

# Sherington Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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## TERM DATES

### Spring Term 1

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### Spring Term 2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Closes at 1.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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## Dinner Money

£2.60 per day / £13 per week

### Spring Term 1

£75.40

### Spring Term 2

£78.00

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Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

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

Please see the office if you require your login details.

## This Week

Welcome back from what seems to have been a lovely long break. Best wishes for a happy 2020 from all Sherington staff.

## Attendance

The cup is awarded in Friday morning's assembly. Therefore, it's given a week later to allow for a full week's attendance. So this week's award reflects attendance for the last week of the autumn term. This current week will be reported on next Friday.

Congratulations to 5P who win the attendance cup with 97.5% attendance.

## Story Bag Course

Today saw the first session in our Story Bag Course, facilitated by City Lit, giving parents and carers the opportunity to come together and create resources to share with stories at home. The Creation Station was a hive of creativity and the children will undoubtedly enjoy the resources being made, prompting a love of reading for all ages. One parent said, *"It was nice to get other ideas to do with my children and if you aren't very good at reading then it will help with that as well. I really enjoyed it."* The sessions are every week until the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 9 to 11:30am. All resources, including a picture book to share at home, will be provided. Please speak to the front office if you are interested in starting next week.

## Next Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - 3P - Royal Observatory

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Year 2 - ZooLab Workshop

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Chinese New Year Calligraphy and Tai Chi Workshops with Lion Dance

For Parents: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 11:30 Story Bag Course in the Creation Station (and for the next 4 weeks following). See details above.

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## Character Strengths

This week we welcomed three teachers who are new to Sherington. In Tuesday's assembly, pupils contributed helpful ideas about the character strengths that would be most helpful to work on as a new member of staff. We acknowledged the bravery of two of our teachers who have come from overseas- Canada and Australia.

Pupils were also taught about the Roman god Janus, who is represented as having two faces. Find out more about him by asking your child.

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.  
[www.viacharacter.org](http://www.viacharacter.org)

## Health Education

*Physical health and mental well-being are interlinked. We are working together to teach the importance of healthy choices and lifestyles.*

Sherington is a Healthy School. We operate a no nut policy to keep our community safe and well (see attached letter). In line with guidance from DfE, we are reminding pupils, parents and carers who prepare packed lunches of the importance of eating healthily. We advise that school packed lunches do not contain processed foods. It has been suggested that crisps are limited to a once a week 'treat'. 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.

## 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. Please could you ensure your child is collected on time.

### 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.

### 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.

Last term we had 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

Please inform the School Office by 3pm of any changes to who is collecting your child. Where possible, any changes should be given in writing to the class teacher / office at the start of the day.

### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

As a parent or carer of a child who attends Sherington we are able to offer a free 5 week course for adults who want to improve and practice speaking English. This will run from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 9am - 11am. If you wish to book a place please contact the School Office or email [sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk)