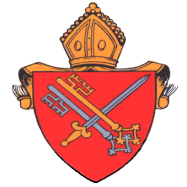




# St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



Whole School Newsletter

13.01.2023

**Our worship  
Theme is:**  
Epiphany

## Worship

In worship this week we had a fantastic class worship led by 3GH about Louis Braille - we all learnt a lot about Braille and listened to a beautiful version of 'Amazing Grace.' Last week, our child-led worship ambassadors, from year 6, planned and led their own worship about Epiphany and were brilliant! Our worship theme this term is linked to 'Ubuntu', the South African philosophy that we are all connected. The children read a children's book about it called 'I am You'. They have also met our new school cuddly sheep who is going to remind us of the meaning of the Parable of the Lost Sheep which is one of our three key Bible stories in our vision.



## Book Look and Parents' Evening

You will be receiving an email shortly about bookings for parents' evening. Please look carefully at the days and times as there are some differences between classes. As in the autumn term, we are opening the school for parents to come in person to chat informally to the teacher and to look at your child's books, the week before parents evening (2SL dates are all different as in the email sent earlier this week). The book look for the whole school is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3:15-4:30. If you are unable to come and would like to see their books, please do let your child's teacher know and they will arrange for them to be brought home for an evening.

## Year 3 Admissions September 2023

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 2023, 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## St Katharine's big win

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, the athletics team went to the Bournemouth Indoor Athletics qualifiers event at Avonbourne School, in hope of going to the next level.

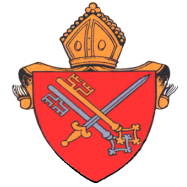
Normally when you think about competitions, you think about winning but it is more than just that. As well as developing your ability it can also boost your confidence, teach you resilience and show you not everything is about being the best. With this attitude, we began the competition which consisted of a range of team races, throwing events and jumping events. We won the competition overall and each pupil shone in their chosen events as we showed our values; grace, integrity and aspiration. It was a great honour representing the school as role models and we hope next time we will continue our demonstration of grace and come home victorious as we have in previous competitions when we compete in the Bournemouth Town final in three weeks time.

Written by Lilianna and Freya.





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## HC3S Job Vacancy

Please see attached details of a vacancy that has become available working for HC3S catering team within St Katharine's School. This role is 12pm to 1.30pm daily and whilst initially this is a casual/ temporary position supporting the schools meal service there are opportunities to progress. Please contact Wendy Wood, District Manager on 07793 758251.



## 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.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



<b>2022/2023</b>	
<b>Spring Term</b>	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
<b>Year 3 Admissions Deadline</b>	Sunday 15th January 2023
<b>2SL Book look</b>	Monday 30th January 3.15pm—4.30pm
<b>2SL Virtual Parents Evening</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January: 3:45pm—4:45pm Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February: 1:45pm—5.55pm Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February: 2.05pm - 4.55pm
<b>Book look (not 2SL)</b>	Monday 6th February 3.15pm—4.30pm
<b>Spring Half Term</b>	Monday 13th February 2023—Friday 17th February 2023
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 20th February 2023
<b>1st Virtual Parents Evening (not 2SL)</b>	Monday 20th February 2023 2pm—6.30pm
<b>2nd Virtual Parents Evening</b> <b>(Early Years, Year 1, 2RD, 3AB, 4TW, 5MS, 6JH)</b>	Tuesday 21st February 2023 3.30pm—5.00pm
<b>2nd Virtual Parents Evening</b> <b>(4SP, 5JG, 6EB)</b>	Wednesday 22nd February 2023 3.30pm—5.00pm
<b>2nd 3GH Virtual Parents Evening</b>	Thursday 23rd February 2023 3.45pm—5.00pm
<b>Summer Term</b>	17th April—21st July 2023
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 1st May 2023
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 8th May 2023
<b>Summer Half Term</b>	Monday 29th May 2023—Friday 2nd June 2023
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 5th June 2023