

Sherington Newsletter



11th October 2019

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4th September - Thursday 17th
October 2019

(INSET FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER)

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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Wednesday 4th September - Thursday 17th
October 2019
£83.20

Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

www.simspay.co.uk

Please see the office if you require your login
details.

Secondary School Transition

Information for Y6 parents can be found at
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions

Applications must be submitted by 31st
October (preferably on-line).

There will be a drop in session on Thursday
17th October - following the KS2 Harvest
assembly. This is for parents who would like
support to complete the application form.
Please contact the office if you wish to take
us up on this. You will need to know what to
bring with you.

Black History Month

Yesterday, the world-renowned story-teller, Jan
Blake, captivated all children when she held story-
telling sessions - accompanied on drums by John. Pupils
in Nursery were told a story about how the sun, moon
and stars came to make their home in the sky. Years 4
and 5 were told a story from West Africa about a
hunter and two leopard cubs. Ask your child what story
they were told; Jan gave older pupils tips on how to
remember details when storytelling. Pupils were given
a brief introduction to Jan on Tuesday when they came
up with their own questions for her. We hope to be
able to publish her responses in next week's
newsletter...

Year 6

This afternoon sees the return of our Y6 pupils and 5
members of staff from the Bryntysilio Centre,
Llangollen, Wales. We're looking forward to their
return and can't wait to hear the many stories they'll
have to tell.

Healthy Eating Week

This week, pupils have been learning about the
importance of a balanced, healthy diet. They have
made healthy meals and snacks from a variety of fresh
produce. Reception has made bread and vegetable
soup. Ask your child what their class made this week.

This learning ties in with our DT curriculum; pupils
have been honing skills in peeling, chopping, slicing and
grating. The aromas around the building have been
truly mouth-watering.

Attendance

Congratulations to 5D who win the attendance cup this
week with 99.6% attendance

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Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings take place next week on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. If you require assistance to book an appointment please contact the office. Please note after school activity clubs do not run on these days.

Harvest Appeal 2019

We are asking you to show kindness and gratitude by donating food and toiletries for the Greenwich Food Bank. They particularly need tins of peas, carrots, fruit, custard, rice pudding, fish or meat. Long life milk and fruit juice or toiletries are also valuable commodities. Donations can be brought to school on 16th and 17th October. Many thanks in advance.

Harvest Assembly, will be on Thursday 17th October.

**Reception and KS1 at 9:00am followed by
KS2 at 9:30am**

Character Strengths

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

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.

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 you 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.

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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.