

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 13th October 2023



This week

Assemblies

Monday's assembly focused on the third of the British Values: Respect and Tolerance. Pupils identified so many places in our curriculum where we promote awareness of religion, traditions, cultural heritage, and embrace diversity.

Yesterday, pupils were reminded about the meaning (and many benefits) of 'gratitude' which is a strength that falls under the virtue of transcendence. Children reflected on things they are grateful for—which included a home, an education and food on the table. Pupils were encouraged to think of the hardship faced by many in society and told about the Greenwich Food Bank whose work helps those in need. **Please see the next page for how you can express gratitude by giving to others.** Following the assembly, pupils were keen to talk about topics from food wastage to restaurants serving bigger portions than needed. It certainly got us all thinking.

Reception meet the teaching team

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers on Wednesday. Please see the link below for information on how to help your child at home.

<https://www.sheringtonprimary.co.uk/curriculum/early-years-foundation-stage/>

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: bait, fixed, wrath, ransack and rifle. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 2A with 99.6%

Year 5 trip

Year 5 visited Greenwich Park this week to sketch and take photographs of landscape views linked to learning about the British artist David Hockney. Not allowing the weather to hinder love of learning, Year 5 children thought carefully about which parts of the park landscape and surrounding views to photograph as a stimulus for painting next week. The dreary weather was fitting for the purpose of our unit study as Hockney famously used bright contrasting colours and paint techniques to represent the English countryside.

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultations

Nursery Parent / Carer meetings with Ms Silkin will take place on the **mornings** of Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October. An email and text notification was sent last week. Please book your place online.

For **reception to year 6**, Teacher Parent / Carer meetings will take place on Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October (with the exception of 6A whose will also be on Monday 16th) All meetings are 10 minutes.

For reception to year 6, a link was sent home via text and email on Monday 2nd October. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Leavers

Next Friday, we say goodbye to Christine, our cook for 20 years. We shall miss Christine's warm greeting and great food. Miss Mulligan, our reception TA is also leaving. We thank them for their contributions to our school and wish them all the very best in their future adventures.

Harvest Assembly

Pupils will express their gratitude through song and poetry at our harvest assembly next Friday.

You are welcome to come and join us— Key Stage 1 at 9am and Key Stage 2 at 9:30am.

We will be collecting donations for Greenwich Food Bank from Monday 16th October via the office. Please see the shopping list below.

- Tinned fish i.e. tuna, mackerel etc.
- Tinned meat i.e. hot dogs, corned beef etc.
- Tinned vegetables i.e. carrots, peas, potatoes etc.
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit i.e. peaches, pears etc.
- 1 litre UHT Milk
- Hot Chocolate
- Tinned Macaroni Cheese
- Cooking oil
- Fruit Squash
- Breakfast cereal
- Toiletries i.e. toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, shampoo, toilet roll, shower gel.

Flu Vaccination program

As part of the National Childhood Vaccination schedule your child is being offered the nasal flu vaccination. This is being offered routinely to all children in special schools and children in primary and secondary schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Please Use the QR Code or follow the link to complete the consent online at:



<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#!/Oxleas/imms/Oxi2324Flu/100141>

If you experience difficulties accessing the eConsent system, please email: parentsupport@schoolscreener.com and they will be able to assist you.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, You Must Decline using the eConsent Form. This will automatically remove your child from the flu programme, and we will not contact you further.

The vaccination session will be held at Sherington Primary School on Tuesday the 31st October 2023.

Year 6 Parents

Please note that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2023. Please visit [Secondary school admission guide | Apply for a secondary school place | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](#)

Friends of Sherington

Just like last year, FOS are organising a Product Fund-raiser with Xmas 4 Schools. (They turn children's artwork into cards and other products. £1 from each product sold is raised for the school.) These are being sent home with the children today **on behalf of the Friends of Sherington and are completely optional.** Please note that the deadline for returning your child's design is Wednesday 1st November.

Xmas4schools.co.uk Beautiful FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

Christmas Cards
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
A3 Poster Calendars
A3 Poster Calendar
Tea Towels
Soft, waffle textured tea towel
Blank Cards
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
Mugs
1x Mug
Gift Labels
(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels

For prices please go to www.xmas4schools.co.uk

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by the date indicated. Once we have received your forms, we will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to our online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,
The Xmas4Schools Team

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Useful Information

School Meals



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term commencing September 2023, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London will be offered Free School Meals.

In response to the rising cost of living, the Mayor of London has made a commitment that every primary school child is entitled to a Free School Meal. This important step extends the existing Free School Meal provision - currently available to children in reception, and years 1 and 2 - to all primary school children in Greater London.

Chartwells Schools - as your catering partner - design nutritious seasonal menus, lovingly created by our team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists, who make sure the menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.

Every day there is a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature seasonal flavours as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

We also cater for children with allergies and intolerances, so they can feel safe and included with their friends whilst eating school meals. If your child has a dietary requirement, please read the attached letter from the Chartwells Medical Diet Team to ensure we can cater for all children from September. Please provide all information as soon as possible, and before 21st July 2023, to allow the Medical Diet team enough time to develop an appropriate menu for your child/children. Please visit your school's website for any further information on how to order meals in advance.

Chartwells

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOESN'T WANT TO EAT THE SCHOOL MEAL? We understand that not every child likes every meal. We encourage children to try everything and we will ensure they have a choice of something they like. If your child doesn't eat their school meal, we will provide a packed lunch or a drink of water.

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LOVE SCHOOL MEALS

NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

AT CHARTWELLS, WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY WE OFFER TO MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD GETS THE MOST OF THEIR DAY.

Chartwells school meals have been designed to be a healthy, balanced and delicious way to start your child's day. We offer a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature seasonal flavours as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHIER

Children who eat school meals are healthier and happier. They are more likely to eat a balanced diet and have a better understanding of healthy eating.

MAKING THEM MORE CONCENTRATED

Children who eat school meals are more focused and concentrated in the classroom. They are more likely to listen to their teachers and complete their work.

THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

From September 2023, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London will be offered Free School Meals.

TASTY THREE DAYS

Every day there is a choice of two hot main courses, jacket potatoes, pasta or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature seasonal flavours as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

MAKING FOOD FUN

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WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Save up to £400 a year on school meals.

Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern for this term. Thank you.

Please note that Sherington has a no debt policy. Please clear any debt you may have accrued last term. Thank you.

Menu - Sherington Primary School

Governors

Sherington governors share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire, Believe, Create, Achieve" and between us we bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. This helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found in the office foyer

Walking home

Please inform the office in writing if your Year 5 or 6 child will be walking home alone. Thank you.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please report this using the absence line: 020 8858 5497 - option 1. Absences must be reported daily.

From Monday 13th March if you are reporting your child absent via email please use our new attendance email attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk.

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. Dr appointments, prescriptions etc. should also be sent to this address. You can continue to report absences by phone using the absence line. All other general enquiries should continue to be sent to sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement. We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at the End of the Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Punctuality is crucial so that children are settled and ready to learn together. School starts at 8.55am.

Term dates

Half Term

Monday 23rd October 2023 –Friday 27th October 2023

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October 2023–Thursday 21st December 2023

Christmas Holiday

Friday 22nd December 2023–Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 1

INSET: Monday 8th January 2024**Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January**

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

In the local area

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>

GREENWICH
SUPPORTS
Here to listen, advise and help



Blackheath Rhinos Holiday camp

Blackheath Rhinos run three of our after school clubs (Ballskills, Multisports and Athletics)

Please see flyer below.

THIS ENTITLES YOU TO ONE FREE CAMP DAY

Coupon code: **SHERINGTON CAMPS**
@ blackheathrhinos.co.uk/book

Holiday Camp
23rd - 27th October 2023

MORNING SESSIONS £10
10:00 - 12:30

AFTERNOON SESSIONS £10
13:30 - 16:00

FULL DAY SESSIONS £17.50
10:00 - 16:00 (1hr lunch break)

WHOLE WEEK £70
10:00 - 16:00

EXTENDED SESSION PER DAY £30
09:00 - 17:00

Sporting projects