

# Sherington Newsletter



17<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## Secondary School Transition

Information for Y6 parents can be found at  
[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/admissions)  
Applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup>  
October (preferably on-line).

## Black History Month

Mrs Benning continued the African  
storytelling theme by reading *The Children of  
Wax* in Monday's assembly. This story's main  
character is Ngwabi, a child whose signature  
strengths include curiosity. It's a story filled  
with hope and love. Ask your child what  
happened to the children of wax in the story.  
We've not yet had a response from Jan Blake,  
but will put her answers in the newsletter  
when we get them.

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 9:00 - 10:00am English Open Morning

Parents in Y1-6 are invited to join in with their child's  
English lesson on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. The focus  
during the first week back will be poetry. Please meet  
in the hall at 8:55am. This is an opportunity to learn  
poetry alongside your child. **N.B.** Because this is a  
routine lesson, and the session is always very well  
attended, we cannot accommodate younger children at  
this session.

## School Trips

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Year 3 Greenwich Park  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November Year 1 Museum of Childhood

## Attendance

Congratulations to 5P who win the attendance cup this  
week with 99.7% attendance

## Parents' Evenings

It's always great to welcome parents to their first  
meeting of the year with their child's new teacher.  
There was such a positive buzz around the school. We  
can't believe half a term has flown by already.  
Our partnership working with parents is valuable and  
important - especially for your child. **Please  
remember:** Meetings with class teachers can be  
scheduled at any time. You don't have to wait until  
parents' evening to discuss how your child is getting  
on, or if you have a specific query. To arrange this,  
please complete a meeting request form at the office.

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## Harvest Appeal 2019

We were full to bursting for both our Harvest Assemblies this morning. Song, music and recitation filled the hall in a fitting celebration of all things autumnal. Our Poet Laureate, Alex Busari, showed great bravery (in the face of a sore throat and failing voice) to read his first poem as poet laureate. Huge

thanks to all who attended and donated food and toiletries; everything will go to Greenwich Food Bank.

## 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](http://www.viacharacter.org)

## Nasal Flu Vaccine

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