

Sherington Newsletter



29th November 2019

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2

Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th
December 2019

School Closes at 1.30pm on 19th December
2019

Dinner Money

£2.60 per day / £13 per week

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Monday 28th October - Thursday 19th
December 2019
£101.40

Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

www.simspay.co.uk

Please see the office if you require your login
details.

This Week

Attendance

Congratulations to 6H who win the attendance
cup this week with 99% attendance

Character Strength: Gratitude

This week we examined gratitude as being
thankful for what is meaningful and valuable
in our lives. Grateful people experience a
variety of positive emotions and those
emotions inspire them to act in more virtuous
ways - humbler, more persistent, or kinder.

Gratitude tends to foster the character
strengths of kindness and love, and therefore
is closely associated with empathy and with
connection to others.

If gratitude is one of your signature strengths, you
are able to say "I am grateful for many things and I
express that thankfulness to others"

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

Year 5 Trip to The Science Museum

The children in Year 5 visited the Science Museum in
conjunction with their earth and space unit. After a
hands on experience in the Wonderlab, the children
were treated to a live demonstration of how rockets
are propelled into space, where they learned about
Newton's Laws. In the afternoon, Year 5 got to
experience an Imax showing of the astronauts'
experiences on the moon during the Apollo missions of
the 1960s and 70s.

Years 3,4 & 6 Trip to Greenwich Theatre

Children in Years 3, 4 and 6 were treated to a magical
experience full of laughter, mystery and glitter. A
good time was had by the Sherington audience,
joyously entering into the spirit and appreciating the
key message of the season ...love

Football Tournament

Eight pupils represented Sherington in the EFL Kids
Cup on Thursday. The team played well, winning 3 of
their 5 games. We came second in our group - the
team that came top went on to win the tournament.
Our team represented the school superbly well with
great sportsmanship.

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School Photos

Proofs have been distributed and orders must be returned to the School Office by 4th December.

Greeting Cards

Orders are now in progress and all items will be delivered to School soon.

Next Week

School Trips

Monday 2nd December Year 2 - Cutty Sark
Thursday 5th December Class 2F Church Visit
Friday 6th December Class 2T Church Visit

Christmas Performances

Tickets for Reception & KS1 and KS2 performances have been sent home this week. As we've done previously, 2 tickets per family are allocated.

Upcoming

Events

Tuesday 10th December - Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 5 Dick Whittington Production

Christmas Dinner

On December 11th Christmas Dinner will be served at Sherington. Orders have now been placed by Cook.

Christmas Fair

Save the date - Weds 11th December - Christmas Cakes, Carols & Crafts!

Friends of Sherington are running a Christmas event in the hall straight after school on Wednesday 11th December. Please come along for cakes, hot chocolate, crafts, games, singing from Glee Club and more!

If you are able to help out at the event or have a particular stall you'd like to organise, please contact Sarah (sarah.maybury@gmail.com). And if you have any good quality items you'd like to donate for a tombola, please leave them with the school office.

Christmas Storytelling

On Thursday 12th December at 4.30pm we'll be holding our (by now, traditional) storytelling session. Pupils and parents are invited to join us for some of our favourite festive stories. More details to follow next week...

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

Children and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper Day. We are collecting donations for Save the Children Fund.

Nursery Christmas Performance

The Nursery Team would like to invite Parents/ Carers to our Nativity performance on Friday 13th December at 11am in the Creation Station.

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Important Reminders

Teacher Meetings

Our partnership working with parents is invaluable 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.

Late Arrivals

It is a Health & Safety concern that Children who arrive to school late, via the office, must be signed in using the Entry system by the adult who brings them. Gates close at 9am.

We have an increasing number of children arriving late and unaccompanied. School gates close at 9am.

Parking around the School

As a driver you have a responsibility to park in a safe and considerate manner, if you don't you could be endangering a child's life. Please park with care and help make the area near and around our school a safer place for pupils.

If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all our families, please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
 - No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags

Please consider whether you can take alternative transportation to Sherington; reducing traffic not only makes the outside area safer but also improves the quality of air around our school. Walking to school is an ideal way to reduce pollution and to exercise at the same time. We also ask that drivers are considerate to neighbours who are sometimes adversely affected by parking around the school.

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 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.

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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.

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.

Your View - A Voice for Council Tenants & Leaseholders

If you live in a council property or are a private leaseholder we have been given information from the Royal Borough of Greenwich of a campaign to improve housing services. If you would like more details please call into the School Office.