

Friday 15th DecemberMenu (w/c 18th Dec)

Week 2.

Please note Christmas Party lunch takes place on Tuesday 19th December. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their school trousers/skirt.

Monday 18th December

Year 4/6 Swim

Tuesday 19th December

Pantomime & Christmas party day

Wednesday 20th December

9.15am Infant Carol concert (1 x Year 2 parent only to attend).

1.15pm Junior Carol Concert – Junior playground - everyone welcome!

End of Term – school finishes at 2pm



A merry Christmas from all the staff at Katherine Semar.

Return to School
Monday 8th January.

Year 3/6 Swim

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is our last newsletter before Christmas, it has been such a wonderful term and the children have all settled so well in their classes. I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and hope you have a restful break.

**This week in school:**

A full-on festive week in school again! We had wonderful performances of "How Christmas came to be" from Years 3, 4 & 5. We were so impressed by the beautiful singing and amazing costumes. A huge thank you to Mrs Cass and all the class teachers involved!

The infant children had great fun participating in the USSP Santa dash where they enjoyed lots of Christmas dancing and games. They also enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. A great big thank you to our catering team for preparing yet another delicious lunch.

A thank you to everyone who purchased tickets – proceeds have been sent to Action Aid to support our adopted child. More details will follow in the New Year.

Please see attached the links for the recordings of the Christmas performances.

Holly Infants 2023

<https://youtu.be/ujdrqPJL-Zg>

Ivy Infants 2023

<https://youtu.be/-Hicw6s8k8A>

Angels Juniors 2023

<https://youtu.be/wnJ2EmoqiS4>

Shepherds Juniors 2023

This is still being edited so will be sent next week.

Parent School dinners

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £5.00. **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.



PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for the **first half of the Spring term**.

AUTUMN TERM – SECOND HALF	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Monday & Wednesday	n/a	
YEAR 2	Thursday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Tuesday	Monday	
YEAR 4	Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	n/a	5 th March - Jaguars 12 th March – Orangutans
YEAR 6	Wednesday	Monday	n/a

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 2 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.
- Year 3/6 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.
- Year 5 children should wear their Forest School clothes into school on their Forest School day (with wellies in a plastic bag).

Spring Term Clubs and Squads (Years 1 - 6)

Attached to this Parentmail are letters detailing the clubs & squads on offer for the spring term. Bookings for clubs will open at 11am on Friday 5th January. Please read the letter(s) carefully prior to signing up.

Message from Essex Police

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are? Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online. #StaySafe

Christmas Reading Challenge

Please see the attached reading challenge which children are invited to participate in during the Christmas holidays. There will be a prize for infant children who complete "3 in a row" and a housepoint for junior children who complete "4 in a row".

<https://misterbodd.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/copy-of-christmas-reading-challenge.pdf>

INFANT SCHOOL

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. We had planned to hold a reading morning on the last day of term – Wednesday 20th December but due to the year 2 concert taking place unfortunately this is not possible.

Underwear Plea

We often need spare knickers, pants and socks to keep for emergencies. Our stocks are quite low at the moment. If you have any good quality spares you might no longer need and would like to donate to school – please bring to the office. Thank you.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Progress Check

We hope you had an opportunity to view your child's progress check, which should have come home with them yesterday, if they are in the in the junior school. If your child was absent for a particular topic that you would like to work with them on - there is a range of resources on the autumn remote learning tab on the website. Thanks for your ongoing support.

<https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+Learning+%2D+Autumn+2023&pid=420>

Junior Carol Concert

This takes place on the Junior playground on Wednesday 20th December at 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to join this service (please wrap up warm as it is outside).





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. 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.

GOVERNOR NEWS



Joanne Foote
Parent Governor

In my role as a parent governor I monitor behaviour, attitudes and attendance at Katherine Semar. On my recent visit I saw many examples of how the School's positive culture and values result in children enthusiastically enjoying their learning, taking pride in their work, and treating each other and staff with kindness and respect. It was a pleasure to visit the school, thank you to everyone who made the time to speak with me.

Letters sent this week:

Infant Club letter – Parentmail only
Junior Club letter – Parentmail only
Junior squad – Parentmail only
Infant and Junior Spring term diary dates – Parentmail only
Swimming – Y2/3/6 – Parentmail only
Year 5 William Morris trip – Parentmail only
Year 3 Roman day visit – Parentmail only
Swim gala letter – Parentmail only to gala children

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break

Kind regards

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Executive Headteacher





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