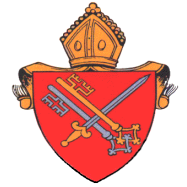




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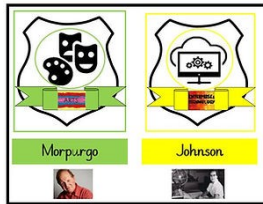
Rwanda

Worship

We have continued our Rwandan themed worships and have enjoyed watching some more video clips from Mrs St. John's trip. We have reflected on the ways in which our schools are similar and different. This week, we learnt that there was a special Commonwealth Service at Westminster celebrating Diversity, Equality and Friendship and there was more dancing from groups from Rwanda. As a school we are thinking about what it means to be a global neighbour and how we can support and learn from one another.

Child Led Worship

Our Year 6 House and Vice Captains for Johnson and Morpurgo Houses did an amazing job of leading a worship for us. We learnt a staggering amount about each individual and how they used their gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. Katherine Johnson's determination to challenge segregation and prejudice is an inspiration to us all and reminded us that one person can make a difference. Michael Morpurgo's passion for words and creativity is well known but we also learnt that he built farms with the specific intent to provide opportunities for disadvantaged children; 'the Farms for City Children project' is still going today. We look forward to our final House worship from Bear Grylls' House later this term.



Parking

We have had a number of concerns raised by local residents regarding parking on double yellow lines and obstructing driveways in Thornbury Road. Please can we ask all parents to respectfully park in the school vicinity at drop off and pick up. This will really help us to keep good relations with our neighbours.

Opera

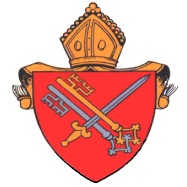
Opera for children? Surely not! Who knew that the English Touring Opera could entertain children in Year 5 & 6 with The Wish Gatherer, which was written especially for children in Key Stage 2! The story followed Lola's quest to find inner peace and how, on that journey, she entered a magical realm where Bumbella (the bee) showed her how to care for herself, others and the environment. Children had already some learned join-along songs and found themselves singing with trained opera professionals. To finish, children talked with the company to find out more about work in the cultural industries. Thank you Bournemouth Cultural Hub and Libraries for this unique, inspiring opportunity.



Year fives and sixes went on a trip to Bournemouth library on Friday 10th March to see a performance by the English Touring Opera. Beforehand, we had practiced a few songs, so we were able to sing along to the songs we knew. Many of the pupils had never experienced opera before so this was a breath-taking occasion for them. As well as singing, they gave us the chance to interact by picking a few children to assist them in the opera. We were also given bookmarks which had dandelion seeds inside, so when they decompose, they will blossom into beautiful dandelions. We all thoroughly enjoyed this trip and would love to do it again. By Freya and Sasha



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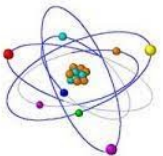
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Swimming Gala—A BRILLANT DAY OF SWIMMING

The year 5 team were proud to be invited to a swimming gala at Littledown. We were excited to cheer on our teammates in every race. First up, was the girls 50m backstroke and schools from all over Bournemouth competed against us. Then boys 50m backstroke who carried on a great start. We were ready for the horn to blow. The girls started off with freestyle, coming 2nd as well as the boys coming 2nd. The moment we're all waiting for—the mixed relay— finally started and as usual the girls went first. The girls put on an amazing performance and so did the boys. After the last event the year 5's waited for the scores to come in and surprisingly we came FIRST!!! Written by Erin and Lyla

Science Quiz



Science quiz

On Friday the 10th February we went to CJS (Christchurch junior school) and took part in a science quiz which we enjoyed. Overall, in all of the events, we came 3rd (the best this school has ever done!). Our favourite quiz was the Kahoot quiz because it was fun and we had to show collaboration. There was a written quiz that had 5 sections on forces, astronomy, materials, light and plant biology. Finally, there was another quiz, which was confusing, as we had to use coded messages to answer the questions. It was a great day. By Georgia and Josh.

Instrumental lessons

Final instrumental lessons for this term will be next week, 22nd - 24th March, except for Monday guitar lessons who will have their final lesson on Monday 27th March. Lessons will recommence in the FIRST week back after Easter. If you are in arrears for payment of lessons or instrument hire, please ensure this is rectified before the Easter holidays. If there are difficulties with this, please speak to Mrs Smith or the school office.

Visitor Lanyards

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

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.

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.

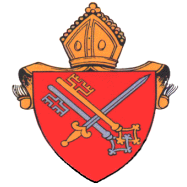




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Are you entitled?

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.



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
Year 3 The Romans are coming	Monday 27th March 2023
Early Years Farmer Palmers Trip	Wednesday 29th March 2023
End of Term	Friday 31st March 2023—1.30pm
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Year 3 Swimming & Top Ups	Tuesday 18th April (Every Tuesday) - Tuesday 4th 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

