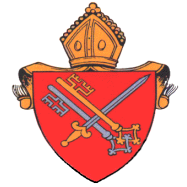




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Whole School Newsletter

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Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Gamechangers

Our 'Gamechangers' theme has continued with a focus on a medical technology company called Zipline that sends medical supplies by drone to villages in Rwanda - the children watched some exciting videos of the drones being launched, during Mrs St John's visit last year. Some of our Global Neighbours ambassadors told the school about how they have taken action against food waste in our school by weighing the food thrown away each day, collecting pupil voice and starting a campaign. The Grylls House Team led a super worship about Bear Grylls as a gamechanger, linking to our SEASIDE theme environment. Whole school worship this week was thinking about what the disciples learnt and what we can learn from the Bible story, 'Jesus Calms the Storm,' (Mark 4: 35-41) - we had fun with the whole school using body percussion to create the storm until Jesus (Phoebe) said through the microphone, "Quiet. Be still."

Parents Evenings

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Parents Evenings and Learning Plan meetings. Thank you for all of the positive comments and feedback that you provided. Please come and speak to us on the gates at the end of the day if you have any further questions about your child's learning.

Punctuality

A polite reminder: the gates into school each morning are open from 8:45 - 8:55am. Children arriving after this time will need to sign in at the main office and will be marked as late. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children in school, ready to learn promptly.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. This year, we are going to be focusing on sharing our love of non-fiction and poetry texts. We would like the children to bring in their favourite non-fiction or poetry book from home. If you don't have any of these genres, the children can choose a book from their class library. During the day, each classroom will be transformed into a 'Reading Café', where the children will have the opportunity to look at the 'book-tasting menu' and select a book that they wish to read. We can't wait to share our love of books and reading with each other!

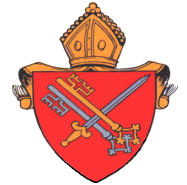
St Katharine's Church Open for Lunch

On Monday, four year 6s went to St Katharine's Church to help serve food and drinks to the elderly. When we arrived we got a notepad and pencil. We had to write down the names of the food and drinks, then we would go up to someone and ask what they would like. After that we would tally down who wanted what flavour of soup, the two options were: (mushroom or parsnip and swede). Most of them live alone and don't see people very often so we were happy to see them with a smile on their faces and make friends. Once they looked like they had finished we would ask if they were done and then take their bowl. After the soup they had pudding. The options were apple crumble, jam sponge or trifle. After that, we asked if they wanted tea or coffee. We really enjoyed helping. The next Open for Lunch at the church is on Monday 25th March at 12:30. If you know of any elderly neighbours, friends or family who would like to attend, please contact the church directly.





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Gardening Club



As Spring is approaching, we would be grateful for any donations of seeds, plants or compost for our gardening club which will be starting up again soon.

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.

2023/2024	
Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January 2024— Thursday 28th March 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
Sports Day at Kings Park	Monday 17th June 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