

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 15th December 2023

This week

Assemblies

On Monday, the assembly was led by Miss Armson and she revealed to the children something very exciting in relation to our upcoming Christmas concerts repertoire. All will be revealed at the start of next week (if children haven't already shared the news with you).



Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a fabulous **£226.47** for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper day. Thank you to all those who were able to donate.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to say a huge thank you to our kitchen team, who served a staggering 352 Christmas dinners on Wednesday. The atmosphere was fantastic in the hall and the children had a great time. Thanks also to staff members for spending their lunch time ensuring that a fabulously festive time was had by all and the true spirit of Christmas was evident.



FOS

Thanks to the children's wonderful festive card designs, FOS have raised £148 through Xmas4Schools. Thank you to all involved.

Xmas4schools

Football

On Thursday, 9 of the boys' football team took part in a football tournament. The team finished 3rd in their group, meaning that, unfortunately, they didn't qualify for the quarter finals. The team won 1 game; drew 1 game; lost 2 games. The team showed great teamwork and persistence throughout.

Outings

On Tuesday, Parakeets went on a local walk. They had lots to talk about whilst walking round our local community, sharing knowledge of the surrounding area. They even had time to post a letter to a loved one. As always, thank you to the parent and carer volunteers for supporting the teaching staff.

Eco Club

Following the hotly anticipated delivery of the saplings, Eco Club members donned their coats and gardening gloves to plant them. After extensive research and debate, the children decided to plant the saplings alongside the Sherington Road fence in the KS2 playground. Despite the blustery weather and hard earth, much persistence and teamwork was shown as they worked together to plant the developing bushes in their new home. Try to spot them next time you are in the lower playground.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: frozen, downfall, shimmer, crisp and artic. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 1G with 98.9%.

Post box

The post box for Christmas Cards will be on the decking until Monday 18th for children to post their cards.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Concerts

The dates for the Christmas Concerts are:

Nursery: Monday 18th December at 11.30am

Reception & KS1 at 9am and KS2 at 10am on

Tuesday 19th December, Wednesday 20th December, Thursday 21st December

Please note: it is two tickets per family and this cannot be increased due to limited space. If you are unable to attend, please return your tickets to the school office.

Photos

Individual photos will be delivered to the school on Tuesday the 19th December. We will distribute these for the children to bring home.

Festive afternoon

Tuesday 19th of December, 3:30-5:30 in the school hall.

Friends of Sherington are excited to invite you to a festive afternoon of cake eating, hot chocolate drinking and holiday crafting.

The Official North Pole letter box will be open for your letters to Father Christmas.

Calling all bakers: please help FoS spread the festive spirit and raise funds for the school by donating cakes (baked or bought) to be sold at the winter celebration on Tuesday 19th of December (3:30-5:30 in the main school hall). Your donations can be dropped at the school office on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th.

No seeds and nuts please



Useful Information

School Meals



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Guardian,
From the new Autumn term, commencing September 2021, all children in Years 1, 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, thoughtfully 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, a jacket potato, salad or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature familiar favourites 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 2nd July 2021, 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.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A free school meal is a hot meal provided for primary school children in Greater London from September 2021. It is available to all children in Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London, as well as children in reception, years 1 and 2.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A free school meal includes a hot main course, a jacket potato, salad or a packed lunch, and a drink. The meal is designed to be nutritious and balanced, with a focus on fresh ingredients and seasonal produce.

HOW DO I ORDER A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
You can order a free school meal online through the Chartwells website, or by calling the school's catering team. The meal is available for a limited time each week, so please order in advance.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT?
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 2nd July 2021, to allow the Medical Diet Team enough time to develop an appropriate menu for your child/children.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO EAT A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
It is important that children are encouraged to try new foods and flavours. If your child does not want to eat a free school meal, please encourage them to try it. The meal is designed to be nutritious and balanced, with a focus on fresh ingredients and seasonal produce.

LOVE SCHOOL MEALS
NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHY
School meals provide a healthy and balanced diet for children, helping them to grow strong and healthy. They also provide a chance for children to try new foods and flavours, which can help to reduce the risk of obesity and other health problems.

THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

TEACHER TRIM TIME
Designed to help you and all your children enjoy a healthy and balanced diet, the Teacher Trim Time menu is available for all children from reception to Year 6. It is a chance for children to try new foods and flavours, and to learn about healthy eating.

MAKING FOOD FUN
We know that children love to eat, and we want to make sure that their school meals are fun and enjoyable. That's why we've created the Teacher Trim Time menu, which is full of delicious and nutritious dishes that are sure to be a hit with all the children.

WE DELICIOUSLY DISCOVER COLOUR WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS OUTDOOR WOODLANDS

SAVE UP TO £107 PER YEAR



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.

Mobile phones

Parents and carers must not use mobile phones in the playground and school building. This is for the safety of the children.

Appointments

If you are taking your child out of school to attend an appointment for either them, or yourself, you must provide evidence to the school office. Please try to make appointment outside of school hours where possible.

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

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 2024Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January****

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th 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>

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SUPPORTS
Here to listen, advise and help



Families Information Service

Free advice and support for families, in Royal Greenwich, with children and young people aged 0 -19 (or up to 25 for families with disabled young people).

Contact us For information about:

- Children's Centre services and activities.
- Childcare - including registered childminders, nurseries, pre-schools, breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday play schemes.
- Free early learning sessions for two, three and four year olds.
- Benefits and funds to help pay towards childcare costs.
- Starting at primary school or moving from primary to secondary school.
- Activities and groups for children and young people.
- Registering as a childminder.
- Local and national family support services.

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Holiday Food and Fun

Holiday Food and Fun is back offering free activities for young people this Christmas.

Free holiday club places are available for children aged 4-16 and who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Find a list of participating holiday clubs on our website and book a place directly with them. Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun

As every primary child is currently receiving free school meals thanks to the Mayor of London, parents should double check their eligibility in case they are missing out on extra support. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

