

# Sherington Newsletter



13<sup>th</sup> March 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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## INSET

Our last INSET day of the academic year will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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## Coronavirus and School Trips

The school considers the health and safety of pupils, staff and parents as a priority. We are currently risk assessing all trips on a case by case basis.

Given the rapidly changing situation and potential impact of new measures, **Year 2's trip to the Horniman on Monday is cancelled** because of the number of people gathering in a public space.

**Friday's Year 4 trip to Tate Britain is cancelled** for the same reason combined with the use of public transport.

We will endeavor to reschedule visits.

However, this cannot be planned or guaranteed because of the uncertainty regarding the evolving situation.

We shall communicate nearer the time about any future trips - emails will be sent directly to parents. We thank all parents for their understanding and support in this.

## Coronavirus

We are acting on advice for educational settings from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The helpline for questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Mon to Fri)

School will remain open in line with Government and Public Health England guidance. **In line with guidance, anyone with a new and persistent cough, and/or a high temperature should self-isolate and stay away from school for at least 7 days and inform the office.**

Further information from the Government can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Should there be any further guidance issued, we will update you. Please look out for texts and emails from us.

Sound advice for all, which we are following at school, is the use of tissues for any cough or sneeze and the responsible disposal of tissues afterwards. 'Bin it'. Reception and KS1 pupils are washing hands before lunch. KS2 are being provided with hand sanitizer in the hall, which is also available in all classrooms.

## Attendance

Congratulations to 2F who won the attendance cup with 99.7% attendance.

## Character Strengths:

The school community has strengthened their **love of learning** through our engaging Science Week. Read more about this on the next page.

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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)

## This Week

### Science Week: Our Diverse Planet 7 continents, 1 world

The school has been buzzing with excitement this week. On Monday, Mrs. Stewart led an assembly at which each year group was introduced to the continent they'd be studying. We all watched a fascinating short film by David Attenborough that illustrated just how diverse our planet is. Pupils and teachers have expressed their delight at discovering new knowledge about their continent. A lot of independent research has gone into producing knowledge boards which have been on display in the Creation Station for all pupils to visit today. We hope to be able to display these in the hall on pupil-led parents' evenings so that your child can share this learning with you too. Watch this space for more details ...

### Sport Relief

As part of Sport Relief week, the pupils of Sherington were visited by Olympic athlete and Commonwealth Games champion, Tosin Oke. Tosin, a triple jump athlete spoke to the children about the qualities of successful people in every field, and promoted the importance of healthy diets and physical activity in all of our lives. The pupils were even treated to a live demonstration.

Many thanks to Tosin - who also happens to be one of our parents. In Friday's assembly, Mr. Patterson informed us about how the charity supports more vulnerable members of our society and led a warm up that pumped up our zest to start the day. Thank you for supporting this cause. If you've not yet made a donation and wish to, the office will be accepting them until the end of the school day on Monday.

## Holi

Holi is an ancient festival that originated in India and is now observed across the world. It celebrates the victory of good over evil. Mrs. Benning led an assembly on Tuesday to celebrate the joyful, colourful festival of Holi.

### 3P Class Assembly

How fortunate we are to live as close as we do to the prime meridian. Our local area provides so many contexts for history and geography learning, reflected in our rich curriculum. 3P visited the meridian and shared their understanding of latitude, longitude and time zones in their assembly. We were treated to a fact-filled assembly and quiz at the end.

## Next Week

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Y2 - Fair trade Cocoa Workshop  
(in school)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Glee Club - Louise Marshall  
Workshop

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9am - 3S Class Assembly

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## Fire Safety

A representative from the London Fire Brigade visited Sherington Primary School last week. A member of staff from the London Fire Brigade can come to your home to provide and install free smoke alarms if required. Contact them via email [smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk](mailto:smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk) or call on 0800 0284428 to arrange a visit.

## Fundraiser

Hayley Tiptaft (mother of Oliver & George) will be running the London Marathon in aid of Evelina Hospital. Hayley and Kath will be selling raffle tickets outside school on Thursdays and Fridays - £5 per strip with over 65 prizes to be won.

## End of Day

Wherever possible please could parents/carers notify the office by 2.45pm of any changes to who will be collecting their children to ensure the message can be passed to the Class Teacher in good time.

We ask that parents vacate the playground once they have met their children in order that the gates can be secured promptly. All gates need to be locked by 3:30pm.

## Medicine Policy

As a school we are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed. Any prescribed medicines must be handed to Mrs. Ryan or Mrs. Healy at the school office. A consent form will need to be completed by a parent or carer with parental responsibility.

## Double Parking Outside School

We aim to have no double parking, and call on adults to exercise self-regulation in this matter. The safety of the school (and wider) community is our primary concern. We ask that parents walk or get public transport whenever possible.

Failing that, find a safe place to park and walk to the school from there to ensure everyone's safety.

## Parents' Evening

Many parents have already booked their appointments for our Pupil Led Parents' Evening on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April for our Reception to Year 6 children. This is a valuable opportunity for children to present their learning to their parents/carers. These meetings are scheduled for ten minutes.

There will be some consultation time with the teacher during this. However, should you feel that you would like longer, please arrange a separate meeting with the class teacher after (or prior to) this pupil led session. You can do so by completing a meeting request form at the office.

(Nursery have their own arrangements for parents' consultations).

You will also be able to book a separate 10 minute session with Miss Portman should you wish to discuss music.

We place great emphasis on pupils talking about their own learning and progress.