

Sherington Newsletter



6th December 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 3P who win the attendance
cup this week with 99% attendance

Character Strengths

This week we have been working on our
character strengths as a whole.
In Monday's assembly, KS2 were introduced
to Dylan Thomas, the 20th century Welsh
poet, and examined the power of memory and
using personal experiences in the written
word. Those of you who will be attending the
KS2 performance in the last week of term will
hear more of this then.

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 2 Trip to The Cutty Sark

Year 2 visited The Cutty Sark this week as part of
their Humanities learning. They took part in a
workshop which explored the history of the ship and
how it received its name. As well as the workshop,
pupils visited all the decks of the ship and learnt about
life as a sailor in the past. Children were also able to
walk through the foot tunnel to view Greenwich from
the other side of The Thames. It was an exciting trip
for all!

Poppy Appeal

We've received a letter of thanks from the Royal
British Legion. We raised £259.75 through the poppy
appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Year 2 Church Visit

Year 2 visited a local Church this week as part of their
R.E. learning about Christianity. Pupils were able to see
the inside of a Church and hear The Nativity Story.
This trip allowed pupils to understand some Christian
beliefs and learn about a Christian place of worship.

School Photos

Orders are now in progress and photos will be
delivered to School soon

Greeting Cards

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

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Next Week

Events

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

Christmas Fair

Weds 11th December - after school
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. Please enter through the main entrance in Wyndcliff Road and make your way to the hall. Wear something warm and snugly - pyjamas are ideal.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - Children and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper Day. We are collecting donations for the 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.

Activity Clubs

With the exception of Tuesday and Friday, all activity clubs have now finished for the Autumn Term. A credit will be issued for Wednesday's club that was cancelled due to Parents' Evening.

Senior Band & Glee Club

The last sessions of Senior Band and Glee will be held w/c 9th December.

Important Reminders

Pupil Absence

Please could you inform the School Office if your child is unwell on each day of absence in order that our records can be updated correctly according to the Attendance Policy. Many thanks

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.

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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 your 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. In order to be fair to everyone, teachers are careful to ensure that all parents get an equal opportunity to assist. 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.

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.

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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.