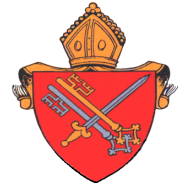




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Our worship
Theme is:
Ubuntu

Worship

Our theme for worship this term is **Ubuntu** and **helping our community to flourish**. We carried out class worship surveys this week to collect ideas about action and community service in and around our school as this links brilliantly to both Ubuntu and King Charles' promotion of serving.

The King's Coronation School Celebration

Friday 5th May - 3pm

You are invited to join us (weather permitting on the field), at 3pm on Friday 5th May, for a whole school celebration for The King's Coronation. The children will sing the National Anthem for you, with Makaton signs, that they have been busy learning. They will also perform a short school welcome song that is inspired by one of the schools Mrs St John visited in Rwanda.

Do have a look at this video clip of the children in Rwanda https://youtu.be/C_DMoXse10g - we have used the same melody and changed the words for our version. Do also take a look at our **school website page** about the **Rwanda** link <https://www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk/rwanda-link> which has further highlights of Mrs St John's visit on it.

If you are unable to make it on the Friday, please do send along another family member if you wish or ask a friend to record it for you. We are happy for you to record the children as long as videos or photos are not shared on social media. We look forward to seeing you.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mrs Richardson! As we shared with you last week, Mrs Richardson has been appointed as the new Headteacher of The Priory School, starting in September. She has been at St Katharine's since 2012, has been an exceptional Deputy Head for 8 years and will be missed here. The governing body of The Priory are delighted with their appointment and we will, of course, recruit a new deputy head for our school in due course.

Fundraising Raffle

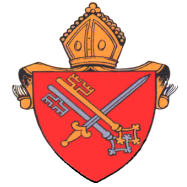
Some of our parents in year 3 have kindly organised a fundraising raffle in support of Macmillan Caring Locally hospice in Christchurch. Last year, they provided wonderful care and support for Kate and her family. Kate is very much in all our thoughts and prayers and this is an opportunity for us to support this vitally important local charity. The organisers have secured 29 amazing prizes from local businesses; please see the attached flyer for more information. To take part in this online raffle, please follow the link below. The draw closes a week today on Friday 5th May. A big thank you to all those involved and who have helped to organise the raffle.

<https://raffall.com/338550/enter-raffle-to-win-great-local-prizes-hosted-by-steph-joyne>





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Walk to School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (15-19 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, Walk with Wildlife, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various animals along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

FSK Grow a Pound

Thank you to all families for getting involved with the Grow a Pound scheme recently. Thanks to your support we have raised over £1700. If there is any money outstanding this can still be returned via the parent mailbox. This money will help boost the goal required for new resurfacing of the children's play area.

Activity Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs to the school of running our activity clubs we will be increasing the weekly charge, this will take effect from September 2023, **ALL** activity clubs will increase by 50p per week.

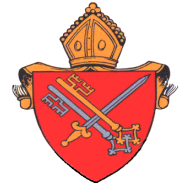
Afterschool and Breakfast Club Price Increase – September 2023

Due to the escalating costs of running our afterschool and breakfast clubs we will be increasing charges as follows from September 2023:

Breakfast Club – short session	-	£3.20	increasing to	£3.50
Breakfast Club – long session	-	£5.00	increasing to	£5.50
Afterschool Club	-	£10.00	increasing to	£11.50



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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 of each week to ensure your child has a hot school meal for the coming week. Please do not order a hot school meal on a Tuesday if your child is swimming.



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.



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; 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.

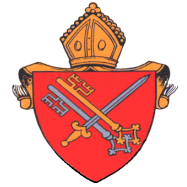




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Spring Term	3rd January 2023—31st March 2023
Year 3 The Romans are coming	Monday 27th March 2023
Early Years Farmer Palmers Trip	Wednesday 29th March 2023
End of Term	Friday 31st March 2023—1.30pm
Summer Term	17th April—21st July 2023
Year 3 Swimming & 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
Class Photos	Monday 19th June 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12th July 2023
Sports Day (reserve)	Thursday 13th July 2023
End of Term	Friday 21st July 2023—1.30pm
2023/2024	
<u>Inset Day</u>	Friday 1st September 2023
Autumn Term	Friday 1st September 2023—Friday 15th December 2023
Autumn Half Term	Monday 23rd October 2023—Friday 27th October 2023
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 30th October 2023
End of Term	Friday 15th December 2023 1.30pm
<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
<u>Inset Day</u>	Monday 22nd July 2024
<u>Inset Day</u>	Tuesday 23rd July 2024