

# Sherington Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> March 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. On Monday, a new helpline was launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Mon to Fri)

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.

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[www.sheringtonprimary.co.uk](http://www.sheringtonprimary.co.uk)

## Attendance

Congratulations to 4W and 5D who share the attendance cup with 99.3% attendance.

## Character Strengths:

On Monday, pupils were reminded of/introduced to Dewi Sant (Saint David) the patron saint of Wales. He is always described as a humble man, living on water and herbs alone. We examined the strength of **humility**: to see one's strengths and talents while remaining humble; not seeking to be the centre of attention or to receive recognition.

Dewi Sant is known for the phrase, 'Do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'

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)

## Y5 trip - Docklands Museum

On Tuesday, year 5 students visited the Museum of London Docklands to view the London, Sugar and Slavery exhibit. Students made valuable connections with the information and displays and will be able to apply their greater depth of understanding throughout the rest of humanities unit, Black History. Students commented that what they had learnt in class was displayed around the exhibit and how seeing the real-life examples help make the learning more realistic with more impact.

## 4W Class Assembly

On Tuesday, 4W presented their learning on the history and legacy of the Romans. Family and peers were able to see some of the cross curricular work - history, geography, maths and art & design. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

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## **Year 2 - African Drumming Workshops**

As part of their humanities learning this term, year 2 took part in an African Drumming session. It enabled pupils to learn about instruments native to Africa and appreciate the differences between homemade and commercially manufactured instruments. The children created their own piece of music using a variety of instruments.

## **World Book Day**

On Thursday, the creativity of our pupils, parents, carers and staff was a joy to behold. Costumes were incredible; from submarines to waterfalls and rainbows. From Nursery to Year 6, pupils spent the morning reading the trilogy of books by Aaron Becker and then produced their own writing to accompany the illustrations. A very special World Book Day once again.

## **Book Swap**

Thanks to everyone who donated books, and to the parent volunteers who helped to categorise them all in advance. The Creation Station became our very own 'book shop' and every child in the school was able to select a book to take home.

## **International Women's Day**

#IWD2020 #EachforEqual  
IWD falls on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
Friday's assembly was designed to celebrate women's achievement and raise awareness against bias. Pupils were informed about Katherine Johnson and Elaine Morgan - two inspirational women who contributed greatly in their own fields in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## **Fire Safety**

On Friday, Year 2 and Year 5 had a fire safety workshop. The officer used their training, experience and expertise to deliver fire safety messages in a sensitive and reassuring way so children understand the importance of home fire safety without becoming worried about a fire happening in their home.

## **Next Week**

### **Science Week**

The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Our Diverse Planet'. Exciting things have been planned for our pupils across next week. Watch this space ...

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9am - 3P Class Assembly**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 - Trip to City Farm**

## **Sport Relief (SR)**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March we'll be marking Sport Relief (SR) day. SR aims to tackle perennial problems such as poverty, social justice, homelessness and mental health stigma through the medium of sport. This year, they are "encouraging everyone to put on their shorts and change things for the better". Pupils are invited to wear shorts, along with 'their team's' shirt, a SR t-shirt, or something red and white - the colours of SR. Donations for this good cause will be collected on the day. With the exception of Yr 3 who should wear clothing appropriate for a day at the City Farm.

## **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.

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## End of Day

Wherever possible please could parents/carers notify the office by 2.45pm of any changes to who will be collecting their children to ensure the message can be passed to the Class Teacher in good time.

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

We aim to have no double parking, and call on 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

Many parents have already booked their appointments for 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.