

# Sherington Newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019

School Closes at 1.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December  
2019

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### Dinner Money

£2.60 per day / £13 per week

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£101.40

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Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

[www.simspay.co.uk](http://www.simspay.co.uk)

Please see the office if you require your login  
details.

## This Week

### Attendance

Congratulations to 3S who win the attendance  
cup this week with 98.7% attendance

### Character Strength:

We continued our examination of Love of Learning this week. In Monday's assembly, we recognised and acknowledged it in Jacqui (6H) who brought in photographs, stories and a family tree going back to her great, great, great grandfather who fought in the Great War. Jacqui's own family research with her grandmother was a great lesson in oral history, what can be learnt through conversation and a love of learning.

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)

## Anti-Bullying Week

has been celebrated across the school in a number of ways: odd sock day on Tuesday; assemblies; stories and our reflection on character. We view difference and uniqueness through a positive lens. Anti-Bullying Week might officially end today, but our work on respect, acceptance and tolerance continues...

## Remembrance Day

At 11 o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, Mr Woodhurst (our brass teacher) played the Last Post which marked the start of a minute's silence, observed across the main school. The music drifting from the playground, as it did through open doors and windows, was hauntingly beautiful and a fitting way in which to pay our respects. Thank you for your contributions towards the Royal British Legion. They have collected the boxes and we'll inform you how much was raised when we know.

## Student Council Elections

Pupils have been taught about the importance of democracy and the voting process over the last week.

Children wanting to stand as Student Council representatives wrote manifestos and delivered them to classmates on Thursday. This was followed by a secret ballot. New reps and their deputies will be announced today. Thank you to all pupils who took the time and interest to put themselves forward for election.

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## Year 6 Assembly

On Thursday, year 6 parents were invited to an assembly to hear about what their children got up to on school journey. This assembly also provides year 5 parents with a taster of what's to come for theirs. It was packed with stories of bravery, teamwork, leadership, kindness and persistence. Year 6 pupils did a great job in conveying the opportunities for character development that this week brings.

## Children in Need

We wore spots and we bounced to raise money for Children in Need today. Thanks to everyone who sent in a donation. We'll update you on the total raised when it's available.

## Next Week

### School Trip

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2 Royal Naval College

## Christmas Dinner

On December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner will be served at Sherington. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to order a Christmas Dinner please **inform the office by Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If your child is in year 3-6 please make a payment of £2.60. No requests will be accepted after this date.

## Senior Band

will be playing at Blackheath Concert Halls on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. ExS, (our ex-Sherington pupils' band) is also performing on the same night. For any families wishing to support our musicians, tickets are available from the BCH box office. Information has already been sent out by Miss Portman for parents of pupils in our Senior Band.

## School Photos

Individual School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## Nasal Flu Vaccine

Nasal Flu Vaccine will be carried out in school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## Reception Parents Maths Open Morning

will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We encourage all parents/carers of our Reception pupils to attend this informative session. Ideas on how to help develop number skills and vocabulary at home will be shared. And there'll be an opportunity to spend time with your child in their setting. We hope to see as many Reception parents as possible at this event.

## Upcoming

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Science Museum

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Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Year 2 Cutty Sark

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - 2F Church Visit

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - 2f Church Visit

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 5 Dick Whittington Production

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## Parking around the School

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner, if you don't you could be endangering a child's life. Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for pupils. If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all our families, please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
  - No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags

Please consider whether you can take alternative transportation to Sherington; reducing traffic not only makes the outside area safer but also improves the quality of air around our school. Walking to school is an ideal way to reduce pollution and to exercise at the same time. We also ask that drivers are considerate to neighbours who are sometimes adversely affected by parking around the school.

## 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 your 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.

## 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.

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## **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.