

Sherington Newsletter



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TERM DATES

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

Half Term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

School Closes at 1.30pm on Friday 3rd April

INSET

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

This Week

Attendance

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

2T Class Assembly

On Thursday, we were thrilled to share in 2T's learning about Africa, and in particular the country of Ghana. Their knowledge about the geography of Ghana was communicated with humour; the storytelling of the Leopard's Drum amusing too. The class really sold the idea of spending a holiday there.

African Mask Workshops

In their feedback, our Y5 pupils used the words 'challenging' and 'exciting' most often to describe their workshop. Many of them learnt that it is 'okay to mess up,'

We know that we usually learn best from our mistakes and with clay, it's not so difficult to put things right again. Mrs. Stewart was pleased with the way the children linked their new learning with their knowledge of ancient Benin and the Oba.

Character Strengths:

In Monday's assembly we reviewed the character strengths that we need to use at school in order to be the best learners that we possibly can be. We looked at how we use them in different subjects and considered what pupils might want to talk about in their pupil led parents' evening. It's important that our pupils learn that success is not only measured by outcomes, but in our character too. Building perseverance, courage, teamwork and self-regulation is important in developing ourselves. We hope that our pupils share some of their character building with you in their pupil led parents' evening at the end of next half term. More details at the end of this newsletter.

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

Next Week

E Safety Week

Wednesday 12th - National Theatre performing Hamlet to Yrs 5 & 6

Thursday 13th - 2F class assembly for parents at 9:00am in the hall

Friday 14th - Year 1 to the fire station

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Use of Climbing Frame

Please could parents not allow children to use the climbing frame when the gate is locked.

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

Unfortunately, this continues to be a concern which means that children from Sherington and the surrounding area are being potentially put at risk - particularly at the end of the school day.

Please consider the safety of the school community when arriving at school. We ask that parents walk whenever possible. Failing that, find a safe place to park and walk to the school from there to ensure children's safety.

Our Planet - By Tess, 2F

Tess has written a piece for this week's newsletter. She feels passionately about this problem - demonstrated in her assembly last year to the school.

Hello, my name is Tess and I am 7. I am here to tell you about the pollution from litter in the world and how we can fix it. So, the first thing you can do is you can go out and pick up all the litter you see. But litter isn't just found on land it is also found in oceans.

We can help this by going to the beach, having a swim and pick up all the litter you spot. I have just been out picking up litter and I found twenty pieces of litter in a tenth of the road! And in my next door neighbour's front garden I found eight pieces of litter. We have a wonderful world, but we don't take care of it. If we have time in our day, we can spend five minutes picking up litter. If we do that our planet will be so much more clean. Please help our problem. Our planet is appalling.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Pupil Led Parents' Evening on 31st March and 1st 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.

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. Last year's comments from parents echo our reasons:

'I find it's beneficial for my son to take ownership of his work.' Parent, 6H

'It gives me an opportunity to see my daughter talking about her work in a formal classroom setting and appreciate her relationship with her teacher.' Parent, 5W

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(our child could)... 'realise the strength of support he has from those around him ... An evening of metacognition...' Parent, 4P

'It gives children opportunity to feel responsible for their learning and achievements in school...I really enjoyed this pupil/teacher collaboration for presenting child's development at school. Please keep it this way.' Parent. 3C

'Pupils feel responsible for the outcomes of learning process.' Parent, 1F

'My daughter is very engaged about the strengths and tells me what she has learnt about when the strength changes.' Parent, Reception Otters

We look forward to seeing all parents across these two evenings.