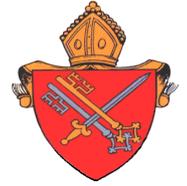




St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Whole School Newsletter

25th June 2021



**Our worship
Theme is:
Powerful
Learning**

Worship

In worship during the last fortnight we have thought about two of our powerful learning attributes, collaboration and creativity. They both tied in brilliantly with this week's 'Make a Difference' festival: "Take a good look at God's wonders - they will take your breath away." Psalm 66:5. We are delighted that through FSK's fundraising, we will be able to twin several toilets as well as making a difference through your donations to Christian Aid and Save the Children.



Spelling Bee

A BIG well done to everyone for taking part in the Summer Spelling Bee Challenge. The children did a fantastic job of learning their set of words. Their effort has helped us to reach a school total of 15,229 points. What a huge score! Thank you to all parents for supporting and encouraging your child at home with this task.



BCP SEND inspection

BCP council are having a full SEND Ofsted inspection commencing on Monday 28 June 2021. Attached is a letter outlining the inspection that includes a survey, should you wish to share your views.



Sports Week

What an awesome week we have had! The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have excelled in every way, collaborating in a variety of new sporting experiences that have pushed their abilities to the limit. Throughout the week, the children have taken part in community sports, led by coaches: AFCB, Southbourne Tennis Club and Netball Coaches, and a variety of teacher led sports including: surfing, lacrosse, zumba, golf, football and basketball. They all showed their resilience, tried something new and bounced back after difficulties. What a wonderful week, celebrating coming together again as a school and community.

**National School Sport
Week 2021: Together
Again**

Make a Difference Storytelling Festival

I would like to say a massive thank you to all for donating so many cakes and toys which helped make our festival such a rewarding experience for everyone. Children were amazed by the flags, tents and sculptures and really embraced the festival vibe. Throughout the day, storyteller Jan Blake had children spellbound with tales from around the world, artist Katie Gape showed sculptures of animals in wire and paper and author Laurie Newman shared her book Jessie the Jellyfish. Children performed their own 'acts' under canvas and everyone enjoyed Samba performances from children in Year 4 and 6.



We raised a whopping £918 for Christian Aid and Save the Children and have even donated some extra cakes to the local Foodbank due to your super generosity.

Big festival hugs of thanks to you, Mrs Dickinson

Year Six Activity Days

On Thursday and Friday last week, Year 6 went to Sandbanks to the Land and Wave Activity Centre and had lots of fun doing different activities throughout the two days. Many of the children had never done any of the activities before so it was a great opportunity to try something new. The activities included: paddle boarding, kayaking, playing/swimming in the sea, making our own obstacle courses using limited objects, raft building and crabbing. We had an amazing time! Estelle, Olivia and Emily (Year 6)



Once the children returned to school the fun continued with games, movies and other activities. We were incredibly grateful to Papa Johns who kindly donated 35 free pizzas for the children to enjoy after their busy day by the sea.

Alan Turing

Earlier this week, to celebrate Alan Turing featuring on the new £50 note, the children took part in the 'Alan Turing Patterns Project'. Throughout the day, the children learnt about Turing's mathematical patterns as well as completing a variety of activities including identify patterns in animals, a £50 note search, binary codes and algorithms.



School Office Reminders

Absence from School - If your child is absent from school, please leave a message on the school answer phone system before 9am. Please also remember to contact the school office every morning of your child's absence. Thank you.



Outstanding Payments on Wisepay—As we near the end of the school year, please can we ask that you check your Wisepay account for any outstanding payments and then settle any outstanding amounts. This is especially important if your child is currently in Year 6. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Tale of Two Cities Tickets - If your child is taking part in the Year 6 performance, please remember to complete the electronic form that was sent out to you yesterday via email. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Music Tuition - Over the last week several electronic forms have been sent out regarding next year's music tuition. Forms were sent out to all of Year 3 children and some children in Years 5 & 6. If you have received a form, please can you ensure that you respond by Friday 2nd July at the latest.

Hot School Meals

Please remember to order your hot school meals by 11.59pm every Sunday 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.



As such we ask that you help us protect these children by ensuring that food including packed lunches, snacks, etc. that are sent into school **do not contain nuts or products containing nuts such as peanut butter or hazelnut spreads**. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this please speak to the school office.

2020/ 2021	Dates for your Diaries
Swimming - Year 4	Tuesday 20th April - Thursday 13th July
Summer Term	Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July, 1.30pm
Year 6 Play 'A Tale of Two Cities'	Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th July 2021 (provisional) evening: time tbc
Sports Day - Children only	Monday 12th July 2021 (reserve date: Wednesday 14th July)
Year 6 Leavers' Church Service, St. Katharine's Church	Thursday 22nd July 2021, 9.45am
End of Summer Term	Friday 23rd July, 1.30pm
2021/2022	
Autumn Term	Thursday 2 nd September 2021 to Friday 17 th December 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September & Friday 3 rd September 2021
Autumn Half term	Monday 25 th October 2021 - Friday 29 th October 2021, 1.30pm
Inset Day	Monday 1 st November 2021
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022
Spring Term	Tuesday 4 th January 2022 – Friday 8 th April 2022, 1.30pm
Spring Half Term	Monday 21 st February 2022 - Friday 25 th February 2022
Inset Day	Monday 28 th February 2022
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 11 th April 2022 to Friday 22 nd April 2022
Summer Term	Monday 25 th April 2022 – Friday 22 nd July 2022, , 1.30pm
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Summer Half Term	Monday 30th May 2022 - Friday 3rd June 2022
Inset Day	Monday 6 th June 2022