

Sherington Newsletter



11th December 2020

TERM DATES

Please note change to end of term.

The last day of school will now be Thursday 17th December and will end at normal time.

After School Club will run as usual on Thursday 17th

Sherington will be closed on Friday 18th December.

Spring Term 1

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th Jan - INSET
Wednesday 6th January - Friday 12th February
Pupils return on Wednesday 6th January

Assemblies

Pupils were invited to come up with a title for our virtual Christmas sing-along. There were some great ideas and we thank 4W for coming up with the one we've chosen... See below for details of this exciting event.

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

Attendance

The award this week is shared with 10 & 6S with 99.3%

School Meals

Daily fee £2.75 Weekly £13.75

Autumn Term 2 £96.25

Payment can be made via SIMSPay. Please contact the office if you require your login details. Please ensure that dinner money owed is paid by Friday 18th December.

Rockin' Around the Christmas Screen



Last year, after the children's Christmas concerts, we had an impromptu sing-along with everyone in the audience joining in. The atmosphere in the hall was one of joy and hope. We are unable to bring you the concerts this year. However, we can provide the platform for a whole school (remote) gathering to share a moment of joy through the community singing of some uplifting, popular songs.

Ms Portman will be sending an invitation; please look out for it and put the details in your diary.

Wednesday 16th December at 4:30pm on Teams

♪♪♪♪ The more the merrier ♪♪♪♪

Christmas Stories via MS Teams

This year, snuggle up at home to listen to Christmas stories read by our teachers. They are being released daily through our new learning platform: **Microsoft Teams**.

All parents from Reception to Year 6 will have received an email with a letter from Mr O'Leary giving details of how to log on and find them. From January, MS Teams will be used for remote learning in the case of year groups needing to be at home. Our Christmas Stories and Rocking' Around the Christmas Screen are two ways in

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which you can begin to familiarise yourselves with Teams.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The School Nursing Team has administered the nasal flu vaccinations, in school today for those who gave consent (Reception -Year 6) For those classes in isolation, this has been rescheduled for Thursday 17th December.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 16th December. If your child usually has packed lunch and has opted for Christmas Dinner, payment of £2.75 will be required for children in Year 3-6.

In order to create a festive atmosphere, this will also be our Christmas Jumper day.

Year 5 pupils

We are delighted to share the news that 'Steve McQueen Year 3' has won the award for visual arts at this year's South Bank Sky Arts Awards! The announcement came after a star-studded (and socially distanced) ceremony, during which Steve McQueen took the opportunity to thank *"all of the schoolchildren and their teachers."*

Our (current Year 5) pupils took part in the project and their class photographs feature in the exhibition.

COVID 19

As part of our risk assessment, windows in school are kept open to allow for ventilation. Therefore, it is important that your child

wears a cardigan/jumper while in school, especially during the winter months.

Please remember that **all** adult visitors to the school are required to wear a face covering when entering the building, regardless of the duration of the visit. This includes dropping off forgotten items, late drop off and early collection

All schools in the borough have been asked to remind the wider community about the need for 2m social distancing. This applies when gathering outside school and in general. Please help to keep everyone safe by observing this guidance.

After School Provision

From Wednesday 6th January, there is a permanent change of venue for one of our after school groups. The after school provision currently in the lower building will operate from the computing suite in the Spring Term. Parents who collect children from the lower building will use the door on Sherington Road, located slightly below pavement level. A letter with more details will be sent nearer the time. Children in the Creation Station are unaffected.

Christmas Experience

All are invited to a Covid secure '**Christmas Experience**' at Charlton United Reformed Church (just down the hill from school, on Bramshot Avenue). All ages are welcome to visit the freshly refurbished church, to experience: a life size nativity set; a series of drawings telling the Christmas story; plus a QR coded video trail, whilst listening to Christmas carols. You will also be given a take

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away a bag of Christmas freebies. The plan is to bring some Christmas joy and hope to our community.

It's free, just drop in anytime between 3.30 and 6.30pm, on Friday 18th December.

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www.charltonurc.org