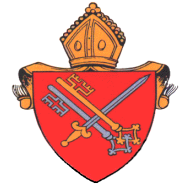




St. Katharine's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School



Whole School Newsletter

29.11.2024

Worship

Our worship
Theme is:
Integrity

In worship, we have been re-visiting one of our values, 'Integrity'. Our children understand that 'Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.' We have been using the stories of Mr Mean and Daniel and The Lion's Den to explore this and considered how we too can 'walk with integrity'. Each class created their own 'Mr or Miss Integrity' and thought about how they would behave - some children even brought in their own designs from home. "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out." Proverbs 10:9



Choir

Some of our children represented the school brilliantly at the annual Bournemouth Schools' Music Association Carols at The Pavilion recently - we were so proud of their contribution. Congratulations to Mrs Smith who masterminds and pulls together the performance, with hundreds of children across all the schools, as stage manager.



Wonderful waiters!

Last week, three of the Year 6 Values Leaders visited St Katharine's Church Hall to help serve a warm lunch to members of church community. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and impressed the diners with their superb manners, confidence and maturity. Not only did they serve soup without any spillages they also engaged in conversation and made everyone smile!

Christmas Cards

From Monday 2nd December there will be a letter box in school (outside the year 6 classrooms) for children to post any cards they wish to send. However, like in previous years, we have been thinking about how we can reduce the HUGE amount of wasted paper and cardboard that we create each year - especially at Christmas time. We often send glitter-covered or shiny paper Christmas cards which are hard, or even impossible, to recycle, not to mention being quite expensive too! In worship recently, we have been thinking about integrity and how our actions can impact other people and the world around us. We are responsible for ensuring we consider all parts of the global community that we are a part of - this includes looking after the environment and reducing the amount of waste that we produce. So with this in mind, we don't want to stop you sending Christmas cards this year, but we would advise you to think before you do. Maybe instead you could write a card to a whole class rather than a card for every child; or you could make your own card out of a small sheet of paper that could then, much more easily, be recycled; or you could simply wish each other a Merry Christmas and be kind to one another instead of sending cards at all.

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal the total raised by your generous donations was £535.71.

Absences Reminders

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 before 8.45am. Please remember to call in or email on each day of their absence.



Reporting



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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.



FSK Christmas Raffle

Be in with a chance to win our star prize, a Deluxe Weekend Getaway with your family worth up to £1,000, or one of our 12 legendary Luxury Hampers. PLUS we have over 100 incredible prizes!! Tickets are available here: <https://raffall.com/fskfundraising>

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

2024—2025	
Autumn Term	Monday 2nd September—Friday 20th December 2024
Year 3 & 4 Nativity 2.15pm	Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th December 2024
Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2.15pm	Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024
Christmas Pantomime & Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December 2024
Instrumentalist performance for parents	Monday 16th December 2024
Early Years Nativity 2.30pm	Tuesday 17th December 2024
Year 5 & 6 Carol Service at St Katharine’s Church	Wednesday 18th December 2024
End of Term	Friday 20th December 2024 at 1.30pm
Spring Term	Monday 6th January—Friday 4th April 2025
Spring Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2025
End of Term	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
Summer Term	Tuesday 22nd April—Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Summer Half Term	Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May 2025
End of Term	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 21st July 2025
Inset Day	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

