

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**Menu (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January)**

Week 3

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Year 3/6 Swim

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
January**

Year 2 Swim

Gala Swim

Year 5 Visit to William  
Morris Gallery**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**9.00am – Grey Falcon  
Maths workshop**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**9.00am – Flame Robin  
Maths workshop

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been such a lovely week in school. We have had a history spotlight where leaders across the Trust including SWCHS came to see our history teaching and learning. They were astounded by the children's work and their enthusiasm.

**Recently in school:**

Early Years had a fantastic morning when "Little City" came to visit. Our Junior Hall was set up with role play areas and the children got the chance to become Drs, Vets, Supermarket workers, Post Office staff, Hairdressers, Construction workers and much more! Great fun was had by all and Mrs Dolby had a well deserved pamper session from 2 very talented beauticians.

**Parents Evening**

Our Parents Evenings will be held in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30-6.30pm. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss your child's progress, their wellbeing and the teacher's current assessment of their progress to date. It is also a time for you to share any information that will help your child's learning and well-being. The meeting will last no longer than 10 minutes and we ask that all parents respect this. Details on how to book are below.

**SENCO appointments during parents evening** - For parents with a child with an EHC plan or 1 plan.

If you would like Mrs Moy to attend parents evening with you and your class teacher, please contact the office and we will try to arrange this. Mrs Moy is only available for Thursday appointments. Parents that have met and worked with Mrs Moy already this term, don't need to meet with Mrs Moy again during parents evening.

**Bookings open this Sunday evening (21<sup>st</sup> January) at 7pm via Parentmail.** For families new to the school and less familiar with this process, this is a simple process of signing on to your ParentMail account or accessing your ParentMail app, then follow the instructions for Parents Evening Manager. You will be able to make your appointment(s) from 7pm this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If you have any problems booking an appointment, please refer to the Parent 'help' menus in ParentMail. If you still cannot book your appointment, please contact the school office. Due to teacher availability there is only one appointment per child – we cannot offer separate appointments for separated families.

**Ace Booking for February Half Term**

Booking is now open for Ace during February Half-term. Please complete the attached form should you wish to book in for any sessions. The deadline to book is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please remember you will be charged for any sessions you book. Please remember ACE is closed in the May Half Term.

The link to book is here <https://forms.office.com/e/ib0ndUJf7A>

**Please see the activity schedule below:**

Monday – Mindfulness / friendship day

Tuesday – Chinese Dragon Day

Wednesday – Getting ready for spring garden day – bird feeders and bird boxes.

Thursday – Sports day/Panini Football sticker activities &amp; competition

Friday – Dress up/movie day



## PE Timetable

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

SPRING TERM	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 & Wednesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	n/a	5 <sup>th</sup> March - Jaguars 12 <sup>th</sup> 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).

## Out of School achievement assemblies

We are delighted to be holding more “Out of School achievement” assemblies for children in Years 1-6. These assemblies give children the opportunity to share their outside school successes with their peers. The kind of successes we would like to hear about should relate to out of school activities or clubs the children attend (such as Brownies/Cubs/Dance/Football/Swimming etc rather than home achievements such as learning to ride a bike or baking a cake).

The dates of the assemblies are listed below as well as a form to complete should your child wish to participate. The closing date to complete the form is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. We will not be able to share achievements if the form has not been completed by the deadline.

Year 1 & 2 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9am- <https://forms.office.com/e/T1GY6eiYVH>

Juniors – Oak and Beech – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 8.55am - <https://forms.office.com/e/uB0Pubgney>

Juniors – Horse Chestnut & Sycamore – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 8.55am - <https://forms.office.com/e/PMsbPwismG>

You are invited to come along and share their successes. Please remember to bring the certificate/ medal/ trophy to share their triumphs.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Hoodies and cold weather in PE

We have been informed that Grey Palmers are selling hoodies as part of our school uniform. Only children in Y6 can wear hoodies as part of their school uniform. Other children are not permitted and especially in PE will be asked to remove them as they are not safe particularly in chasing games. We will speak to Grey Palmer to ask them to stop selling this item too. Base layers are advised in this cold weather as the hall is sometimes not available for children to go in and children will do PE outdoors.

## *JUNIOR SCHOOL*

### Year 4 Class Assemblies

Year 4 will have their class assemblies on the following dates. Parents with children in the class are welcome to attend the assembly. Pre-school children are also welcome.

Okapi Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)

Elephants Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)





## Music Plea

If any children have music lessons and have any music books that they have finished with, we would welcome any donations to school. Year 6 are also going to be learning ukulele this term, if anyone has an unwanted ukulele, we could make good use of it in school. If any Year 6 children have their own ukelele then please could they bring it into school for their lessons on a Wednesday afternoon (for their own use).

## FUNDRAISING

### Plea for help

As school budgets get tighter each year it is vitally important that we raise some additional funds from fundraising events or projects. Our school's success and ability to provide enriching experiences for our children heavily depend on the collaborative efforts of our dedicated parent community. We believe that with your creativity, enthusiasm, and organizational skills, we can orchestrate successful fundraising initiatives that will greatly benefit our school. Our staff have planned an indoor movie night for later this term, a disco just before Easter and an outdoor movie night for the summer however we would welcome any parents/carers who were happy to plan and run additional events. In an ideal world we would have an active fundraising team with a committee that meets with staff members on a regular basis to help plan and run events. If this is not possible (and we know how busy parents are) then we would welcome parents volunteering to run one off events. ***We will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am where we would love to chat to anyone who might have ideas or be interested in running an event. If you are able to attend please just come to the main office after drop off – younger siblings are of course welcome!***

We know this time isn't ideal for everyone – so we will hold an evening meeting if there is enough interest. Please contact the office ([admin-inf@katherinesemar.net](mailto:admin-inf@katherinesemar.net)) if you would be interested in attending an evening meeting.

### Film Night

We are holding an after-school film night for all year groups on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, this will take place straight after school. (Finish time tbc). We do need some parent volunteers to help run this event, please let Kate Brown in the office know if you can help. The children will be watching "The Lego Movie" in the infant school and "Penguins of Madagascar" in the Juniors. The cost is £3.00 per child – this includes popcorn and a drink. It is payable on SchoolMoney. Payment must be made by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to allow us time to purchase snacks and prepare registers.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact [preloved@katherinesemar.net](mailto:preloved@katherinesemar.net). Thank you for your continued support.

### Support for Ukraine

The Rotary Club in Saffron Walden are holding a collection on the Common on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. They are in need of dried food such as pasta or rice or any tinned food. They also need any toiletries. We will be holding a collection on the morning of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – a trolley will be outside the main office should you wish to bring in any of the above items. Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Julie Puxley  
Executive Headteacher



