

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Friday 1st March

Menu (w/c 4<sup>th</sup> March)

Week 2

Monday 4th March

Year 4/5 Swim

Polar Bears Mothers

Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Arctic Wolves Mothers

Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Skylarks Mothers Day

Year 1 Swim

Gala

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Red Squirrels Mothers

Day

Friday 8th March

Turtles Mothers Day

World Book Day at Katherine Semar. Children to come to school in their nightwear (onesie or PJs) to "cosy up for world book day" Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week has been another fantastic week in school. I was so proud of my public speaking club who led an assembly in the junior school – you were all amazing and reminded us all of the importance of looking after the environment.



### This week in school:

It was such a treat to attend the Gym and Dance display at Saffron Hall on Tuesday! We would like to say a HUGE thanks to Mr Gilkes and Mrs Cadwallader who worked with the children. It was so lovely to receive so many lovely emails letting us know how much you enjoyed it.



Gymnastics Year 3 and 4 2024

https://youtu.be/2V\_EJrWHGYU



Gymnastics Year 5 and 6 2024

https://youtu.be/BZF3Hbw5GmM



Dance Year 3 and 4 2024

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Dance Year 5 and 6 2024

https://youtu.be/dQVJNlbr-M8











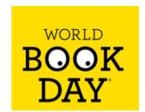






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Please can your child come to school in their Pyjamas, a onesie or something cosy on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March so we can "cosy up for world book day"

### Ace Club during the Easter Holidays

Ace club is open during the Easter holidays apart from the bank holidays. Please see below the activity schedule.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Mindfulness, creating Dream Catchers & a Sports activity Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Weaving, Flower sculptures & wreaths & a Sports activity Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Rainbow Day – Art & Science activities & a Sports activity

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Disco Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Nature Day – Creating Art, bug hotels & a Sports activity

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Windmills & Spinners & a Sports activity
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April Junk modelling – Elmar & a Sports activity
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April Mindfulness, Sensory & a Sports activity

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Scavenger hunt, Movie with popcorn and hotdogs

Please click on the link to book your Easter ACE sessions, booking closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March; https://forms.office.com/e/16G8hDK8yY

## E-Safety

Today we have sent out our monthly online safety newsletter. In this edition you will find information about the game Fortnite (including dangers and parental control information), an article titled 'Does your child need a mobile phone?', information on supporting children to manage their screen time, information on Instagram (including settings to enable you to monitor the account and safety features) and details about 'Google Family Link' and 'Apple Family Sharing' to help you manage your child's device. Just a reminder that this website <a href="https://esafetytraining.org/">https://esafetytraining.org/</a> is a great site for signposting you to other great sites for all sorts of areas related to online safety.

## **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 second half of the Spring term.

SPRING TERM	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Wednesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Monday	Wednesday	
YEAR 2	Wednesday & Thursday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 3	Tuesday & Wednesday	n/a	
YEAR 4	Friday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> March - Jaguars
			19th March – Orangutans – NEW DATE
YEAR 6	Monday & Wednesday	n/a	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 4/5 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).















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#### Blue Badge Parking

Just a reminder that the school car park should not be used by parents at drop off or pick up. The only exception is those who have a blue badge. If you have a blue badge please could you email into the office a copy of the badge and detail who it is issued to. We need to keep a list so we know who to open the gate to. The car park should only be used if the person with the blue badge is the person collecting – eg if the badge is issued to mum the school car park should only be used if mum is collecting, if dad is collecting then the carpark should not need to be used. We would really appreciate cooperation with this as we only have 2 disabled parking spaces and an increasing number of people with blue badges.

# INFANT SCHOOL

#### Mothers' Day Visits

We are so excited to be holding our events to celebrate Mothers Day. The event usually lasts for just over an hour with the chance to observe your child's learning with their peers, as well as joining in some special activities with your child and hearing your child tell you why you are so special! If for any reason, you are unable to make the visit, please do not worry as your children will be buddied up with a friend and still get to have a special morning. We want to celebrate the special ladies in your child's lives so if you prefer Grannies/Aunties or any special person in your child's life can attend. Please arrive via the infant hall entrance where you will be signed in.

A polite reminder that we cannot accommodate preschool children on this visit and, as it will be a normal working morning for the other classes in school, we will not be able to staff a crèche.

# The dates are as follows:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Polar Bear
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Arctic Wolves
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Skylark
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Red Squirrel
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Turtle
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March Dolphin

### The morning will run from 9.00 am - 10.15am.

Dates for Fathers Day in June will be sent out before the end of term.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## The boy at the back of the class

From 12-16 March "The boy at the back of the class" in being performed at the theatre in Cambridge. This is a well-loved text by many Junior children. Tickets can be purchased here <a href="https://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com/whats-on/boy-back-class">https://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com/whats-on/boy-back-class</a>

#### **Junior Lunches**

Just a reminder that Junior School lunches should be paid for in advance. We will be contacting anyone in arrears after half term who is in arrears and if debt is not settled you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child until your account is cleared.

## **FUNDRAISING**

## Matchbox Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in the matchbox challenge, we will let you know next week how much we raised and announce the winners!

# Pre-Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact <a href="mailto:preloved@katherinesemar.net">preloved@katherinesemar.net</a>. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley Executive Headteacher











