



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



Whole School Newsletter

1st May 2020

Worship

Each Wednesday we send out a Worship Wednesday poster that contains reflections, Bible references and stories and a craft activity. So far they have all had the theme 'We can help to make a difference'. Do encourage your children to engage with this and look out for Mrs Smith's Sign and Sing video on our learning hub on the website. We also have some super child-led worship presentations to send out to you over the coming weeks that have been prepared by children at home. On Monday, please make time for your child to watch the video from Mrs St John that will be on the learning hub - it would be great if they could be ready to watch it at 2:45pm on Monday, at our usual whole school worship time. Our new theme is 'Inside Out'.



New Website

We are thrilled that we have been able to launch our new website this week:

www.stkatharinesceprimary.co.uk

Have you checked it out yet? It has been a huge team effort in terms of content and we will add more over time. Our aim was to be able to convey our school ethos, as well as updating all the information, and we hope you agree that it does that.

The stunning artwork has been a huge project that has been based around our Christian vision and ethos; we wanted to tell a story of our vision and portray it through art. You can watch it as a video in Our School/About Us (with Jess' song 'The Power in you) and see individual pages throughout the website. Many children contributed little bits of artwork and year groups made the mosaics for each flag and balloon last year. Most of the pictures have been made from cut up sections of large backgrounds groups of children painted. The vision page (no words) incorporates three Bible stories that the whole school chose that best represented the words in our vision.

At the top of the home page, there is an orange banner for the current COVID-19 closure - click on [click here](#) to take you to our learning hub. You will find all our home learning videos here - please make sure you look at the whole school ones as well as your year group, for example, this week there are ones from Mrs Thompson (resources tips) and Mrs Smith (Sign and Sing). In year 3, there are links to two lessons Mrs Smith has made for Ukulele and Violin.

Phone calls home

Thank you for engaging with our phone calls home. The teachers have loved talking to the children and it made them quite emotional! Teachers will continue to make calls home to all the children on a 2/3 week rotation.

Anti-Bullying Alliance

We are really pleased that St. Katharine's was awarded the silver award from the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We have taken part in the All together programme this year and have demonstrated our commitment to stopping bullying and improving the wellbeing of our pupils. Thank you to Miss Crompton, who as our anti-bullying champion, has worked with staff and children to ensure that our preventative strategies in school continue to boost children's self esteem and enables them to ask for help when they need it. The programme is continuing next year and we are going to go for Gold!





Your Tweets

Thank you to all children that have been contributing to our twitter page with tweets about their amazing work, we have absolutely loved seeing what you have all been doing. Sign up to our twitter page by following the twitter link at the bottom of the page.



WisePay

We are awaiting the next government decision on 'lockdown' due next week including, we hope, information on the prospect for schools for the rest of the Summer Term. We will then make a decision on Summer Term trips already booked and paid for in terms of the likelihood they will go ahead. Please be assured you will be refunded for anything you have paid for that doesn't actually come to fruition this term. Refunds will be processed back through WisePay to the account they were paid from.



Admissions

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Families who have a pre-school or current year 2 sibling starting at our school in September 2020 will receive a letter directly from us as soon as you have accepted your place officially with the BCP. The letter will detail this year's admissions administration process which is different from past years due to the pandemic – **PLEASE DO NOT COME INTO SCHOOL REGARDING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, PLEASE FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND NOT MAKING UNNECESSARY JOURNEYS.**

If you have any queries regarding admissions please e-mail – admissions@skps.email



Contact

It's so important for us all to stay in touch at the moment. If any of your contact details have changed please let us know by emailing the school office at office@skps.email.

Staying Safe Online

Our children are spending more time online, using the internet to learn, play games and connect with friends and love ones. It is essential that we know how to keep them safe, whilst allowing them to keep in touch and learn. The NSPCC and O2 have teamed up to produce Net Aware, a website designed to give parents more information about the most popular sites children are using. Please take a look: www.net-aware.org.uk



Let's keep kids safe online

Home Learning

Last week we sent out an email giving parents advice regarding home learning, if you did not see the our email, the information is set out below:



This is some really good advice to reassure parents from the newspaper this weekend.

- Do not try to re-create the school environment
- Set a routine - if possible, have children dressed and breakfasted by 9:00am on weekdays - this will help them adjust when schools reopen
- Identify a set time of day when you will help children with projects, and other times when they can do things by themselves
- To avoid children losing academic skills they don't practise, including reading, writing and maths, make these the most important daily sessions
- **Parents should not worry too much on how much time the child spends learning: it's much better to have a really successful hour where the child enjoys their work, then plays.**