

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**Menu (w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March)**

Week 1

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 4/5 Swim

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> MarchYear 1 visit to Boydells  
FarmOrangutans Forest  
School**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 1 Swim

Gala

Orangutan Class  
assembly – 8.55am**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**Discos (see main body  
of newsletter)Jaguar Class assembly  
8.55amYear 3 visit to  
Cambridge Mosque**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**Year 2 Radwinter  
Dance Festival3.30pm Choir &  
Orchestra spring  
concert

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been another successful week at Katherine Semar with victory at the year 5 science fair as well as the Uttlesford netball tournament. I am so proud of our children and their positive attitudes. I would like to thank Bernae who is an inspirational coach to our young people in netball. In addition, a special thanks to Mrs Hall and Mrs Broadbent who has spent many hours supporting the children with their science projects.

**Year 5 Science Fair**

On Tuesday a group of Year 5 children attended the Big Bang Science Fair at Herts and Essex School. After a term of hard work choosing, planning and investigating at an after-school club, the children presented their work to hundreds of secondary children and adults and judges from STEM. We were so proud of their confidence, dedication, and science knowledge as they shared their work. One of our groups won the popular vote for the most creative project – does the amount of salt affect the making of ice cream?

**Easter Egg Hunt & Raffle**

Our annual Easter Egg hunt takes place during the school day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> March.** There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase however please make sure you purchase under the correct child.

**This week in school:**

What a sporting week we have had!

10 players from the Hockey squad represented Katherine Semar in a Hockey tournament on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at JFAN. 17 teams entered and we came 1<sup>st</sup> in our group round which put us into the final play off which consisted of the top 8 teams. We then played against 3 schools and held our own with 1 draw but got knocked out for the final. Hockey being relatively new to KSS, we were amazed at how confident and skilled they have become over such a short period of time. Great effort and a brilliant achievement for the hockey players.

On Thursday selected Year 6 took part in the Uttlesford Partnership Netball tournament, both teams did incredibly well coming 7<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>! The winning team beat St Thomas More in the final 9-0. Well done to all involved and huge thanks for Bernae for all her coaching.





## School Discos

Our school discos will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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) – alternatively you can pay via SchoolMoney if you don't have cash and we will keep a list of which children have spending money.

## 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>

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

## 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.

## 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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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).



## Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum meeting takes place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 will update reps on School Photographs, the results of our recent Parents survey and discuss fundraising. We would like feedback on the Mothers Day events and would like to know whether more children would scoot or bike to school if we had better bikesheds/scooter racks.

Our Reps are:

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

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

## INFANT SCHOOL



### Easter Hat Parade

We are also so pleased to be able to hold our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Year 2 Radwinter Dance Festival

The Year 2 children will be taking part in the Radwinter Dance Festival on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will transport the children to Radwinter via coach. Due to space in the hall at Radwinter parents are not permitted to attend. The cost of the coach per child works out at £3.50, this can be taken from our School Sports premium budget however if parents would like to contribute so we can use this funding towards sports equipment instead. We will add the charge to SchoolMoney but payment is entirely voluntary.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> March at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)
Jaguar	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 8.55am (lasts 20-30 minutes)

### Year 4 & 5 Young Shakespeare

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Young Shakespeare will come to perform "Henry V" to the children in Year 4 & 5. There is an additional event that the school can fund for the children however should you wish to contribute the cost per child works out at £6.00 per child. This is a completely optional payment, but any contributions will mean school funds can be diverted elsewhere.





## FUNDRAISING

### Matchbox Challenge

A massive thank you to all the children who took part in the Matchbox challenge, lots of late sponsorship money has come and we are so pleased to announce that we raised an incredible £2261.

The most items in the matchbox prize goes to Leo T in Year 5, Albert F in Year 4 raised the most sponsorship money and Emmy N in Year 1 won the prize for the best decorated matchbox!

If your child wishes to have their matchbox back these are in a basket in the main office area – any not collected by the end of term will be disposed of.

### 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.

### Outdoor Movie Night

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

### KS Community Garage Sale

We are now taking bookings for the KS Community Garage Sale which takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **WEST ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELL BEING SERVICE**

Please find the link below to WEST ESSEX CHILD WELL BEING SERVICE .

This explains what the offer is from the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/about-us/what-we-do/>

Here is a specific page about their offer for school age children .

If you call the team we are the WEST area.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/services/school-age/>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley  
Executive Headteacher



