

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 1st December 2023

This week

Assemblies

On Monday, the children were involved in discussion regarding the upcoming assessment week (years 1-5) as part of a continuous dialogue around purpose and preparation.

Outings

On Monday and Tuesday, pupils in year 3 went to Creekside Discovery Centre in order to learn about the Stone Age in greater detail.

Zac in 3A said, “We really enjoyed ourselves: we learnt lots of new things and took part in new experiences. We tasted food for example.

Verity in 3A said, “We lit a fire with Julia (the guide from the centre) to learn about different fuel materials and how the Stone Age people cooked.

On Thursday and Friday, pupils in year 2 visited St John’s church in Blackheath, where a traditional Christmas journey was performed for the children to watch – and be part of. This links with the RE curriculum.

Student Council

Years 1-6 have voted to elect their new student council members. As part of learning about democratic processes, discussions have taken place in assemblies and classrooms. Each child running in the elections wrote and read out a manifesto/ speech. Each class voted in secret, with a ballot box and voting slips.

Word of the Day

This week’s vocabulary has been: strategy, punish, remedy, master and squeamish. How can you weave these in to this weekend’s conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week’s attendance goes to 2A with 100%.

Parent and Carer consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to spend time with their child’s class teacher this week. Please complete the Google Form sent so that we can reflect on feedback in order to make improvements when necessary.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Jumper day will be Friday 8th December.

Rescheduled Parents' Evening dates

6A - Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December

Festive lunch

Wednesday 13th December. Please complete the google form if your child usually has packed lunch and would like a school festive lunch. Please complete by Monday 4th December at midday.

<https://forms.gle/gxFbhgRSvSLCcfy99>

Christmas Concerts

The dates for the Christmas Concerts will be:

Nursery: Monday 18th December at 11.30

Reception & KS1 at 9am and KS2 at 10am on

Tuesday 19th December, Wednesday 20th December, Thursday 21st December

Please note: it is two tickets per family and this cannot be increased due to limited space. If you are unable to attend, please return your tickets to the school office.

Festive afternoon

Tuesday 19th of December, 3:30-5:30 in the school hall.

Friends of Sherington are excited to invite you to a festive afternoon of cake eating, hot chocolate drinking and holiday crafting.

The Official North Pole letter box will be open for your letters to Father Christmas.

Calling all bakers: please help FoS spread the festive spirit and raise funds for the school by donating cakes (baked or bought) to be sold at the winter celebration on Tuesday 19th of December (3:30-5:30 in the main school hall). Your donations can be dropped at the school office on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th.

No seeds and nuts please



Useful Information

School Meals



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term commencing September 2023, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London will be offered Free School Meals.

In response to the rising cost of living, the Mayor of London has made a commitment that every primary school child is entitled to a Free School Meal. This important step extends the existing Free School Meal provision - currently available to children in reception, and years 1 and 2 - to all primary school children in Greater London.

Chartwells Schools - as your catering partner - design nutritious seasonal menus, lovingly created by our team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists, who make sure the menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.

Every day there is a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature seasonal flavours as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

We also cater for children with allergies and intolerances, so they can feel safe and included with their friends whilst eating school meals. If your child has a dietary requirement, please read the attached letter from the Chartwells Medical Diet Team to ensure we can cater for all children from September. Please provide all information as soon as possible, and before 21st July 2023, to allow the Medical Diet team enough time to develop an appropriate menu for your child/children. Please visit your school's website for any further information on how to order meals in advance.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A CHILD'S RIGHT TO A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
The Mayor of London has committed to ensuring every primary school child in Greater London is entitled to a Free School Meal from September 2023.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A hot main course, jacket potato or pasta, vegetables, fruit, and a drink.

HOW DO I REQUEST A FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOR MY CHILD?
Please contact your school's catering team to request a Free School Meal for your child.

WHAT IS A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A hot main course, jacket potato or pasta, vegetables, fruit, and a drink.

THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHIER
Children benefit from eating healthy meals at school, which help them to grow strong and healthy.

THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6
This is a great school benefit for all children.

TASTY THREE DAYS
We offer a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch.

MAKING FOOD FUN
We offer a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch.

WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS CATERING EXPERIENCE

Save up to £400 a year on school meals

Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern for this term. Thank you.

Please note that Sherington has a no debt policy. Please clear any debt you may have accrued last term. Thank you.

Menu - Sherington Primary School

Governors

Sherington governors share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire, Believe, Create, Achieve" and between us we bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. This helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found in the office foyer.

Mobile phones

Parents and carers must not use mobile phones in the playground and school building. This is for the safety of the children.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please report this using the absence line: 020 8858 5497 - option 1. Absences must be reported daily.

From Monday 13th March if you are reporting your child absent via email please use our new attendance email attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk.

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. Dr appointments, prescriptions etc. should also be sent to this address. You can continue to report absences by phone using the absence line. All other general enquiries should continue to be sent to sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement. We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at the End of the Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Punctuality is crucial so that children are settled and ready to learn together. School starts at 8.55am.

Term dates

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October 2023—Thursday 21st December 2023

Christmas Holiday

Friday 22nd December 2023—Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 1

INSET: Monday 8th January 2024Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January****

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February 2024

In the local area

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>

Flu Vaccine catch up clinic



Here to listen, advise and help



Protect your child, protect your friends, family and community

Get your child vaccinated against the flu this winter

If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!

The Greenwich School Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up clinics for children from Reception Year to Year 11.

Venue: 16-20 Market Street, Woolwich, SE18 6QR
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm 2nd and 9th December

- Nasal flu spray is painless and easy
- Nasal flu is given every year to protect against 4 strains of circulating flu
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who may be more vulnerable
- The nasal flu spray is safe and has been given to millions of children worldwide

How to book:
We operate a walk-in clinic, however, appointments can also be made in advance via our booking system, please scan the QR code or use the link:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/prioxFC2324>



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Family Information Service



Families Information Service

Free advice and support for families, in Royal Greenwich, with children and young people aged 0-19 (or up to 25 for families with disabled young people).

Contact us for information about:

- Children's Centre services and activities.
- Childcare - including registered childminders, nurseries, pre-schools, breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday play schemes.
- Free early learning sessions for two, three and four year olds.
- Benefits and funds to help pay towards childcare costs.
- Starting at primary school or moving from primary to secondary school.
- Activities and groups for children and young people.
- Registering as a childminder.
- Local and national family support services.

020 8921 6921
fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
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Holiday Food and Fun

Holiday Food and Fun is back offering free activities for young people this Christmas.

Free holiday club places are available for children aged 4-16 and who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Find a list of participating holiday clubs on our website and book a place directly with them. [Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun)

As every primary child is currently receiving free school meals thanks to the Mayor of London, parents should double check their eligibility in case they are missing out on extra support. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>