



Friday 19th April

Menu (w/c Mon 22nd April)

Week 2

Monday 22nd April

Year 3/5 Swim

Year 2 PE today instead of Thursday (this week only)

Tuesday 23rd April

Dolphins Forest School

Wednesday 24th April

Red Squirrels double swim

Year 1/2 Music and Drama cancelled as Mrs Gardiner is in Kingswood.

Year 4 to Kingswood.

Thursday 25th April

Year 3/4 Tennis squad cancelled and Year 1/2 Summer sports after school club cancelled as Mrs Eagleton is in Kingswood.

Friday 26th April

Textile collection (see fundraising section).

Year 5/6 Rounders squad and Year 3/4 Summer sports cancelled as Mrs Eagleton is in Kingswood.

Year 4 return from Kingswood

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had a visit from our CEO and four school leaders from the Trust. They were observing lessons and speaking to children. Our children and team were amazing and the inspection team were blown away by the children's impeccable behaviour and passion for their learning. I am always proud of our school but it was lovely to hear so many compliments.



This week in school:

Year 1 had a fantastic day visiting Stansted Aerozone. The children had the opportunity to see the planes taking off and landing. They learnt about all the different jobs in an airport and discovered how xray machines work.

They even met an ex-Katherine Semar pupil who now works at the airport as a Guest Services Officer!

Our Orchestra were invited to Saffron Hall this week to see The National Youth Orchestra perform.

Katie from Year 5 has reflected on the visit.

"The start was very entertaining. Also, it was awesome when they walked up the side and played their instruments. My favourite part was when they did the final bit which was Stevie Wonder's "Sir Duke". The pieces were amazing, my favourite piece was matchmakers because it was interactive. Overall, I loved it."

What a fantastic first week of term!

PE Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE for the **SUMMER TERM**

SPRING TERM	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Wednesday	n/a	Dolphins -16/ 23/30 April Turtles- 7/14/21 May
YEAR 1	Monday	Wednesday	
YEAR 2	Wednesday & Thursday	n/a	(second half of summer term)
YEAR 3	Tuesday	Monday	
YEAR 4	Monday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Thursday	Monday	
YEAR 6	Wednesday & Friday.	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.
- Early Years should wear their Forest School clothes into school on their Forest School day (with wellies in a plastic bag).



Term time holidays

Children of compulsory school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly.

- Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities available to him or her.
- When a child is absent from school, he or she misses not only the teaching provided but is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return.
- There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays or leave. Therefore, every school day counts!

Your rights and responsibilities

- If your child is registered at a school you must ensure that they attend regularly.
- The regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a term time holiday.
- If parents take their child on holiday or leave in term time, this will be counted as an unauthorised absence. This will mean you receive a penalty notice fine issued or prosecution in the Magistrates court.

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 about cyberbullying and group chats, dangers around the survival horror game Poppy Playtime, TikTok parental settings and safety information and information about online challenges. Just a reminder that this website <https://esafetytraining.org/> is a great site for signposting you to other great sites for all sorts of areas related to online safety.

Parent Forum

We held our parent forum meeting just before Easter -the minutes from the meeting can be found here on our website. [Katherine Semar Schools - Parent Forum.](#)

School Uniform

Please could we ask that children do not wear nail varnish, temporary tattoos, non-policy hair-bands & branded sportswear to school. Children should wear school shoes NOT trainers with their school uniforms.

Textile Recycling

We are holding our next textile recycling collection on Friday 26th April. The following items can be donated <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Please bag up any items and drop them outside the junior hall doors by 9am on Friday 26th April. School receive payment for anything collected so its an easy way for us to fundraise!

INFANT SCHOOL

May Day Celebrations

On Friday 3rd May we will holding our annual May Day celebration in the infant school from 2.00-3.00pm. Parents with children in the infant school are invited to come to watch.

Please see attached the fact sheet attached to this newsletter relating to this as the infant children will not be in school uniform on this day.

Headlice

We have received reports of Headlice in the infant school, please may we ask that parents check their children and treat if needed.



FUNDRAISING

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Summer Fayre

Do you own your own business? Are you able to provide us with a voucher for our summer raffle?

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

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.
- Have a stall at school, also £10 if you live far away or don't have a garden or driveway.
- 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.

3G Pitch Hire

As you are aware we are so lucky to have our 3G sports pitch, we hire the pitch out to local sports clubs some evenings and weekends and the income generated from this goes towards the upkeep of the pitch and any maintenance work required. The pitch is also available for hire for birthday parties etc during the summer months – children may love a sports party and there are coaches who offer this option if you are able to provide a pitch.

The cost to hire the pitch is £35.00 per hour PLUS VAT. Toilets are available for any hires and for an additional fee we may be able to provide an inside space if needed. If you might be interested in hiring the pitch, please contact Kate Brown in the Office. We are also looking for more regular lets so if you are part of a sports club that may need space, please do pass our details on.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley
Executive Headteacher



