

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 8th December 2023

This week

On Monday, some parents and carers met with Elspeth Geden, Gary Hinchliffe and members of the governing body in order to spend time with Elspeth informally and ask questions. As you will know, Elspeth and Gary sent a letter following this meeting – detailing questions and responses for all parents and carers to read. Thank you to those who were able to join us. Since the circulation of this letter, Ross Bailey (Chair of Governors) has drawn up a list of key points discussed for inclusion in today's newsletter, prefacing these with news that regular parent and carer meetings with school leaders will form part of the timetable moving forward.

- The strengths of Sherington were discussed and the importance of celebrating the recent Good Ofsted outcome – a huge success in light of the current Ofsted framework
- For Sherington, the partnership provides continuity and stability. There are no plans to change the ethos or running of the school. The partnership is not a move towards academisation.
- The appointment of an Executive Head is not uncommon and is used as an interim measure when recruiting for a new, substantive Headteacher.
- Elspeth will support the school until a substantive Headteacher is in place and will be available afterwards to ensure a successful handover. She will be splitting her time equally between Sherington and Montbelle on a flexible basis.
- The partnership is about providing opportunities for both Sherington and Montbelle to develop, including personal development opportunities for the staff at both schools and for the schools to showcase their strengths and successes.
- Recruitment for a substantive Headteacher will continue throughout the rest of the academic year.

Football

On Thursday, the girls' football team took part in a tournament at Charlton Athletic training ground. Our team finished second in the group of 5 teams, ensuring progression to the quarter final stage. Sadly, the team was very unlucky to lose 1-0 in its quarter final match.

Christmas Jumper Day

The school has been a sea of colour, sparkles and festive winter cheer today. It was so lovely to see all children attend school wearing what best expressed their personality, identity and culture. We will share the total raised with you next week.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: frozen, downfall, shimmer, crisp, artic. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 2A with 97.9%.

Post box

The post box for Christmas Cards will be on the decking from Friday 8th until Monday 18th for children to post their cards.

Dates for your diary

Rescheduled Parents' Evening dates

6A - Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December

Festive lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Concerts

The dates for the Christmas Concerts are:

Nursery: Monday 18th December at 11.30am

Reception & KS1 at 9am and KS2 at 10am on

Tuesday 19th December, Wednesday 20th December, Thursday 21st December

Please note: it is two tickets per family and this cannot be increased due to limited space. If you are unable to attend, please return your tickets to the school office.

Festive afternoon

Tuesday 19th of December, 3:30-5:30 in the school hall.

Friends of Sherington are excited to invite you to a festive afternoon of cake eating, hot chocolate drinking and holiday crafting.

The Official North Pole letter box will be open for your letters to Father Christmas.

Calling all bakers: please help FoS spread the festive spirit and raise funds for the school by donating cakes (baked or bought) to be sold at the winter celebration on Tuesday 19th of December (3:30-5:30 in the main school hall). Your donations can be dropped at the school office on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th.



Useful Information

School Meals



FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents/Guardian,
From the new Autumn term, commencing September 2021, all children in Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London will be offered Free School Meals.


In response to the rising cost of living, the Mayor of London has made a commitment that every primary school child is entitled to a Free School Meal. This important step extends the existing Free School Meal provision - currently available to children in reception, and years 1 and 2 - to all primary school children in Greater London.

Chartwells Schools - as your catering partner - design nutritious seasonal menus, thoughtfully created by our team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists, who make sure the menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.

Every day there is a choice of two hot main courses, a jacket potato, salad or a packed lunch. The meals are nutritionally balanced and feature familiar favourites as well as exciting new flavours, to encourage children to try something different.

We also cater for children with allergies and intolerances, so they can feel safe and included with their friends whilst eating school meals. If your child has a dietary requirement, please read the attached letter from the Chartwells Medical Diet Team to ensure we can cater for all children from September. Please provide all information as soon as possible, and before 2nd July 2021, to allow the Medical Diet Team enough time to develop an appropriate menu for your child/children. Please visit your school's website for any further information on how to order meals in advance.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A free school meal is a hot meal provided for primary school children in Greater London from September 2021. It is available to all children in Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 living in Greater London, as well as children in reception, years 1 and 2.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
A free school meal includes a hot main course, a jacket potato, salad, or a packed lunch. The meal is designed to be nutritious and balanced, with a focus on fresh ingredients and seasonal produce.

HOW DO I ORDER A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
You can order a free school meal online through the Chartwells website, or by calling the school's catering team. You will need to provide your child's name, year group, and contact details.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT?
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WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO EAT A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?
It is important that children are encouraged to try new foods and flavours. If your child does not want to eat a free school meal, they can opt for a packed lunch instead.

LOVE SCHOOL MEALS
NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES

THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS

MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHY
School meals provide a healthy and balanced diet for children, helping them to grow strong and healthy. They also provide a chance for children to try new foods and flavours, which can help to reduce the risk of obesity and other health problems.

THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

TEACHING VALUE
School meals provide a valuable learning opportunity for children, helping them to understand the importance of healthy eating and the benefits of a balanced diet. They also provide a chance for children to learn about different cultures and cuisines.

MAKING FOOD FUN
School meals are designed to be fun and enjoyable for children, with a focus on fresh ingredients and seasonal produce. They also provide a chance for children to try new foods and flavours, which can help to reduce the risk of obesity and other health problems.

WE DELICIOUS AND INFORM CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

SAVE UP TO £107 PER YEAR



Please inform the office if you wish to change your child's meal pattern for this term. Thank you.

Please note that Sherington has a no debt policy. Please clear any debt you may have accrued last term. Thank you.

Menu - Sherington Primary School

Governors

Sherington governors share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire, Believe, Create, Achieve" and between us we bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. This helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found in the office foyer.

Mobile phones

Parents and carers must not use mobile phones in the playground and school building. This is for the safety of the children.

Appointments

If you are taking your child out of school to attend an appointment for either them, or yourself, you must provide evidence to the school office. Please try to make appointment outside of school hours where possible.

Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please report this using the absence line: 020 8858 5497 - option 1. Absences must be reported daily.

From Monday 13th March if you are reporting your child absent via email please use our new attendance email attendance@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk.

Any evidence relating to absences i.e. Dr appointments, prescriptions etc. should also be sent to this address. You can continue to report absences by phone using the absence line. All other general enquiries should continue to be sent to sao@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

Parents and carers are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement. We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at the End of the Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Punctuality is crucial so that children are settled and ready to learn together. School starts at 8.55am.

Term dates

Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October 2023—Thursday 21st December 2023

Christmas Holiday

Friday 22nd December 2023—Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 1

INSET: Monday 8th January 2024Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January****

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February 2024

In the local area

Greenwich Supports

Get help with the cost of living.

You can find lots of information here about support from the council, local charities, and community groups.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports>



Families Information Service

Free advice and support for families, in Royal Greenwich, with children and young people aged 0 -19 (or up to 25 for families with disabled young people).

Contact us For information about:

- Children's Centre services and activities.
- Childcare - including registered childminders, nurseries, pre-schools, breakfast and after school clubs, and holiday play schemes.
- Free early learning sessions for two, three and four year olds.
- Benefits and funds to help pay towards childcare costs.
- Starting at primary school or moving from primary to secondary school.
- Activities and groups for children and young people.
- Registering as a childminder.
- Local and national family support services.

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SUPPORTS
Here to listen, advise and help



Protect your child, protect your friends,
family and community



Get your child vaccinated against the flu this winter

If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!

The Greenwich School Immunisation Team will be delivering catch up clinics for children from Reception Year to Year 11.

Venue: 16-20 Market Street, Woolwich, SE18 6QR
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm 2nd and 9th December

- Nasal flu spray is painless and easy
- Nasal flu is given every year to protect against 4 strains of circulating flu
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who may be more vulnerable
- The nasal flu spray is safe and has been given to millions of children worldwide

How to book:

We operate a walk-in clinic, however, appointments can also be made in advance via our booking system, please scan the QR code or use the link:

<https://app.schoolsscreeen.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/prioxFG2324>



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Royal Greenwich Together
**HOLIDAY
FOOD and FUN**

**Your child may be eligible for
a free holiday club place!**

Fun activities and good food available throughout the Christmas holidays.

Find out more at
[Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HolidayFoodAndFun](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HolidayFoodAndFun)

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Holiday Food and Fun

Holiday Food and Fun is back offering free activities for young people this Christmas.

Free holiday club places are available for children aged 4-16 and who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Find a list of participating holiday clubs on our website and book a place directly with them. [Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun](https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun)

As every primary child is currently receiving free school meals thanks to the Mayor of London, parents should double check their eligibility in case they are missing out on extra support. <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>