

Friday 2nd February**Menu (w/c 5 Feb)**

Week 2

Monday 5th February

Year 3/6 Swim

Wednesday 7th FebruaryOkapi class assembly
8.55am

Year 2 Swim

Gala Swim

After School movie
Night - no after school
clubs today.
5.00pm pick up**Thursday 8th February**Elephants class
assembly 8.55am**UPCOMING EVENTS****Parent Consultations –**
12th & 15 February. No
after school clubs on
these days**Half Term - 19-23**
February

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What an inspiring week in school! The highlight for me has to be the trip to the O2 arena on Monday to watch our incredible choir perform. Mrs Cass is an exceptional music teacher and to see our choir singing so beautifully and to have learnt so many wonderful and varied songs was mesmerising. I know the parents who attended the event would want me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to Mrs Cass.

**This week in school:**

Our Year 5&6 Choir had the most amazing experience on Monday evening performing at Young Voices as part of the worlds largest choir at London's O2 Arena. The children (and parents who attended in the audience) all had an amazing time. It was an incredibly long and tiring day and we were so proud of them all. Please see below a montage of the concert filmed by Mr Hull.



<https://youtu.be/7QCygm-hS1U>

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.

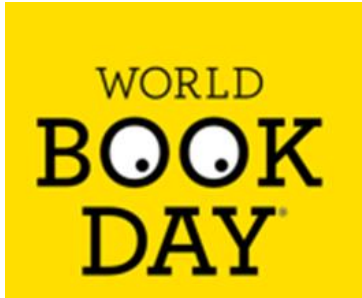
Online Safety

Today we have sent out our monthly online safety newsletter. In this edition you will find information on setting up parental controls on apple and android devices, information on parental controls and identifying the suitability of games for Playstation consoles, information about 'YouTube Shorts', parental control information for Snapchat and a link to a four episode series title 'Online Safety Starts Early, designed for Early Years children. It is Safer Internet Day next Tuesday 6th February and the theme is 'Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. You can use the link below to visit the parents and carers section with some bitesize Q&As.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>



Heads -Up!



This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we have decided to have a focus on book illustrations.

We will use this as a vehicle for promoting the 6 elements of Reading for Pleasure:

- Being read to regularly
- Having books at home and at school
- Having a choice in what to read
- Finding time to read
- Having trusted help to find a book
- Making reading FUN!

Instead of dressing up, this year we would like the children to get creative.

We will soon be sending home a short story, starring our core value characters! The story will have no illustrations and the challenge will be to illustrate the story in any way your child chooses e.g. comic strip, story box, collage, painting, drawing, photograph.

More details and ideas will be sent home shortly.

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/T1GY6eYVH>

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 something to share their triumphs.

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).



Calm Zone

Thanks for the donations for the calm zone – the children are enjoying playing and colouring together.

Dental Care

The Courtyard Dental practice have been in touch and asked us to send this message out.

The oral health of children is something that we feel very strongly about. We believe that good oral health is something that should be taught from a young age to build positive habits throughout life. Did you know that 41.4% of children aged 0-17 haven't seen a dentist in the last year? That is a huge percentage that as a practice we would like to work to reduce. The current rate of tooth decay in children stands at 1 in 4 children. With regular visits to the dentist, good oral hygiene instructions and diet advice, we hope to educate children and their parents in how to avoid being part of that statistic. We operate in a calm and friendly environment and strive to make every experience here a positive one.

We would be very grateful if you could let it be known in your school that we are accepting children here and would be happy to take on any child that doesn't currently have an NHS space at another dental practice.

Please get in touch with the Courtyard Dental practice if you need an NHS dentist for your child. <https://www.courtyarddental.net/about-us/>

INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 Class Assemblies

Year 2 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.

Polar Bear Thursday 15th February at 9.00 – 9.20am

Arctic Wolves Friday 16th February at 9.00 – 9.20am

FUNDRAISING

Film Night

All bookings for film night needs to be made by the end of today (Friday 2nd February). **The children will stay straight after school and should be collected at 5pm from the following areas:**

Infant Children - should be collected from their classroom door.

Year 3 – should be collected from Mrs Savills fire door (front entrance)

Year 4 – should be collected from Mr Wellers fire door (front entrance)

Year 5 – should be collected from the old Junior Entrance door

Year 6 – should be collected from the Junior Hall door

If you have children in both schools, please collect your infant children first. It will be busy at this time – please be mindful of our neighbours if you are parking near school.

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Julie Puxley
Executive Headteacher



