

Sherington Newsletter



1st November 2019

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2
Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th
December 2019

School Closes at 1.30pm on 19th December
2019

Dinner Money

£2.60 per day / £13 per week

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Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th
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£101.40

Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

www.simspay.co.uk

Please see the office if you require your login details.

Black History Month

On Tuesday, pupils and teachers were captivated by the story of Mr Henry's grandmother's life in Jamaica and the journey she made to England in 1957. We also heard about how his mother made the same journey in 1962. The assembly was packed with facts, interesting anecdotes and plenty of humour. Original photographs of his family were used to help tell this inspiring tale of sacrifice and adventure. We thank Mr Henry and Alfie (5D) for volunteering to share their family story with us.

To round off the month of Black History celebrations, pupils learnt a Bob Marley song, *Three Little Birds*, in singing assembly. There was a great energy in the hall for both assemblies, and fabulous harmonies in KS2.

English Open Morning

'I love how kind and warm the atmosphere is in Sherington. All the children are focused, excited and inspired. It's a privilege to see them being taught in their environment.' (Parent comment)

Over 130 adults joined in with a poetry lesson on Thursday morning. There was such a positive buzz around the school. Adults, pupils and staff had an informative and engaging session and many of you left inspired to carry on with Limerick writing at home. Thanks for taking the time to leave your comments. *'Lovely day. I'm so happy.'* This parent's quote speaks for us all.

Reception Parents

You are invited to join us on Wednesday morning for a session designed to help you support your child with literacy skills. The presentation will start at 9am in the hall. This is followed with the opportunity to join your child in the Reception setting. Please note that younger siblings cannot be accommodated at this session.

Character Strength: Perspective

If this is one of your signature strengths, you are able to say *"I give advice to others by considering different (and relevant) perspectives and using my own experiences and knowledge to clarify the big picture."*

We have all been trying to exercise perspective this week by listening carefully in all interactions.

Parents who are new to our Positive Education philosophy are encouraged to take the Character Strengths survey. For more information, see the school's website (Curriculum page > Positive Education) where the link can be found.

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School Trips

Thursday 7th November Year 1 Museum of Childhood
Monday 18th November Year 2 Royal Naval College

Peer Mediators

This week, some pupils in years 5 & 6 have begun their training to become peer mediators. The selection process itself was challenging; training sessions have been intense too. Next week they start to help mediate in the top and bottom playgrounds. *'I really like how we act in roles. It helps to show what's going to happen in the playground.'* Rafi 5P

Children in Need

Sherington will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15th November. We are inviting children to wear something with spots. A suggested donation of £1 per child towards this cause is welcomed.

School Photos

Individual School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 20th November.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Nasal Flu Vaccine will be carried out in school on Thursday 21st November. Thank you for all the consent forms that have been returned. Please return the form even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

Poppy Appeal

We have poppies and limited wristbands/coat reflectors which will be available from the School Office next week. Suggested donations are from 50p to £1.50.

Attendance

Congratulations to 4W who win the attendance cup this week with 99.6% attendance

Harvest Appeal 2019

Many thanks for all your generous donations which were collected by Greenwich Foodbank.

Friends of Sherington

Friends of Sherington are organising a festive fundraiser "Design a Greetings Card". Each pupil has the opportunity to create their own design for any occasion or celebration which can then be printed on to a variety of items. Look out for the design sheet.

The deadline for handing in designs is Friday 8th November and all designs should be handed to the main school office. Orders will be returned in time for Christmas.

Parking around the School

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner, if you don't you could be endangering a child's life. Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for pupils.

If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all our families, please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
 - No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags

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Please consider whether you can take alternative transportation to Sherington; reducing traffic not only makes the outside area safer but also improves the quality of air around our school. Walking to school is an ideal way to reduce pollution and to exercise at the same time.

Important Reminders

Pick Up Times

KS1 children finish at 3.10pm and KS2 children finish at 3.15pm. After School Clubs finish at 4.30pm.

Sherington Extended Day Care finishes at 6:00pm

Please could you ensure your child is collected on time.

School Visits and Adult Helpers

We are grateful to all parents and carers who volunteer to assist on school trips. Parent Helper Guidelines are provided to all who attend in this capacity. Two points included relate to Child Protection and GDPR policies and as such are non-negotiable:

*Parent helpers **should not use mobile phones for any reason** during the day unless requested to do so by the class teacher.*

***No photographs of children will be taken** unless asked specifically by a school member of staff using the school camera.*

For the safeguarding and privacy of all pupils, adult helpers are bound by these conditions.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Dinners

To ensure the School Kitchen has sufficient time to order food for lunches, meal patterns should be amended in advance. Please could you advise the School Office, in writing, of any changes to your child's lunch choice before half term for the following half term.

Health Education

We operate a no nut policy to keep our community safe and well.

In line with guidance from DfE, we are reminding pupils, parents and carers who prepare packed lunches of the importance of eating healthily. We are also asking parents to find a creative alternative to sending in cakes for a child's birthday. Suggestions are: donating a book for the book corner in your child's class; sending in fruit portions or another healthy alternative.

Late Arrivals

Children who arrive to school late, via the office, must be signed in using the Entry system by the adult who brings them.

We have an increasing number of children arriving late and unaccompanied. This is a health & safety concern if children are not signed in correctly.

Changes to End of Day Collections

Where possible, any changes should be given in writing to the class teacher at the start of the day.