

Katherine Semar Infant & Junior Schools

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Dear Junior Parents,

Please do take time to read all of this letter. It contains lots of important information regarding how clubs places will be allocated for the first term back after the summer holidays.

The current junior clubs will finish today, Friday 19th July.

We are pleased to be able to offer clubs after and during school in a range of sports and activities for the Junior children. **Through the autumn/winter term we will run Urban Cheer, Multisports, Hockey, Gymnastics, Show Choir, Art & crafts, Choir and Orchestra club.**

Please note that if your child has special educational needs, please email the office to make an appointment with Mrs Moy, so we can make appropriate plans to support your child if they would like to do a club.

Choir – This is for children in year 4 to 6 and runs for the whole school year.

Orchestra Club – Children will be invited to this club during the first few weeks of the autumn/winter term and upon acceptance will be enrolled in this club for the whole year.

This letter gives you all the information you require to choose and book clubs and the payment required.

Please read the following information carefully.

Collection from clubs

At the end of the club, the children will be dismissed by the teacher from the front of the junior school. All children in year 3 and 4 must be collected by an adult, children in year 5 and 6 who have permission to walk home on their own can do so for the first half of the term but from November all children must be collected by an adult after clubs. Any children booked into Ace Club will walk to Ace independently after their club ends.

Payment for clubs

Clubs are booked via, School Money.

Once a club is full no further payments will be taken so clubs will be on a first come first served basis.

Each club will have a separate charge as shown next to each club.

The charge for each club is not per session it is a cost per club for the term or half term.

Whilst we will try our utmost not to cancel clubs, there will be occasions where this is unavoidable due to illness, weather, events, trips, residential or other circumstances (paternity leave!)

We anticipate that your child will get a minimum of 8 club sessions during the term and the cost has been worked out on this basis.

We have done some research, and the charges are cheaper than all other schools in the town.

Katherine Semar Schools are committed to ensuring that all students are able to access squads and clubs. If your child is supported by the Pupil Premium Grant (they are currently receiving free school dinners or have received free school dinners within the last 6 years, not including universal free school meals in the Infant School), then we will cover the cost of one club per year. If you are eligible and would like to take advantage of this during the autumn/winter term, please email the school office by latest 31st August stating the club you would like your child to have a place in and the office will reserve this for you. If you are eligible for support through the Pupil Premium Grant but feel that you are able to make the payment, then please book clubs through School Money.



Club applications will open on Monday 2nd September at 12 midday and a reminder about this will be sent out prior to them opening. Please only book one club initially to give everyone chance to try to book their first choice. From 9am on Tuesday 3rd September you can go in and book more clubs if you wish.

All after school club sessions will run from 3:15-4:15pm and will either run for the whole of the Autumn/Winter Term or for a half term. Half term clubs are marked in red.

Monday after school first half term only – Gymnastics club with Mr Gilkes for year 5 and 6 for the first half of the autumn/winter term starting on 9th September. Cost will be £10 for the half term.

Tuesday after school first half term only – Gymnastics club with Mr Gilkes for year 3 and 4 for the first half of the autumn/winter term starting on 10th September. Cost will be £10 for the half term.

Wednesday after school – Hockey with Mrs Eagleton for year 3 and 4 for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 4th September. Important - Please note that all children will be required to wear shin pads and mouth guards to take part in this club for safety reasons. You must provide these for your child to take part in this club. Cost will be £15 for the term.

Wednesday lunchtime – Year 3 to 6 Mindfulness club with Mrs Eagleton for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 11th September. Cost will be £10 for the term. Mindfulness club – In a calm environment children will learn breathing strategies to help reduce anxiety and stress whilst improving self confidence and self-esteem.

Wednesday after school first half term – Year 5 & 6 Art and craft club with Mrs Page starting on 11th September. Children will take part in art and craft activities including some knitting and / or crochet. Cost will be £10 for the half term (this price includes cost of materials)

Wednesday after school second half term – Year 3 & 4 Art and craft club with Mrs Page starting on 6th November. Children will take part in art and craft activities including some knitting and / or crochet. Cost will be £10 for the half term (this price includes cost of materials)

Thursday lunchtime first half term only – Dance club run by Tempos for year 3 to 6 – This is a new dance club which will run for the first half term of the autumn/winter term starting on 12th September. Cost will be £10 for the half term.

Thursday after school – Orchestra (by invitation only) with Mrs Savill, Mr Hull and Mrs Wheeler for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 12th September. Cost will be £15 for the term.

Thursday during the school afternoon – Year 4 to 6 choir with Mrs Wheeler for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 12th September. Children who sign up for this club enrol for the whole year and take part in lots of events. This year the choir performed at the open day, Christmas and summer fayres, O2, Spirit of Christmas, spring and summer concerts and at an old people's home.

The cost for this club will be broken down into two payments. The first £20 will be due in September and the second £20 in November. We are asking for the full payment of this club within the first term to avoid the issues we have had this year of children pulling out of this club and not making the payments they had committed to.

Friday lunchtime – Year 3 to 6 Urban Cheer with Mr Gilkes for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 6th September. This club is for all children who want to learn tumble, lift and stunt moves. The club is a mix of street dance and gymnastics and the children will take part in a competition as a team later in the term. We want strong boys and girls who are keen to learn new and challenging moves. Cost will be £15 for the term.

Friday after school – Multisports with Mrs Eagleton for year 3 and 4 for the whole autumn/winter term starting on 6th September. Cost will be £15 for the term. This club covers a wide range of sports and will include sports such as hockey, netball, football, dodgeball, gymnastics and cross country.

Friday after school – Show Choir. Children will enjoy singing popular songs from the world of theatre. This club is predominantly for year 3 with Mrs Gardiner for the whole autumn/winter term starting on the 27th September. Cost will be £15 for the term. This club may be opened up to other year groups dependant on uptake.



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