



Menu (w/c 8th June)

Week 2

Monday 8th June

Y3/6 Swim

Tuesday 9th June

Arctic Wolves Forest School

Wednesday 10th June

Class Photographs –

Children to come to school in their school uniform today. If children have a squad they can come in PE kit but bring school uniform to get changed into. If children have an after school club they should bring PE kit to change into.

Year 1 Swim

(children to come into school in their school uniform with swimwear on underneath)

Friday 12th June

Infant School Sports Day.

No Y3/4 Athletics squad today.

Dear Parents/Carers

This week in School:

Year 2 & 5 went inside a pop-up planetarium to aid their science & history learning about the first moon landing! It was such an exciting experience. Inside the immersive dome, pupils were transported into space, watching the historic journey unfold above them as if they were part of the mission themselves. The experience brought their learning to life, sparking curiosity and inspiring awe about the achievements of the first moon landing.



Reception Area Update – Improved Security Measures

Over the half-term break, we had new locks installed on the main entrance doors as part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and security of all our children and staff. These changes are important in ensuring that children remain safely on site during the school day and that access to the building is carefully managed. Access to the school building is through the main entrance only. Visitors need to ring the bell and will be admitted into the reception area by a member of staff. To support this change, the reception area will no longer be available as a general waiting space and should only be used by those attending a pre-arranged appointment. We appreciate your cooperation as we introduce this improvement.

Our current reception layout is somewhat unusual for a school, and we believe these changes will create a safer, more secure and better-organised environment. The office can also become very busy at times, and this new system will help us manage this more effectively.

For convenience, the doors will remain open at key times: from 7:45am to 8:15am, and again from 4:30pm for ACE drop-off and collection.

Absences

We kindly ask all families to ensure that reasons for pupil absence are reported honestly. We are aware that, at times, children who are on holiday are being reported as unwell. While we understand that circumstances can change, we would always prefer open and honest communication. Providing accurate information is essential to ensure both pupils and staff are appropriately safeguarded, and to maintain fair and consistent attendance procedures for all. On the first day back this week there were 44 children absent from school (10% of the school).

Please also note that a Leave of Absence form must be completed for any time taken off school, other than for illness or medical appointments. We kindly ask that this is submitted at least 10 days prior to the planned absence.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Fresh eye review

We were delighted to welcome five senior Trust leaders today, including our new CEO, Mark Guest, who visited to review our school this week. They spent time in lessons, talking with children and looking at their work, and were incredibly impressed by the calm, purposeful atmosphere. Three leaders from across the Trust praised the strong relationships staff build, and the exceptional care shown to every child. The CEO also shared special praise for our school dinners, saying it was one of the best meals he has ever had in a school! It was a wonderful visit, and we are very proud of our children, our staff and our whole school community.





Dealing with big emotions & SENDIASS traini9ng

We think this is a really useful resource for parents about dealing with emotions for children, it is most applicable for Early Years and KS1 children but is worth a read. See below for link.

<https://www.tlc-essex.info/resource/managing>

Please use this link to find out more about Essex SENDIASS training offer for parents with topics such as ADHD - what does this look like for your child & ideas to support them and tribunal appeals training. <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/training/training/>

Library newsletter

Please take a moment to read our latest library newsletter. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and passionate librarian in Mrs Thompson. As this is her final newsletter of the academic year, we encourage you to explore her thoughtful reflections on the year.

INFANT SCHOOL

Sports Day

Infants Sports Day will take place on Friday 12th June from 9.00am. It should finish around 10.30am. Families are welcome to come to watch. (Please can we remind parents that school is a smoke and vape free site). There will be no reading morning on this day – after dropping your children into school you are welcome to make your way up to the school field. We will also be selling teas/coffees and cold drinks for spectators.

Fathers’ Day Visits

We are so excited to be able to celebrate Father’s Day events this year. The event usually lasts for just over an hour with the chance to observe your child’s learning with their peers, as well as joining in some special activities with your child and hearing your child tell you why you are so special! If for any reason, you are unable to make the visit, please do not worry as your child will be buddied up with a friend and still get to have a special morning. We want to celebrate the special males in your child’s lives so if you prefer Grandads/Uncles or any special person in your child’s life can attend.

The morning will run from 9.00 am – 10.15am.

A polite reminder that we cannot accommodate preschool children on this visit and, as it will be a normal working morning for the other classes in school, we will not be able to staff a crèche.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 15th June - Skylarks

Tuesday 16th June – Red Squirrels

Wednesday 17th June – Arctic Wolves

Thursday 18th June – Polar Bears

Friday 19th June – Turtles

Monday 22nd June – Dolphins

Year 2 to 3 transition

To prepare our Year 2s for their move to the junior school we will shortly be starting a transition programme. We will be sending home a booklet and video link later this term for parents to look at. However, in the short-term we will begin to give the Year 2 children the opportunity to spend their lunchtime play in the junior playground.

Thursday 25 June	ALL year 2 children to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall	Parents do not attend this session – nor do they need to do anything, we will just take the children over to the Juniors for their lunch.
Monday 6th July Yellow – Burger Green – Jacket	Polar Bear class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – one parent is welcome to book to come and join them.	If a parent wishes to come, please book via SchoolMoney by Wednesday 1 st July (Polar Bear parent lunch – please select the right colour meal choice).
Thu 9th July Yellow – Baguette Green - Lasagne	Arctic Wolf class to have lunch in the Junior Dinner Hall – one parent is welcome to book to come and join them.	If a parent wishes to come, please book via SchoolMoney by Monday 6 th July (Arctic Wolf parent lunch – please select the right colour meal). If you choose baguette please email the office with your baguette choice – cheese/ham/tuna or egg. Please do this by Mon 6th July.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

KSJ’s got Talent

During the week of the 15th June children in the junior school will have the opportunity to take part in auditions for KSJ’s got talent.

If your child would like to take part in this, either solo or with friends, they may start wanting to think about their act, costumes etc over the half term. We look forward to seeing the different performances from the children and exact dates for each year group will be sent home nearer the time





PE/CLUBS/SQUADS INFO

Please find below the timetable for PE for the second half of the summer term

Summer Term – Second Half	PE	Swimming	Forest School
EARLY YEARS	Tuesday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 1	Tuesday	Wednesday	n/a
YEAR 2	Friday	n/a	Arctic Wolves – 2/9/16 June Polar Bears – 23/30 June & 7 July
YEAR 3	Thursday	Monday	n/a
YEAR 4	Monday & Tuesday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 5	Monday & Friday	n/a	n/a
YEAR 6	Wednesday	Monday	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 3/6 children should wear their school uniform on Swimming days and bring their swimwear to change into at the pool.

Squads and Wet weather

Just a reminder that if it is raining on a morning the following clubs/squads will be cancelled (as we do not have an indoor space available). We will not send an email out about this as it will be too early – but if it is raining please assume the clubs below will be cancelled.

Monday – Rounders Y3/4

Tuesday – Netball Squad

Wednesday – Netball Squad

Thursday – Tennis Y3/4

Friday – Netball & Tennis Y5/6

FUNDRAISING

Summer Term Scootathon

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Sponsored Ride this summer for families to attend and to raise money for the school. Please find attached the event poster.

This will take place on Sunday, the 5th of July, on a course set up around the school grounds.

Call for support:

One of our parents, Peter Scott, is the lead organiser and has asked for volunteers to help run the event on the day.

To make this happen and ensure this is run safely, Peter needs support from parents.

If you can spare an hour or two to help marshal the course or run the stands, any time you can give would be much appreciated.

Please contact Peter via text or WhatsApp on 07525987111. He will then get in touch to arrange times and roles with you. Thank you in advance.

Pre Loved Uniform

Should you ever need contact any preloved uniform please contact preloved@katherinesemar.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Julie Puxley

Executive Headteacher

