

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**Menu (w/c Tue 7<sup>th</sup>  
May)**

Week 1

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> MayBank holiday – School  
and ACE closedTuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Turtles Forest School

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Swim &amp; Gala

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to have our Year Four children back in school. We would like to say a HUGE thanks to all the staff who joined them and made sure they had such a fantastic time.

**Recently in school:**

Our Year 4 children had the most fantastic time on their 2-night residential to Kingswood in Norfolk last week. The children participated in a broad range of activities such as Archery, Climbing, Zip lines and fire making. Please look at the website for the photographs.

The children behaved brilliantly and we are so proud of them.

A HUGE thank you to Mr Weller, Mrs Whiter, Mrs Eagleton, Mrs Gardiner and Mr Sandwell for giving up their time to accompany the children on this visit.

**E Safety Newsletter**

Today we have sent out our monthly online safety newsletter. In this edition you will find information about the parent-led movement 'Smartphone Free Childhood', safety settings on Whatsapp, links to sites exploring the impact of being online on our children's mental health and wellbeing, misinformation online and more. 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.

**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 3/5 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 skort. 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.

## INFANT SCHOOL

### 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>

Please book by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May for the lunch on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Friday 21 June for the lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> June.





## Early Years & Year 1 Class Assemblies

Early Years will have their class assemblies on the following mornings from 9.00am – 9.20am. Parents with children in the class are invited to attend. We are happy for pre-schoolers to attend these assemblies.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Dolphins

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Turtles

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Red Squirrels

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Skylarks

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Year 3 Bee workshop

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May Year 3 will be The Natural Hive Company with be delivering a workshop to Year3.

During this hands-on experience, they will be guided through the captivating life of honeybees. They'll have the opportunity to explore beehives, observe bees up close in our observation hive looking for HRH the queen, and finally taste some wonderful honey from our apiary. This workshop is an exciting opportunity to bring lessons to life and deepen children's understanding of the natural world. The school can fund this workshop from our budgets; however, we know parents are often happy to contribute to events like this so that we can use the funds elsewhere. Therefore, we will add a voluntary charge of £5.50 per child to Schoolmoney – however there is no obligation to make payment. Any contributions are greatly welcomed.

## 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 long weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley  
Executive Headteacher



