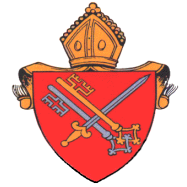




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Whole School Newsletter

03.03.2023

**Our worship
Theme is:**
Global Neighbours

Worship

We have had a variety of worship opportunities since half term including pancake races on Shrove Tuesday, a Keith Jewell Lent worship, Rwanda updates and a fabulous worship about Reading led by 2RD.

Rwanda

Mrs St John enjoyed a fantastic visit to Rwanda at half term with a team from the Diocese of Winchester. They visited eight different schools and Mrs St John was able to share some activities completed by our children. One of the highlights was showing some classes in Rwanda videos of our children doing the 'Love Grows' dance and then teaching them how to do it. Children at St Katharine's watched the Rwandan children doing the same dance sequence this week and broke into spontaneous applause! Through worship and other areas of our SEASIDE curriculum, we will continue to use photographs, videos and resources to develop our children's understanding of what it means to be a global neighbour.

Ofsted

As you are aware, Ofsted carried out an ungraded inspection, under section 8 of the Education Act 2005, this week. This type of inspection is carried out on schools previously graded as 'good' about once every four years; our last inspection was in June 2017, therefore this one was outside of that timeframe due to Covid delays. This type of inspection aims to confirm that the school remains a good school; Ofsted does not give graded judgements on ungraded inspections. As soon as we receive the report, we will let you know, though this may not be until after Easter. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day and we were really impressed with the vast range of headbands and hats representing so many well-loved authors and book characters. The children spent the day creating book mash ups where they combined the front covers of two books and sharing favourite books. They also visited the studio to play Guess the Dinner Guest. Tables displayed the clues to some very well-known book character guests, from Paddington Bear, Super Potato, Charlotte's Webb, Willy Wonka and more. We have also celebrated books and reading this week with Early Years and Year 2 visiting Tuckton Library and Year 5 having a virtual author visit with Mitch Johnson. The children will have brought home their £1 Book Token yesterday, which they can use in all book shops towards the cost of a new book. Apologies again that our Book Fair had to be postponed. We will let you know when we have booked a new date.

Reading Lists

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The School Reading List website has recommended reading books for children aged 3-11 in UK primary schools. Lists are curated and updated by teachers and librarians.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

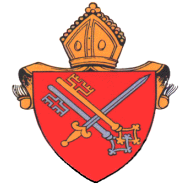




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Bicycles and Scooters

We do not permit children or parents to cycle or scoot down our school lane to/from our bike shed. Please can we politely remind parents that they and their child/ren dismount as they approach the lane and walk along it towards/from the bike shed area. This will help to keep everyone safe.

Family Fish and Chips Night

St. Katharine's and St. Nicholas Church have kindly organised a Family Fish and Chips Night on Friday 21st April at 6pm. It will be a fabulous night for all ages with food and Bingo. If you would like to book tickets for this event, please see our attached flyer for details.

St Katharine's Dance Club

On Monday 27th February, the St Katharine's Dance Club travelled to The Forum Theatre in Bath to compete in The Great Big Dance Off. Filled with excitement, the dancers had a quick rehearsal on the stage before preparing for the actual competition. With their faces painted, their hair styled and their costumes on, the team of 20 dancers warmed themselves up and got ready to dance in front of a full theatre! As their 'Rotten to the core' music began, the audience cheered and the dancers performed with passion! They looked brilliant on stage and it was hard to believe that this was the first time most of the children had ever danced on a huge stage in front of hundreds of people! They did a fantastic job and received a superb score. They are already excited for next year's competition!

ParentLine NHS

ParentLine 5-19 Launched in November 2022 and is aimed at Parents and Carers of Children and Young people aged 5-19 to seek advice and support for their child from a member of the School Nursing team via text message. The School Nursing team can help Parents with Healthy eating, weight management, day/night time wetting, toileting, sleep, hearing, behaviour, emotional health and wellbeing and more. Parents that have already used ParentLine 5-19 have fed back that they have found it a convenient and easy way to gain information, advice and signposting to further support without needing to wait for an appointment. ParentLine 5-19 runs from Monday to Friday 9am-4pm during Term times (excluding Weekends, Bank holidays and School Holidays). Parents can text their query to **07312 263131** and will receive an immediate bounce-back message to let them know their message has been received. We aim to respond within 24 working hours. More information on ParentLine 5-19 can be found on the School Nursing Web page www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing/parentline

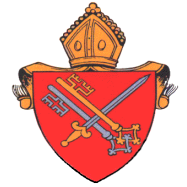
In Addition to the text messaging services the School Nursing team now also have Social Media pages aimed at Providing Health and Wellbeing information and Signposting for Young people and their Parents/Carers as well as providing updates about what to expect from the School Nursing Team and how to access further advice and support. Please feel free to also share this information with Parents within your newsletters and Web pages.

Find us on Facebook – Dorset HealthCare School Nursing Team www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089483889236

Find us on Instagram – [dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing](https://www.instagram.com/dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing) www.instagram.com/dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing/



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Visitor Lanyards

Please may any visitor lanyards which have accidentally been taken home be returned to the School Office.



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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.

Free School Meals – is your child eligible?



Are you entitled?

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.

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 a holiday or 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 of each week 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.



2022/2023	
Spring Term	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
End of Term	Friday 31st March 2023—1.30pm
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May 2023
Summer Half Term	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
Inset Day	Monday 5th June 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm