

# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 24th November 2023



## This week

### Assemblies

On Monday, Miss Peterson added to the work already done by class teachers to prepare all pupils for the English Open Morning in terms of 'the why', managing changes in routine, welcoming visitors into classrooms, remaining well-regulated when adults leave the building etc. Pupils always appreciate clarity and being given an opportunity to ask questions in a larger group forum.

### English Open Morning

Thank you to Miss Peterson and the entire staff team for providing such a wonderful opportunity for members of our school community to take part in learning alongside pupils. Feedback from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive, appreciative of being able to see and experience part of our great curriculum in action. Look out for similar sessions in the future.

### Senior Band

On Tuesday night, members of the Sherington Senior Band performed at Blackheath Halls in a concert entitled 'Showcase Your Sound'. Our pupils presented the audience with a treat for the ears; the musicianship on display was quite phenomenal. No one could have left the venue feeling anything but in awe and inspired. Thank you to peripatetic music staff for their support during the evening.

### Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: possess, rumour, instinct, etch and anonymous. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

### Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Penguins with 98.6%

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised a whopping £341.50.



### Ofsted

We trust that you received the Ofsted report, a link for which will be on the school's website next week.

## Dates for your diary

### Rescheduled Parents evening dates

Nursery: Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th November (afternoons)

Reception to 6D - Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November

6A - Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December

Please note that there will be no activity clubs on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November due to Parents evening.

### Childcare survey \*Closing today\*

To get a really good understanding of parent and carer needs around childcare for their children from age 0 - 18 (including children/young people with SEND), please take some time to complete this survey. The anonymous information will help the local authority plan for childcare from January 2024.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RBGCSA2023-Parents>

If you need help with the survey, please contact [fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) or call 020 8932 6921.

The closing date is Friday 24th November. Thank you.



### Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Jumper day will be Friday 8th December.

### Christmas Concerts

The dates for the Christmas Concerts will be:

Nursery: Monday 18th December at 11.30

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.

### Festive afternoon

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

## Useful Information

### School Meals



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER**

Dear Parents/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 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.

**Chartwells**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**LOVE SCHOOL MEALS**

**MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES**

**THE BENEFITS OF 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](mailto: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

### Walking home

Please inform the office in writing if your Year 5 or 6 child will be walking home alone. Thank you.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2024\*\*Children 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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### Flu Vaccine catch up clinic



**Get your child vaccinated against the flu this winter**

If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!

The Greenwich School Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up clinics for children from Reception Year to Year 11

**Venue:** 16-20 Market Street, Woolwich, SE18 6QR  
**Time:** 9.30am - 3.30pm every Saturday in November

Walk-ins are welcome or book your appointment via link or QR code:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/pr/oxFC2324>



Oxleas Immunisation Teams contact details:  
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### Family Information Service



#### **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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