



Friday 26th April

**Menu (w/c Mon 29th April)**

Week 3

Monday 29th April

Year 3/5 Swim

Tuesday 30th April

Dolphins Forest School

Wednesday 1st May

Year 1 Swim

Friday 3rd May

Infant May Day  
Celebrations – 2.00pm  
(Infant playground).

Monday 6th May

School closed due to bank  
holiday.

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another exciting week in school with our Year Four children in Kingswood. We have put lots of photos on the website so make sure you have a look.

**This week in school:**

On Friday our gala squad attended the Uttlesford Finals in Great Dunmow (having already won the first heat at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre). The children all swam brilliantly, and we are so pleased to announce that both Year 3/4 and 5/6 won their events overall. This means they are through to the Essex County Finals in July.

We are so proud of all the children for their hard work – a big thanks also to our swim coaches and Mrs Salmon.

Pictured below are Ollie & Elsa – Year 5/6 Captains.

**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).



## 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.

## 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.

We have also noticed that a lot of children especially girls in Year Six are wearing cycling shorts instead of loose-fitting shorts or their skirt. Please can you ensure all children wear correct uniform. We will make sure that next week any child in the wrong uniform changes into correct uniform as we have plenty of spare clothes.

## 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.

## Support groups -info from Mrs Moy

Several parents have talked to class teachers and staff on my team about advice and support in helping their child manage their fears and worries or managing their child's behaviour. Please see attached the flyer of free online parent workshops for parents at our school can access.

## Anti-idling initiative

The school councils' anti-idling initiative on 26<sup>th</sup> March was a big success. A huge thank you to all parents who are continuing to switch off their engines while waiting, helping to look after our school environment!



## INFANT SCHOOL

### May Day Celebrations

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## Year 2 to 3 Transition lunches

Once your child reaches Year 3 the government no longer provide children with a free school lunch everyday unless you are eligible for free school meals (details on this will follow near the time). However, you are still able to purchase a school lunch (currently priced at £2.30 per day). The food at Katherine Semar is not only healthy, nutritious, and freshly prepared from scratch it is also delicious! As part of your child's transition into the Junior School we will be taking all the Year 2 children into the Junior School for their lunch on the following days:

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents are invited to join their children on one or both days if they would like to share lunch with them and see for themselves just how tasty our lunches are and see our junior school. To book please go to the shop section of school money and purchase the appropriate meal. (E.g. – Y2 Transition lunch - Wed 22 May – Roast Pork or Wed 22 May - Jacket potato).

You do not need to order or pay for your child, just any adult that would like to come. We are unable to accept preschoolers for lunch or offer a creche however please be assured that if you cannot make it to the lunch your child will still enjoy their lunch in the Junior School and will be sat with friends and buddies from the Junior School who will show them the routine. If you cannot make it – you may want to have a look at this video

<https://www.katherinesemar.co.uk/page/?title=Meal+Menus&pid=39>

## FUNDRAISING

### 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.

### 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 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. Once you have paid please email [ksgaragesale@katherinesemar.net](mailto:ksgaragesale@katherinesemar.net) to pass on your details.
- Have a stall at school, also £10 if you live far away or don't have a garden or driveway. – **THESE ARE ALMOST SOLD OUT!**
- 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.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley  
Executive Headteacher



