

# *Welcome to*

# *Year 1*



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## Who's Who? - The School Leadership Team



Miss Georgia Slade  
Assistant Headteacher



Mr. Anthony Hull  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs. Julie Puxley  
Headteacher



Mr. Rob Aiken  
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs. Caroline Dolby  
Assistant Headteacher



## The Year ... teachers and TAs



Mrs Josie Polmeer  
Year 1 – Skylark Class



Julia Fennell



Mrs Pargeter  
Year 1 – Red Squirrels



Kim Matthews



## Transition into Year 1

- We aim to make the transition from...  
as smooth as possible.
- Some things will remain the same, some things will  
be different.



# Katherine Semar Infant School



## Times

The gate opens at 8:35am and doors open at 8:40am. Your child will enter the school through...

Break time is 10:20am until 10:35am

The children are dismissed at 3:10pm

If there is any change to pick up, then please inform the school office



## **INSPIRE Curriculum**

**We are Heroes!**

**Once Upon a  
Time**

**Wheels, Wings  
and Magical  
Things**

**The Toy Maker**

**Scales, Fur and  
Slime**

**Treasure  
Seekers**



## Topics

Each half term there will be a...

Launch: **Hunt for the superhero capes.**

Landing: **Superhero day!**

Curriculum enrichment activities:

Everyday superheroes, Meet an author, Forest School, and field work focusing on seasonal change.



## A typical morning in Year 1

Partnered Reading

Maths

Assembly

Play Time

English

Phonics

Lunch time



## A typical afternoon in Year ...

Register

Handwriting

Foundation subjects (History, Art, ICT etc)

Playtime

Story

Home time



## Your Child's Equipment

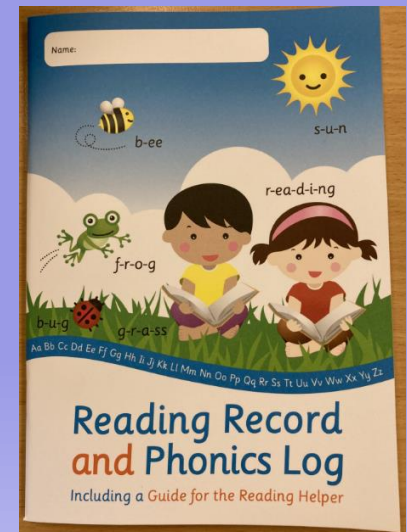
- A NAMED book bag – No keyrings please
- A healthy snack to be eaten at morning playtime
- Reading Diary and Reading book
- A NAMED water bottle
- Packed lunch (if not having a free school meal)

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## Your child's equipment

Your child will continue using their current reading diary , which they will need at school each day. This will travel between home and school and should be used as:

- a communication tool between parents and teachers
- a recorded of their reading at school and home





## Uniform and PE kit

The parent section of our school website has comprehensive information on the uniform and PE kit children are allowed to wear.

Gray Palmers have a website which enables you to purchase school uniform over the website, which is:

<http://www.graypalmer.co.uk/store/Katherine-Semar-Junior/>

Our logoed school uniform (but not PE kit) is now available from <https://myclothing.com/>

Our school website has more information on what non-logoed uniform and PE kit is allowed.





## Swimming

- Three half-terms over the year (one half of every term).
- Children need to come into school wearing their costumes underneath.
- The day your child is swimming they will need to bring in
  - ✓ A **named** swimming bag
  - ✓ Wearing a **named** swimming tankini (girls)/ named swimming trunks, not loose swimming shorts (boys)
  - ✓ Tankinis (but not bikinis) are allowed in the infants
  - ✓ A **named** swimming hat (a Katherine Semar swimming hat can be purchased from Gray Palmers)
  - ✓ A **named** towel
  - ✓ Goggles (optional)





## Forest School

- Your child will attend Forest School for one half term
- The Forest School sessions take in Hilly Bumps Forest
- Sessions are run by one of our trained forest school leaders.
- It is a fantastic opportunity for the children, which they gain so much from.
- **Volunteers welcome**



# Katherine Semar Infant School

## Growing Independence

As your child continues to progress through Katherine Semar, they are expected to grow further independence and take on/manage their responsibilities.

Please encourage your child to independently manage their own belongings before and after school.



## Communication

- Learning Letter
- Weekly spellings – In reading diary
- Weekly newsletter
- SeeSaw



## Behaviour

- We have high expectations of behaviour for our pupils.
- These high expectations help the children become independent learners, responsible for their own behaviour and the impact that their behaviour can have on other children.
- We have a restorative approach where the children are encouraged to discuss and reflect on their behaviour with an adult.
- The discipline and behaviour policy is available on the school website.
- Children are involved in setting class rules.



## Zones of Regulation

**THE ZONES OF REGULATION®**

**BLUE ZONE**

Bored, Flat, Exhausted, Sick, Tired, Sad

**Blue Zone Tools**

Stretch

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**GREEN ZONE**

Calm, Good, Proud, Okay, Ready to Learn, Content

**Green Zone Tools**

Drink water

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**YELLOW ZONE**

Frustrated, Anxious/Worried, Excited, Silly, Overwhelmed, Scared

**Yellow Zone Tools**

Deep breaths

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**RED ZONE**

Aggressive, Mean, Terrified, Mad, Angry, Yelling

**Red Zone Tools**

Take a break

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# Katherine Semar Infant School



## Weekly Newsletter

We encourage all parents to read our weekly newsletter, which is emailed out every Friday and put on our website in the 'parents' section.

If you're tight for time, please do read the information in the dark blue strip on the left as it has the most important dates and information.



Katherine Semar Schools

## NEWSLETTER

Ross Close, Saffron Walden, CB11 4DU | Phone: 01799 521120 | www.katherinesemar.co.uk

Friday 28th June

Menu (w/c 1<sup>st</sup> July)

Week 2

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Deadline to complete your sports day lunch order for your child (needs to be done for ALL children)

Year 4/6 Swim

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Textile Recycling Collection

Arctic Wolves Forest School

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Year 2 Swim & Gala

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Booking deadline for outdoor movie event

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day

**Don't forget to book for the Outdoor Movie Night and/or Disco**

Dear parents & carers,

It has been an incredibly successful week in school with lots of musical and sporting triumphs. In the Uttlesford athletics finals, we came second for our Y5 and 6 children and third overall. I was so proud of the children who on such a hot day (with little shade) performed brilliantly and behaved impeccably. Thanks for all the parents who came to help and support. We also had some stunning performances from our choir. We will be putting in some links next week for you to enjoy – in case you missed it.

**Athletics squad**



**Cheer club**



**This week in school**

We have also been incredibly proud of our Y2 cheerleading team. Ava, Bella, Elsa and Lana from Year Six have been running their own cheer club at lunchtimes and the Y2 children performed to the rest of the school. They showed their core values of confidence and resilience. The routine was stunning and we are very grateful to the Y2 children and Y6 cheer captains who have worked so hard to choreograph and practice the dance. We have a link to the performance here [https://youtu.be/8TW0\\_yM55](https://youtu.be/8TW0_yM55) Please do not share on social media as we do not have permission to share from some children.

**Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The Juniors event takes place from 9.30am until 12.00 and the infants will start just after 1pm. Families are welcome to come to watch. (Please can we remind parents that school is a smoke and vape free site). Parents/carers are invited to join their child for a picnic on the school field between 12.00-1.00. Alternatively, parents are invited to book a school lunch (£5.00) and come and join their child in the lunch hall. For any children whose parents are not able to attend a school lunch will be offered as normal.

If you would like to share a picnic lunch with your child you will need to collect your infant child at 11.55am at their classroom door. We really hope and expect that the weather will be glorious. However, should we have to postpone the event on the day, we would ask that your child still brings their picnic as a packed lunch as it will be too late for the kitchen to prepare a cooked meal at the last minute. We advise your child brings their picnic lunch into school with them in the morning and you bring your picnic lunch to sports day. Sadly, last year the event got cancelled halfway through the morning and it was an impossible job trying to deliver packed lunches from parents to children at the last minute!

Please complete the form <https://forms.office.com/e/5ndiMyKt> by the end of the day on MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY so we know what your child will be doing for lunch. This must be completed for every child in the school and can also be used to order a parent lunch in the school hall.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the teacher!**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July children will spend the afternoon in their classes for next year with their new teachers. At 2.45pm parents are invited to come into school to meet their child's new teacher for next year and they will talk you through key points for the next academic year. If you have more than one child, we recommend that you attend the meeting of your eldest child. We will send a Parentmail out on the morning of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July informing you of your child's class for next year and where to come when you come to meet the teacher.





## Parents as Partners




As a school we actively promote the partnership between home and school. We believe we can best support children's learning, progress and development through working in partnership and sharing opinions, experiences and information.



# Any Questions?





At Katherine Semar Infant School, we aim to provide a positive learning experience for every individual and we take pride in the fact that our pupils are nurtured in a safe, enjoyable, respectful learning environment because everyone in our school matters.

***Preparing your child for the future***

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