

Friday 26th January**Menu (w/c 29th Jan)**

Week 1

Monday 29th January

Year 3/6 Swim

Y5/6 Choir trip to The
02**Wednesday 31st
January**

Year 2 Swim

Gala Swim

Friday 2nd February

Collection for Ukraine

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a more difficult week at school with a lot of staff (and children) who have been too poorly to come to school. A HUGE thanks to all the staff especially the kitchen staff who have worked tirelessly with much less staff than usual for the past two weeks – and still made delicious dinners. Also, a HUGE thanks to my fantastic office staff who have supported the kitchen and been on playground duty everyday too! We are wishing everyone who has been poorly a speedy recovery.

**This week in school:**

On Wednesday Year 5 visited the William Morris Gallery as part of their art learning. Throughout the day the children made careful observations of William Morris wallpaper, furniture and textiles. They had a lot of fun with hands on activities including building a stained glass window, weaving and using view finders to sketch more details of his work. Taking inspiration from William Morris, the children also designed their own illuminated letters. Year 5 will continue with their William Morris learning in school over the next few weeks and hopefully be inspired by what they saw at the gallery and use this to design their own wallpapers.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will be held in school on Monday 12th & Thursday 15th 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.

Most parents have now booked however if you have not, you can do so on the Parentmail app. 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 2nd 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 & 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 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).

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) especially if it is a club that other children may wish to join.

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 7th 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 12th February 9am- <https://forms.office.com/e/T1GY6eiYVH>

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

Juniors – Horse Chestnut & Sycamore – Wednesday 14th 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 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 Gray 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 Gray 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.

Calm Zone

We have set up an inside lunchtime “Calm Zone” in the infant school (we already have a similar zone in the Junior school) and we are looking for donations of the following:

- Toy Cars
- Dinosaur figures
- Duplo
- Sticker & Colouring books
- Peppa Pig Toys
- Wooden trains & tracks

If you have any to donate please bring them to the school office. Thank you in advance.



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 th February at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)
Elephants	Thursday 8 th 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

Film Night

We are holding an after-school film night for all year groups on Wednesday 7th 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 2nd February to allow us time to purchase snacks and prepare registers. There will be no after school clubs on this day (Football 3/4, Dodgeball 5/6 & Drama & Music 1/2).

Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact 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 3rd 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 2nd 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



