

# Sherington Newsletter



16 March 2018

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## TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
*(Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March)*

### Easter Holiday

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 1

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

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## Children's Presentations at Parents' Evening (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March)

The link was sent on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you.

If you require assistance with bookings, please speak to the school office.

### Spring Concerts

Our annual Spring Concerts will be held on  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
9am - Reception and KS1  
10.10am - KS2  
Parents and Carers welcome.

### Meet the Governors

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8:50-9:10am  
Drop in, meet the school governors and ask any questions you might have.  
We hope to see you there.

### Ladders at Home

From this evening, you can log in to Ladders at Home to access up to date assessment for your child. You might find this information helpful before attending Parents' Evening. If you have haven't used Ladders at Home in the past, and would like information on how to do so, please ask at the office.

## SCIENCE WEEK

This year Sherington's Science Week theme was 'Exploration and Discovery' with our stimulus taken from Blue Planet II. Each year group has been exploring a different aspect of our world through an enquiry question, experiments and a range of challenges. The week started off with some well-known scientists making an appearance in the assembly and will finish with an underwater adventure in the Creation Station. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for an exciting and engaging week.

**Year 6** had a workshop with Phillip, who discussed the dangers of pollution to ocean life. They then had the opportunity to create cork fish, which were used to decorate the Creation Station. Also, Y6 researched Benjamin Franklin and electricity. They then attempted to make a lemon battery with the aim of lighting up a bulb with just lemons

The children in **Year 5** had an amazing time at the Sutcliffe Park climbing wall, as part of our Science week excursions. Gravity certainly did not hold any one back, on this fun-filled day out.

As part of science theme 'Under the Ocean', **Year 4** had a very exciting and informative trip to the London Aquarium. The children got to experience different underwater habitats as well as meeting jellyfish, sharks and turtles and getting up close and personal with the fish and penguins

**Year 3** had an exciting time at Hyde Park this week. They learnt all about the lifecycle of plants and had the opportunity to explore the park looking for various plants. We made our own plant pots out of newspaper and planted some edible plants, including broad beans and nasturtiums!

**Year 2** have been learning all about materials this week! They explored different types of materials, sorting them and using them to make new products. As Y2 were explorers this week, they visited

The Peninsula Square in Greenwich to look at the architecture of the buildings. We thought about the materials the buildings were made from and the 2D and 3D shapes we could see in the buildings, which linked to our maths work on shape.

**Year 2** also had a workshop, where they made and designed cork fish made from recycled material. As well as all of this exciting material work, Y2 also took part in lots of science challenges where they could develop their investigative skills. What a fun-filled science week!

**Year 1** had a fantastic trip to the Horton Kirby Wide Horizons Centre. The children had a hands-on day learning all about how humans, animals and plants adapt to seasonal changes. The children loved exploring the woods where they made birds' nests and foraged for chestnuts.

This week, **Puffins and Hawks** spent Wednesday learning all about dinosaur fossils.

A special guest, called James the Palaeontologist, came to visit. He brought lots of fossils with him; they helped to excavate and examine them. There was even time to find out lots of facts about different herbivore and carnivore dinosaurs. James brought a baby Velociraptor in to meet the children, it was so much fun. Reception also got the chance to meet a 6 year old Allosaurus, called Millie. They all had such a great day and learnt lots about dinosaurs.

Our theme this half term has been space.

**Nursery** visited the Astronomy Centre in Greenwich Park. The children saw different images of the sun and moon and used hands on technology to explore the galaxy.

Friedrich said "I liked to play with the games. There were circles with numbers inside them.

You looked through it and saw space."

Art said "We saw a space movie. I learnt the sun can die."

Our **Poet Laureate**, Owain, wrote this for Science Week.

### **Blue Planet II Haikus**

A shimmering blue,  
As beautiful as can be,  
Welcome to water.

The clever crab crawls,  
A vibrant coral city,  
Bursting with colour.

Schools of fish swim by,  
A lightning flash of silver,  
Through seaweed swaying.

Terrors of the deep,  
Patient eyes scanning for prey,  
A living nightmare.

Mystical creatures,  
Solid ships of ice and snow,  
Desolate waters.

Weird and wonderful,  
Glimpses of a whole new world,  
Welcome to water.

### **School Journey**

Pupils in Year 5 will have brought home letters about school journey in Year 6. Please return the response slip *by the end of next week*. Planning is well underway and numbers must be confirmed shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Healy or Miss Burnell.

### **Extra-Curricular After School Clubs**

Please be reminded that the last week of after school clubs is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There will be no extra-curricular after school clubs week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to 1F, 2E and 3W who share the attendance cup this week with 99.3% attendance.

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## Dinner Money

### Spring Term 2

£2.60 per day      £13.00 per week

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
£75.40

Payments can be made via SIMS Agora

[www.simsagora.co.uk](http://www.simsagora.co.uk)

## What's on...

### Music Maestro's Easter Course

4th-6th April, Mycenae House, 90 Mycenae Rd, SE3 7SE

#### 5 - 7 yr olds

Boppin' Maestros - beginners who love music, focussing on violins with Anna & Recorder/Musicianship with Hayley.

Instruments provided. No experience needed.

**12:15 - 3pm: £45 for the 3 afternoons**

Email: [info@boppinbunnies.co.uk](mailto:info@boppinbunnies.co.uk)

#### 8 - 16 yr olds

Music Maestro's - for children who learn an instrument - led by Natt & John and Joe Foster. Please bring your instrument.

**9am - 3pm: £90 for the 3 days**

Email: [info@thefuturemusicgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@thefuturemusicgroup.co.uk)