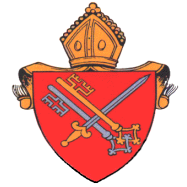




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Our worship
Theme is:

Ubuntu

Worship

4SP led a brilliant whole school worship about King Charles this week, following our celebrations of the Coronation in school. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Makaton performance of the National Anthem and our version of a school welcome song, inspired by Rwanda. The children have come up with some great idea for community service and will be taking part in this with their class at some point this term. Jesus said to his disciples: "I am among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27



Book Fair

We are looking forward to our Usborne Book Fair which is being held on Monday 15th May and Tuesday 16th May. Please pop in after school with you child and make your way to the Studio where you will find a huge display of books. Mary, our Usborne Book Fair co-ordinator, will be ready to take any orders. We look forward to seeing you there.

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week starts next Monday (15th - 19th May). This initiative is an enjoyable way to start the day, sets everyone up for a positive day in the classroom and it will also help create healthy habits for life. This year's challenge encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week whilst reinforcing 5 key themes.

Our year 6 SEASIDE Ambassadors have planned a small challenge for everyone to complete each day on their way to/from school which will help us all to think about our planet, be thankful for our beautiful environment and use the walk to improve our health and wellbeing. We will email the challenge each day so that it is fresh in our minds when we set off for school. We want everyone to feel involved so if there are mornings/days when you are unable to walk to school, you can choose an alternative such as walking home from school or doing a walk as family in the evening or at the weekend.

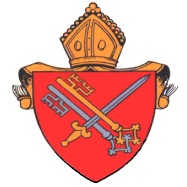
Bikes and Scooters

We love the fact that so many of our children cycle or scoot to school as this helps to reduce cars in our school vicinity and also has benefits for our planet and our health. Recently, we have noticed that several bikes and scooters are being left against the fencing at the start of the path down to the bike shed, causing obstruction. This is a health and safety risk as it makes it difficult for others to access the bike shed safely. We have spoken to the children today in worship about our expectations of wheeling their bike or scooter into the designated bike shed area. Please can we kindly ask that parents reinforce this message at home to keep everyone safe.





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School shoes, earrings and uniform

Our expectation is that children must be in the correct school uniform until the very last day of the summer term. We sometimes find that standards drop off as shoes wear out or children need a new size, however, your child must wear plain black school shoes. If you are unable to buy a new pair at any time, we have a big selection of black plimsoles that children can borrow; please send a message in to the teacher or speak to someone on the gate if you need some help with this. Similarly, we have a range of second-hand uniform that parents are welcome to access. If you are struggling financially with any aspects of uniform, please do contact the office or ask for Mrs Owen, and we will do what we can to help. Earrings are not allowed at St Katharine's - may we remind you once again that the only viable window to get ears pierced is at the very start of the summer holiday, as they must be removed for the start of term. Thank you for your support.



Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for second hand uniform. The amount raised for the school was £42.30.



Forgotten items

We are having a high amount of forgotten items being dropped into the school the office during the school day. Please ensure your child has everything they need for the school day when you bring them to school in the morning.



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

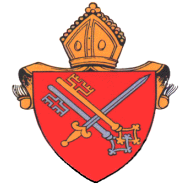
Absences

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.





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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.



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.



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?

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.

'Healthy Body - Healthy Mind' Festival

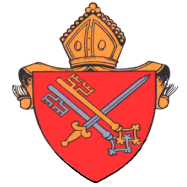
Please find an attachment for a free sports day being held at The Grange School on 24th June 2023.



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Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Year 3 Swimming & Top Ups	Tuesday 18th April (Every Tuesday) - Tuesday 4th July 2023
Walk to School Week	Monday 15th May—Friday 19th May 2023
Year 3 & 5 BSO Concert	Wednesday 17th May 2023
Summer Half Term	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
Inset Day	Monday 5th June 2023
Class Photos	Monday 19th June 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12th July 2023
Sports Day (reserve)	Thursday 13th July 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm
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