

Friday 8th March**Menu (w/c 11th March)**

Week 3

Monday 11th March

Year 4/5 Swim

Dolphins Mothers Day
visit – 9.00-10.15amWednesday 13th March

Year 1 Swim

Gala

Friday 15th MarchComic Relief – see
across!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week in school:

It has been lovely to welcome all the special ladies into the infant school this week to celebrate Mothers Day.

Our Year 4 Tag Rugby squad competed in the second round of the USSP Level 2 Tag Rugby tournament and we are delighted that we have qualified for the level 3 Uttlesford FINALS!! Well done to all involved!

**School Discos**

Our school discos will take place on Thursday 21st March.

The infant disco runs from 4.00-5.00pm (not 5.15pm as detailed on the termly dates).

The Year 3/4 disco is also 4.00-5.00pm and the Year 5/6 is 5.15pm – 6.15pm. If your child attends ACE on this day and you purchase a ticket for them, they will be taken to/from the disco.

Tickets cost £3.00 and can be paid for on SchoolMoney. Children will be given an ice lolly and a drink during the Disco. If your child has an EHCP please speak to Mrs Moy before booking a ticket.

Tickets MUST be booked in advance by MONDAY 17th MARCH.

We will not be able to accept ANY late bookings as we have to print registers and purchase snacks for the children. If your child is unsure about attending please explain to them that we cannot accept late bookings – we are also unable to offer refunds.

The Junior Discos will also have a pocket money stall – children are welcome to bring up to £2 to spend in the Disco Shop (please send coins in only as we will have limited change).

Comic Relief**At Katherine Semar we will be celebrating Comic Relief on Friday 15th March...**

Our School Council has suggested ideas and voted how to fundraise for Comic Relief. If your child would like to support Comic Relief, please donate for your child on School Money:

- Wearing a red nose (some are now compostable!), red clothes and/or red accessories (red wig etc.)
- Bringing into your class a funny joke (written down on paper) to contribute to your Year Group joke book.

Thank you for children everywhere!

School Council



Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg hunt takes place during the school day on Wednesday 27th March (parents do not attend but photographs will be on the website). The children will have great fun hunting for clues and finding some treats on the way! The cost of this is £1.50 per child and is payable on SchoolMoney. As always if you wish to support another child there is the option to do so in the shop section of SchoolMoney.

On Thursday 28th March we will be holding an Easter Raffle as part of our fundraising – **each class will hold their own raffle with several prizes available in each class. Tickets cost £1.00 and can be purchased from the shop section of SchoolMoney by Wednesday 27th March.** There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase however please make sure you purchase under the correct child.

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 nd April	Mindfulness, creating Dream Catchers & a Sports activity
Wednesday 3 rd April	Weaving, Flower sculptures & wreaths & a Sports activity
Thursday 4 th April	Rainbow Day – Art & Science activities & a Sports activity
Friday 5 th April	Disco Day
Monday 8 th April	Nature Day – Creating Art, bug hotels & a Sports activity
Tuesday 9 th April	Windmills & Spinners & a Sports activity
Wednesday 10 th April	Junk modelling – Elmar & a Sports activity
Thursday 11 th April	Mindfulness, Sensory & a Sports activity
Friday 12 th April	Scavenger hunt, Movie with popcorn and hotdogs

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

Note – any sessions booked via the link will be charged as we will need to employ staff using the numbers on the booking form.

World Book Day vouchers

Our Book Fair takes place after school from Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th March. We have held onto the £1 world book day tokens, and these will be available to be used at our Book Fair. If you wish to have your token before, please come to the school office.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of Headlice reported this week through-out the school, please can all parents check their children's hair and treat if required.

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 th March - Jaguars 19 th 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).



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.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum meeting takes place on Friday 22nd March at 2.30pm. Parent Forum is a good opportunity for parents to share their views. Each year has their own representative, who will listen to your views and suggestions and then bring them to our termly Parent Forum meeting. They will also have a key role to play in the fund-raising group which will form part of every agenda. If you have any topics you would like to be mentioned please contact the rep for your child's year group below. **Please note the Parent Forum is a forum for whole school issues. If you have an individual concern this should be brought up with your child's teacher or the office.** We would like feedback on School/Parent lunches, School communication, School holidays & fundraising.

Our Reps are:

Year	Parent Reps	Contact email
Early Years	Elspeth Newman & Emily Small	EarlyYears@katherinesemar.net
Year 1	Elspeth Newman	YearOne@katherinesemar.net
Year 2	Christina Hammond & Gemma Archer	YearTwo@katherinesemar.net
Year 3	Hayley Cordall & Emilie Fisset	YearThree@katherinesemar.net
Year 4	Sarah Steer	YearFour@katherinesemar.net
Year 5	Hayley Cordall & Gosia Henik	YearFive@katherinesemar.net
Year 6	Madi Wilkie	YearSix@katherinesemar.net

If you have anything that you would like to be raised at the meeting please contact your rep by Monday 18th March

INFANT SCHOOL



Easter Hat Parade

We are also so pleased to be able to hold our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March, at 8.55am in the Infant playground, which all families and preschool children are welcome to come along and watch. All Infant children get to wear an Easter hat they have created at home, so you have a couple of weekends to work on your creative ideas!



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5 Class Assemblies

Year 5 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.

Orangutans	Wednesday 20 th March at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)
Jaguar	Thursday 21 st March at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)



FUNDRAISING

Matchbox Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in the matchbox challenge, we raised £1389 and the winners will be announced in assembly shortly.

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Outdoor Movie Night

Please note this takes place on Thursday 11th July not 4th July as previously indicated. We are still looking for sponsorship – please get in touch if you can help.

KS Community Garage Sale (please see attached poster)

We are now taking bookings for the KS Community Garage Sale which takes place on Sunday 19th May from 10-3pm. This will be a lovely day where families in the local area will have stalls outside their houses for you to visit or you can have a stall outside your house if you have anything to sell. The “hub” will be at school and you can call in for refreshments/BBQ etc and to meet friends in Golden Acre park at any point during the day! Please email ksgaragesale@katherinesemar.net for more information.

How to get involved:

- Have a stall outside your home -cost £10 and you can book via the shop section of SchoolMoney. Stalls will be advertised on a map (sold for 50p) and you will be given a balloon to tie on your stall to lead people to it.
- If you're not having your own stall-you can donate any unwanted items (bric a brac, books, toys etc in good condition) for sale on school stall raising money for extra activities – donations can be accepted from 1st May.
- Volunteer to help with refreshments or a school stall
- Come along to the sale, buy a map for 50p and look for bargains!

There will also be a performance at school by the Buskerteers choir who meet at the school on a Thursday evening. Time TBC.

INCLUSION

Autism East is a service for the East of England and they offer various things for families, some of the online sessions maybe useful for families to consider if your child is autistic or you are considering a medical investigation into possible autism <https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/east-england-delivered-essex-county-council>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley
Executive Headteacher



