

Friday 8th DecemberMenu (w/c 11th Dec)

Week 1

Monday 11th
DecemberElephants Double Swim
and Year 6 (No Okapi
swim this week).6pm Angels Production
(Grey Falcon/Elephant
and Orangutan)**Tuesday 12th**
December6pm Shepherds
Production (Flame
Robin/Okapi and
Jaguar)**Wednesday 13th**
December9am Shepherds
Production (Flame
Robin/Okapi and
Jaguar)INFANT CHRISTMAS
LUNCH – Infant
children may bring a
Christmas Hat to wear.

Year 1 Swim

Gala

6pm Angels Production
(Grey Falcon/Elephant
and Orangutan)**Thursday 14th**
December9am Angels Production
(Grey Falcon/Elephant
and Orangutan)6pm Shepherds
Production (Flame
Robin/Okapi and
Jaguar)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a lovely week we have had in school! My highlight was watching the infant performances on Thursday and Friday - all the children were incredible, and I was so proud of them all. A special mention to our Early Years children who performed amazingly in their first ever school nativity. A video link will be sent out next week for anyone who missed it.

**This week in school:**

On Saturday 2nd December, Katherine Semar Junior Choir performed at the annual Spirit of Christmas celebration in St Mary's Church, Saffron Walden. The choir of Y4,5 and 6 pupils, under the direction of Mrs Wheeler, performed beautifully. They sang with sensitivity, expression and well controlled phrasing. The audience was spellbound by their moving performance---well done everyone!

Our Junior children also enjoyed their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday! We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Kitchen team for creating such a delicious lunch. It's the infants turn next Wednesday!

**Our children in need collection
raised £412.60.****The 2 Johns Online Safety session – Sunday 10 December 7pm**

The 2 Johns are running a session on Sunday evening (10 December) at 7pm to launch the ESCB online safety week. The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also [The 2 Johns Facebook page](#). This will be followed by a week of online safety messages and advice on the ESCB social media accounts. [Find out more about the campaign.](#)

Parent School dinners – NOW EXTENDED TO THE INFANT SCHOOL!

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £5.00. Now that we feel that the children are all settled in the infants this is open to all year groups. **To book please email the office on admin-inf@katherinesemar.net with the date you wish to attend (3 day's notice is required) and the colour meal (green or yellow) you would like.** We will then confirm whether we have availability on this date and how you can make payment. If you have booked to come for lunch in the infants, please go to the main office at 11.55am, for the Juniors please go to the main office at 12.05. Please note parents will eat lunch with their child but are not permitted to go out into the playground afterwards – this is for safeguarding reasons. Parents are also not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst in the dinner hall.

Glue sticks

If you can provide your child with a glue stick (ideally print stick) we would be so grateful.



RE learning

We have recently changed our RE scheme of learning which focuses on a range of enquiry questions in line with the Essex syllabus that we need to use. It has proved so popular that now 208 Essex schools have brought it from our Trust so we know it is very high quality! During their time at Katherine Semar, the children study a range of different religions such as Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism and Humanism. Our RE curriculum celebrates diversity, community and culture. This is something we would love to bring to life further for the children. If you are a member of a religious community and would be interested in sharing your religion through a school visit or by sharing artefacts, we would love to hear from you. This could be to learn more about a religious festival or share religious traditions and artefacts. Just let the office know and we will be in touch. We know how supportive our families are and look forward to hearing from you.

PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for the second half of this term.

AUTUMN TERM – SECOND HALF	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday	Wednesday	
YEAR 2	Wednesday & Thursday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 3	Monday	n/a	Grey Falcon 14 th & 28 th November Flame Robin 21 st & 5 th December
YEAR 4	Friday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 5	Monday & Thursday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday	Monday	n/a

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 1 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.
- Year 4/6 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.
- Year 3 children should wear their Forest School clothes into school on their Forest School day (with wellies in a plastic bag).

INFANT SCHOOL

Infant Christmas lunch

Just a reminder that all infant children are invited to have a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. There is no charge for this. Children may bring a Christmas hat or headband to wear during the lunch.

Infant Reading books

On Monday 18th December we will be collecting in all the infant reading books so we can do an audit before Christmas. Please return any books you may have at home before then. Bug club will be available for any reading over the Christmas holidays.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School performances next week

Please note that your children need to arrive back in school at **5.30pm** on the evenings that they are performing. They will be let into via the old Junior hall doors and should go straight to their classroom, once the children have been admitted we will begin to let parents in. Please remember **NO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 7 WILL BE ADMITTED**. You must bring your coloured programme with to gain entry.

Morning Squads & After School clubs.

Just a reminder that if your child attends an outside squad (Football/Netball or Cross Country) and it is raining then the squad will be cancelled and your child should come to school at the normal time. We do not have an indoor space to use for these squads as we also have an indoor squad & ACE club running at the same time. We cannot send a Parentmail out as it is too early – the office opens at 8.15am.





FUNDRAISING



We will be holding a change challenge during October and November. In the main reception area there is a giant bottle which we hope to fill with loose change (ideally silver, but any coins are fine). Once the bottle is full children are invited to guess how much is in the bottle. There will be a prize for whoever guesses the closest. The money raised from this will help pay for the Pantomimes we have booked for the children to enjoy just before Christmas – Treasure Island for the Infants and Cinderella for the Juniors. Please bring any change to the reception area.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Easyfundraising

With Christmas coming up and more people shopping online we wanted to ask as many parents as possible to register for Easyfundraising. By signing up and then logging into Easyfundraising or downloading the app every time you shop online school earns a commission – it costs you nothing! Please click here for more information

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/referrals/?efr_source=website&efr_medium=easyfundraising&efr_campaign=header-navigation

And use this link to sign up – we receive a £5 referral bonus if you use this link to sign up.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=136044&invite=8HZMBT&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest

Thank you all for your cracker donations – we now have enough and these will be used during our Christmas Party lunch on Tuesday 19th December.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher



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