

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 22nd September 2023



This week

Assemblies

The 4 fundamental British Values were the subject of Monday's assembly. Required by law to be taught in schools, the pupils were first given the opportunity to suggest ideas for their own. Children came up with excellent ideas that included: equity; discipline; rules; diversity; no racism; no sexism; tolerating people even if you don't follow their religion. At the start of the week, the first **British Value of democracy** was spoken about. Pupils identified our system for electing student councillors as being a good example of a fair democratic process.

Thursday's assembly focussed on the second **British Value, the Rule of Law**. Pupils learnt that nobody is above the law and adhering to the rule of law creates a calm, fair and safe society. Pupils know that school rules and classroom codes are there to keep us all safe—physically and emotionally.

The other British Values of respect and tolerance and individual liberty will be examined more closely in the coming weeks.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: mourn, grime, infectious, beast and precaution. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Meet the Teaching Team sessions this week have gone really well. Thanks to all who turned up to hear from our teachers and TAs. Next week is the turn of years 1 and 3. Details on the next page.

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Penguins with 100%.

Dates for your diary

Meet the Teaching Team dates

These sessions are an opportunity for you to hear from the teachers and support staff in your child's class and year group. Come along and get to know them a little better and gain an overview of the curriculum. **Sessions are held in the Creation Station from 9am and last no longer than half an hour.** Dates are:

Meet the Year 1 team on Tuesday 26th September

Meet the Year 3 team on Thursday 28th September

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sessions for meeting our Early Years team work differently and will be arranged later in the term.

Tuesday 26th September is European Day of Languages

There will be an assembly. Please see Miss Edwards' letter for more details.

Year 6 parents

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

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 Sherrington Primary School on Tuesday the 31st October 2023.

PE Kits

All pupils in Y1-6 should have their PE kits in school by now. Kits are left in school until half term. Pupils must change into their PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

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.

Term dates

Autumn Term 1

Monday 4 September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023.

INSET: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September. **Children return to School on Thursday 7th September**

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

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Useful Information

School Meals



Dear Parent/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 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 21st July 2023, to allow the Medical Diets 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.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY OR SPECIAL DIET?
Our primary objective is to keep our pupils – your children – safe every day when enjoying their school meals.
We take allergies very seriously and, supported by our clinical Medical Diet Team, we'll take every step to ensure that all primary children as possible bring with their allergies and intolerances can eat safely at school with their friends.
To find out more please email: chartwells.medicaldiets@open.gov.uk

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL MEAL?
Every day you can be assured that a school meal will offer:
• At least two portions of fruit and vegetables
• Daily food items rich in calcium for strong bones and teeth
• Starchy carbohydrates to provide energy
• A protein source to support the body's growth and repair.

HOW DO I ORDER AND PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS?
All children at our school are entitled to a delicious hot meal or packed lunch for free.
Help schools provide an online portal that allows you to order your children's meals.

CAN A PACKED LUNCH BE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF A HOT MEAL?
Absolutely! Our packed lunches are made from scratch and are prepared to be both tasty and nutritious, ensuring that children enjoy a balanced and satisfying meal.
Our menus are packed with familiar favourites such as cheese & tomato pizza, roast dinners and sunny joes

LOVE SCHOOL MEALS
NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

AT CHARTWELLS WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ENCOURAGING AND ENABLING MORE CHILDREN TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES AND ENJOY A NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEAL TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR DAY.
Chartwells' school meals have been lovingly created by a team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists making sure menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.
Making a home-packed lunch for your child each day can be time-consuming and expensive. School meals can relieve some of this pressure by providing a hot, nutritious lunch for your child every school day.

THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHIER
Children having school meals are more likely to eat fruit and vegetables and drink water throughout the day.

BEHAVIOUR & CONCENTRATIONA healthy school meal helps children get the best from their learning.

THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6
Speak to your school about signing your child up today!

TASTY THEME DAYS
Throughout the term, your child will get to experience delicious themes. Days where we bring excitement to the dining hall with new and inspiring choices such as our Space Adventure or Kid-Gourmet Menu.

MAKING FOOD FUN
We want your children to love food and the dining hall is a great place for them to enjoy themselves with friends whilst they learn about different types of food.

WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS' KITCHEN WORKSHOPS

Save up to £457 on 100 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](#)

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.

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>

