safe and positive manner. In addition, please continue to be mindful of parking restrictions and speed limits around school and in the golf car park during these times.



All Together Surveys

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children who completed our All Together surveys last term. It is a really positive picture knowing your children are happy at school, that parents feel welcome in our school and that concerns that have arisen have been dealt with effectively by our school team. Please do familiarise yourself with the schools' Behaviour and Anti-bullying policy which you can find in our policies section on our school website under the Key Information tab. https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/policies

If you do have any concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher. For those parents who left their name, you will be contacted by your child's class teacher.





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Nativities and Carol Service

The dates and times for all the nativities and the carol service are all below in the calendar. You will have already received an email with information about tickets for the nativities. These have to be limited due to restrictions of numbers in our school hall. Parents will be able to come to **either** performance of Y1/2 or of Y3/4 nativity that their child is involved in. The School Carol Service takes place at St Katharine's Church and only involves Y5&6 pupils.



England Rocks Times Tables Rockstars Competition

This is a reminder that the TTRS competition starts at 07:30 am Tuesday 14th November 2023 and finishes at 19:30 pm Thursday 16th November 2023. This is a team event, so the more players we have; the better chance we have of winning!

Let's show England what amazing Times Tables Rockstars we are!



Wellbeing Wondering in Year 2

Children in Year 2 have enjoyed connecting with their inner stillness over the last four weeks with visiting artist Heidi Steller who led them through mindful reflection using disciplines of yoga, art and music. "I felt my heart beating in my chest and my breath flowing like wind." This project enabled children to take time out from their busy learning to experience calmness and wellbeing in our beautiful studio. Thank you to Bournemouth Cultural Hub for supporting this innovative project.



Cross Country

On Tuesday, we went to King's Park to take part in a Cross country event. This is a time where we can show our passion for running. We started by walking around the King's Park stadium so that we could recognise the field where we would be running. The year 4s started and we cheered them on and were good supporters. Years 5 and 6 had to run the track twice and we had lots of support to help us push to the last part of the race. At the end of the race we went through a funnel to get a token and find out where we had placed. We had a great time and achieved so much. Lyla and Nyla 6JH.



FSK Christmas Raffle

We are back with another amazing FSK Raffle, just in time for Christmas! Be in with a chance of winning one of many FANTASTIC prizes donated by our local business community and loyal supporters of the school. Over 90 prizes to be won include twelve luxury filled hampers, £100 cash, Polar Express train ride experience, a real Christmas tree, meals out vouchers, swimming lessons, various family activities, hair and beauty treatments, alcohol, sweet treats and MANY more! There really is something for everyone and prizes will continue to be added right up until the raffle is drawn! The raffle will be drawn at **7pm on Friday 8th December** allowing a week for all prizes to be collected from school before the end of term. Tickets can be bought here: https://raffall.com/347161/enter-raffle-to-win-fsk-christmas-raffle-2023-hosted-by-hannah-mcconnell

We couldn't run this raffle without the generosity of our wonderful local businesses supporting us, so a huge FSK thank you to all them! Thank you for your support and good luck! FSK



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Year 3 Admissions September 2024

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 2024, 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 15th January 2024.



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.



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.bcpcouncil.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@bcpcouncil.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@bcpcouncil.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.



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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2023/2024	
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday 12th September 2023—Tuesday 28th November 2023
Year 5 & 6 Choir concert at The Pavilion	Tuesday 21st November 2023
Year 1 & 2 Nativity	Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December 2.05pm
Year 3 & 4 Nativity	Wednesday 6th December & Thursday 7th December 2.05pm
Treehouse Pantomime	Thursday 7th December
Christmas Lunch	Friday 8th December
Year 5 & 6 Instrumentalist performance to parents	Monday 11th December 2.30pm
Early Years Nativity	Tuesday 12th December 2.15pm
Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert to parents	Wednesday 13th December 6-7pm
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
Inset Day	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
End of Term	Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 22nd July 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd July 2024