

# Sherington Newsletter



20th September 2019

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## TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 2019

(INSET FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER)

### 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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£83.20

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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).

There will be a drop in session on Thursday  
17<sup>th</sup> October - following the KS2 Harvest  
assembly. This is for parents who would like  
support to complete the application form.  
Please contact the office if you wish to take  
us up on this. You will need to know what to  
bring with you.

## Character Strengths: Curiosity

Research findings on the benefits of curiosity found that curiosity is one of the 5 strengths most reliably linked to satisfaction with life. Curiosity is associated with happiness, health, longevity, and positive social relationships. Curious people are more attracted to activities that offer opportunities for growth, competence, and higher levels of stimulation. Thus, they are likely to report having personal goals aimed at self-improvement. They also have a strong desire to increase their own personal knowledge.

Find out your signature strengths by visiting  
[www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register](http://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register)  
and taking the survey. Exercise your curiosity by  
reading about Positive Education on our website  
(curriculum page).

## Attendance

Congratulations to 2F and 5D who share the  
attendance cup this week with 100% attendance

## Meet the Teachers

All sessions this week (Y2-6) have been very positively received. Parents have enjoyed hearing from the teachers - about their life experiences as well as an overview of the curriculum on offer this year. One more session remains:

An opportunity to meet with your child's new Class  
Teacher at 9am in the Creation Station

Year 1 - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Following the teachers' curriculum presentation, Miss Burnell will run a short consultation session on how the statutory guidance on **Relationships Education** will be implemented. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

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## Activity Clubs

All after school Activity Clubs start from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Children go from their class at the end of the day and should be collected from the main School entrance at 4.30pm. Thank you to all those who have made payments. This term Clubs have been very popular. We have waiting lists in place so please contact the office if you do not wish your child to attend a club they have been offered.

## Glee Club

We would like to thank all of the 83 pupils who auditioned for Glee Club. Ms Portman had difficult decisions to make, in order to select just 30. Letters have gone out today. We hope to run some lunchtime singing clubs after half term which will be open to children who were not selected for Glee Club.

## Football Squad

Thanks to all 60 pupils who attended trials for our football squad, for which there are 14 places. Letters have gone out today to those who have been asked to join the squad.

## Health Education

*Physical health and mental well-being are interlinked. We are working together to teach the importance of healthy choices and lifestyles.*

Mr Paterson, our PE Lead, took an assembly yesterday on the value of daily physical activity and its many benefits. Sherington is a Healthy School.

We operate a no nut policy to keep our community safe and well (see attached letter). In line with guidance from DfE, we are reminding pupils, parents and carers who prepare packed lunches of the importance of eating healthily. We advise that school packed lunches do not contain processed foods. It has been suggested that crisps are limited to a once a week 'treat'. 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.

Pupils have completed a series of lessons on food hygiene and allergies.

## 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 you child is collected on time.

## 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.

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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.

Last term we had 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**

Please inform the School Office by 3pm of any changes to who is collecting your child. Where possible, any changes should be given in writing to the class teacher / office at the start of the day.

## **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

As a parent or carer of a child who attends Sherington we are able to offer a free course for adults who want to improve and practice speaking English. This is running every Tuesday until 15<sup>th</sup> October from 9am - 11am. If you wish to book a place please contact the School Office or email [sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk)