

# Sherington Newsletter



28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## TERM DATES

### Spring Term 1

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### Spring Term 2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Closes at 1.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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## INSET

Our last INSET day of the academic year will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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## This Week

### Coronavirus

We are acting on advice for educational settings from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The most recent was published on Tuesday and a link sent to all families at school. Please take the time to read the advice. This is particularly important for pupils - and adults who live with them who might be travelling overseas.

Should there be any further guidance issued, we will update you. Please look out for texts and emails from us.

Sound advice for all, which we are following at school, is the use of tissues for any cough, or sneeze and the responsible disposal of tissues afterwards. 'Bin it'. Reception and KS1 pupils are washing hands before lunch. KS2 are being provided with hand sanitiser in the hall, which is also available in all classrooms.

## Attendance

Congratulations to 5D who win the attendance cup with 98.7% attendance.

### 4L Class Assembly

On Thursday, 4L presented their science learning on changing states to parents and pupils. It was crammed with scientific vocabulary and everyone was given a great 'lesson' on solids, liquids and gases. They showed that science experiments don't always go to plan, but they coped extremely well with strengths of humour, teamwork and perseverance.

### Character Strengths:

This week we learnt about the history of Shrove Tuesday and what it means for us in a multi-cultural, multi-faith community. The strengths of forgiveness and self-regulation (and the virtue of moderation) are particularly relevant at this time.

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)

## Next Week

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Y5 trip - Docklands Museum

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 4W class assembly at 9am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 2 African Drumming Workshops

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March - Great Book Swap

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## World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. The chosen text for this year, 'Return', and our Great Book Swap are both in the same week.

Get creative and have a sort out at the same time! Any books in good condition that pupils no longer wish to hang onto can be brought into school and left in a box in the hall.

Thank you.

## Fundraiser

Hayley Tiptaft (mother of Oliver & George) will be running the London Marathon in aid of Evelina Hospital. Hayley and Kath will be selling raffle tickets outside school on Thursdays and Fridays - £5 per strip with over 65 prizes to be won.

## End of Day

We ask that parents vacate the playground once they have met their children in order that the gates can be secured promptly.  
**All gates need to be locked by 3:30pm.**

## Medicine Policy

As a school we are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed. Any prescribed medicines must be handed to Mrs Ryan or Mrs Healy at the school office. A consent form will need to be completed by a parent or carer with parental responsibility.

## Double Parking Outside School

This week, the problem seemed to have improved in Wyndcliff Road. However, we've been told that more drivers who double park have moved to Sherington Road.

One road has been a bit easier to navigate - we'd like this to extend to the area surrounding the school

We aim to have no double parking, and call on the remaining adults to exercise self-regulation in this matter. The safety of the school (and wider) community is our primary concern.

We ask that parents walk or get public transport whenever possible.

Failing that, find a safe place to park and walk to the school from there to ensure everyone's safety.

## Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Pupil Led Parents' Evening on 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April for our Reception to Year 6 children. This is a valuable opportunity for children to present their learning to their parents/carers. These meetings are scheduled for ten minutes. There will be some consultation time with the teacher during this. However, should you feel that you would like longer, please arrange a separate meeting with the class teacher after (or prior to) this pupil led session. You can do so by completing a meeting request form at the office.

(Nursery have their own arrangements for parents' consultations).

You will also be able to book a separate 10 minute session with Miss Portman should you wish to discuss music.

We place great emphasis on pupils talking about their own learning and progress.