



Dear Parents/Carers

### This week in School:

We hope you all enjoyed attending the Christmas plays this week. I loved watching them and am so proud of all the children. The links to the videos will be sent out in a separate email. Please do not post any of these to social media. We have had a great day today – the whole school enjoyed the Pantomime and festive party lunch. A great big thank you to our school community who donated all the crackers for our party lunch, and another thank you to our marvellous catering team. We feel truly blessed to have such an incredible team.



## Menu (w/c 15 Dec )

### Week 1

#### Monday 15th December

Year 5/6 Swim. No Jaguar class swim today.

#### Wednesday 17th December

**Infant Christmas Lunch – children may bring in a festive hat to wear during the lunch.**

Skylarks Class Big Swim

Visit to Santa's Grotto for the children

#### Friday 19th December

Carol Service at 9.15am (1 x Year 2 parent can attend)

1.10pm Junior Carol Service in the Junior Playground – Mulled Wine and Hot Chocolate for sale for the grown-ups!

**SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AT 2PM**

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School Re-opens on Tuesday 6th January

### Menu Week 1

#### Wednesday 7th January

Year 2 Swim

Turtle class to Pizza Express

Thursday 8th January

Dolphin Class to Pizza Express

Year 1 Theatre Trip



### **Festive to do tasks for this week:**

Infant Children will have their school Christmas on Wednesday 17th December – they are able to bring a festive hat into school to wear during the lunch. **Please make sure your child brings their hat in the morning as we are unable to drop any round to classes later.**

The Junior Carol service takes place in the Junior playground on Friday 19th December. Please ensure junior children have warm coats/hats and gloves with them. We will be selling hot chocolate and mulled wine if you wish to enjoy during the performance.

School finishes at 2pm on Friday 19th December – please collect your children as usual from the classroom. If your child attends ACE on a Friday then Ace is open from 2pm.

### Clubs & Squads for January

Please find attached letters detailing our clubs and squads for the Spring Term. **Bookings for clubs will open at 11am on Monday 5th January.** Please read the attached letters carefully before booking any club.

Please find below the timetable for PE for the first half of the **spring term**.

Autumn Term – second half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday & Wednesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 2	Friday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 3	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 4	Monday & Tuesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Monday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday	Monday	n/a

- Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.
- Year 2 children should also wear their PE kit to school with their swimming costume on underneath on swimming days.
- Year 3/6 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.



### Library Newsletter

Attached is our monthly library newsletter from our Librarian – Mrs Thompson

### Magazines needed

After Christmas year 2 will be creating artwork inspired by the Great Fire of London. For this we will cut up magazines to create collages. Please could you keep any magazines that you no longer want to bring in for us in the first week following the Christmas break. Thank you in advance.

### Data Collection forms

Please return your form if you have not yet done so!

### Parent Lunches

Just a reminder that parents/grandparents are welcome to join children for lunches. The cost of a parent meal is £6.00. **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.

## INFANT SCHOOL

### Infant Reading Books

All infant reading books will be collected in on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children will still have access to their Bug Club account over the Christmas break so there are lots of books available for them to read. Christmas is also a great opportunity to snuggle up together and for you to read a story to your child.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Junior School Lunch Payments – Reminder.

We completely understand that life gets busy, which is why we encourage families to load funds ahead of time to avoid any disruption. On SchoolMoney, there is a green highlighted box for lunch payments, pre-set to £12.50 (the cost of one week's lunches), but this amount can be increased if you'd prefer to pay for a longer period.

To help manage this smoothly, we will offer a one-week grace period (£12.50). After this, if payment hasn't been received, we will contact you to request immediate payment. If the debt remains unpaid, unfortunately, we will be unable to offer a lunch until the balance is cleared.

We really appreciate your cooperation with this. It would be a great help to our office staff, who spend a considerable amount of time chasing overdue payments. If we find that we are persistently having to follow up, we will call to advise that lunches must be pre-paid going forward.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

This is our last newsletter of the year so I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a restful break.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley  
Executive Headteacher







