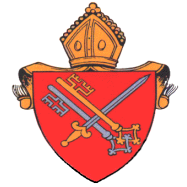




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Whole School Newsletter

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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Christmas

We have had a wonderful few weeks, celebrating Advent through our host of nativities and performances. All the children performed brilliantly and worked really hard to collectively share the joy of Christmas with you. This week we enjoyed watching our youngest and oldest children - early years were fabulous in the 'Noisy Nativity' and year 5 and 6 were amazing, performing through dance, drama and music at St Katharine's Church. Thank you to all our parents and families for the most generous messages, cards and gifts to staff. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



Thank you and goodbye

We say goodbye and farewell today to Mrs Bradley who has been a fabulous teacher, PE lead, Assistant Head, Inclusion Lead and SENCO at St Katharine's. The children gave Mrs Bradley a super send off with class video messages and we had a staff v children netball match to celebrate the magnificent contributions to PE and sport she has made over the years at St Katharine's. Mrs Bradley, thank you and we wish you all the best for your future - go 'Find Your (new) Thing'!

STEM Day

A group of year 6 children visited the AECC for a STEM day. When we arrived at the chiropractic college, we did math puzzles around the room. Next, we went to another room where we met Alex (a robot) and asked him some questions about his health. We practised how to identify basic illnesses and tried on equipment that made you experience the symptoms of certain illnesses. In our next activity, we learnt the names of different bones and also learnt about what's in the human body and saw wear all of our organs are on a massive screen (this is very topical as our latest project at school has involved the heart and our book that we've been reading is Pig Heart Boy). Later on, we learnt about radio therapy and how it can locate problems and help cure people. After that, we learned how x-rays work and they showed us how the machines worked. We looked at an x-ray picture of a box with random objects in it and we guessed what was in it and we got many correct. Finally, after a long, great day, we did a big exercise routine and then did a quiz on how are body works. We had an amazing time and learnt so much. Matty and Leo 6JH

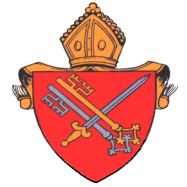
Values Ambassadors

Last Monday, we (the Values Ambassadors) went to St Katharine's Church and helped with the Monday open for lunch session. We were all like waiters because we had to take their order and then carefully serve the bowls of soup to the people who ordered them. There were 3 different soups as main, all served with bread. Next they had some desserts. The options were: apple crumble, chocolate pudding and raspberry meringue. We all got to taste the food too and it was delicious! Finally we served them tea and coffee and went back to school. By Kenny

VALUES AMBASSADOR



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Mixed County Final

We arrived at Littledown and our first game was very close and we even hit this bar but didn't manage to score. Our second match we fought through and managed to win 4-0 with great teamwork. The next match I was 2-1 to us with our amazing teamwork. Our last match was against Lilliput and it was a must win game it was close but our passing dominated the game and we won 2-0. In our semi-final we played Ferndown. We lost 1-0 to a great side. We had a great time and hope to do it again. By Charlie, Monty, Olli and Toby.

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.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.



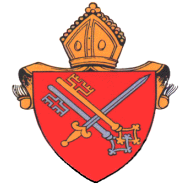
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SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

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.

2023/2024	
<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
End of Term	Friday 19th July 2024 1.00pm
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024

