

Sherington Newsletter



4th October 2019

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 4th September - Thursday 17th
October 2019

(INSET FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER)

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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£83.20

Payments are made via Sims Pay in advance.

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

Applications must be submitted by 31st
October (preferably on-line).

There will be a drop in session on Thursday
17th 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

This week, pupils were introduced to the concept of
Peer Mediators. These are pupils in years 5&6 who
receive training to support all pupils in developing
positive relationships and learn how to deal with minor
conflict in the playgrounds. Pupils examined the main
character strengths that peer mediators would need.

All pupils in years 5&6 have had the opportunity to
apply for the role.

Peer mediators will be trained and active at the start
of next half term.

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 6

Most Y6 pupils (and 5 staff) will be departing early on
Monday morning for Bryntysilio Centre in Llangollen,
Wales. They'll each take a postcard on which to note
strengths used during the week. From past experience,
we know there'll be an abundance.

School Journey week is always identified by Y6 leavers
as one of the highlights of their time at Sherington.

Cael amser gwych pawb!

Parents Evenings

On Monday 7th October at 9am we will send a link to
your mobile phone or email address which will take you
to our online booking system. From there, you can
select a convenient time for your meeting. Please book
your appointment as soon as possible.

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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.

Harvest Appeal 2019

We are asking you to show kindness and gratitude by donating food and toiletries for the Greenwich Food Bank. They particularly need tins of peas, carrots, fruit, custard, rice pudding, fish or meat. Long life milk, fruit juice or toiletries are also valuable commodities. Donations can be brought to school on 16th and 17th October. Many thanks in advance.

Harvest Assembly, will be on Thursday 17th October.

Reception and KS1 at 9:00am followed by KS2 at 9:30am

Attendance

Congratulations to 5D who win the attendance cup this week with 100% attendance

Black History Month

Next week, pupils from Nursery to Y5 will celebrate Black History Month with a visit from a guest performer. We'll reveal all in next week's newsletter.

Black History Month runs in tandem with our Y5 Humanities programme of study, 'Identity'. We'd like to hear from any parents or grandparents of black African or Caribbean heritage who would be happy to come into school to talk to pupils about their family's history. Please contact the office in the first instance.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Nasal Flu Vaccine will be carried out in school on Thursday 21st 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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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.

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. We have 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

Where possible, any changes should be given in writing to the class teacher 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 15th October from 9am - 11am. If you wish to book a place please contact the School Office or email sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk