

# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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## This week

It's been incredibly smooth transition back to school. Pupils have coped well with some new routines that come with moving year groups. It's a very positive start to the year.

### Assemblies

Children in years 1 to 6 were welcomed back first thing yesterday morning with an assembly about facing changes with bravery, perseverance, hope and teamwork. Children were reminded of Sherington's Positive Education ethos, using character strengths to help us do the right thing at the right time. The high expectations for learning behaviours were communicated and the class charters re-introduced for this new academic year.

In Friday's assembly, Mr O'Leary introduced new playground equipment (including outdoor table tennis) and ideas were taken for how these could be respected and looked after. Student Council will take on some of these responsibilities, but it was agreed that it was up to each individual to care for all resources at school.

### Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: overwhelm and well-being. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

### Miss Peterson's Mount Snowdon night climb

After several months of fundraising and training, Miss Peterson successfully completed a climb of Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) on Saturday night. The trek through the night began at 1am and Miss Peterson and her team were able to make it up to the summit and back in only 4 and a half hours!

Miss Peterson said "Thank you all so much for your generous donations. Together we have raised almost £1500 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The climb was tricky at times, but with lots of resilience and persistence we made it to the top and back down for a bacon sandwich and a cup of tea!"

Any further donations can be sent [here](#).

## Dates for your diary

### Activity Clubs

An email went home today with details on how to sign up for activity clubs this term. Please let the office know if you have not received this letter

### Meet the Teaching Team dates

These sessions are an opportunity for you to hear from the teachers and support staff in your child's class and year group. Come along and get to know them a little better and gain an overview of the curriculum. **Sessions are held in the Creation Station from 9am and last no longer than half an hour.** Dates are:

Meet the Year 6 team on Monday 18th September

Meet the Year 4 team on Tuesday 19th September

Meet the Year 2 team on Wednesday 20th September

Meet the Year 5 team on Thursday 21st September

Meet the Year 1 team on Tuesday 26th September

Meet the Year 3 team on Thursday 28th September

Sessions for meeting our Early Years team work differently and will be arranged later in the term.

### Start of the day

For the main school: Gates to the playground and reception area open at 8:45am

Doors to the school open at 8:50am and close at 8:55am.

Playground gates will close at 8:55am. After this time, late arrivals will need to enter through the main entrance and will need to be signed in. Punctuality at the start of every day is very important for pupils.

Packed lunch trolleys for years 2 to 6 will be outside the Creation Station. Year 1 will bring their packed lunch to the classroom and be shown where to put them.

Years 4, 5 and 6 enter the building through the hall door.

1B, year 2 and year 3 enter the building through the smaller door in the playground.

### New finish times at the end of the day

Reception, year 1 and year 2 finish at 3:25pm

Years 3 to 6 finish at 3:30pm

## PE Kits

All pupils in Y1-6 should have their PE kits in school by now. Kits are left in school until half term. Pupils must change into their PE kit for indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

## Year 5 Swimming

From Monday 11th September, pupils in 5P need their swimming kit every Monday morning. Please see separate letter from Mr O'Leary

## Uniform

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

## Walking home

Please inform the office in writing if your Year 5 or 6 child will be walking home alone. Thank you.

## Term dates

### **Autumn Term 1**

Monday 4 September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023.

**INSET: Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September. \*\*Children return to School on Thursday 7th September\*\***

### **Half Term**

Monday 23rd October 2023 –Friday 27th October 2023

### **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 2024\*\*Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January\*\***

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

### **Half Term**

Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

# Useful Information

## School Meals



Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the new Autumn term, commencing September 2023, all children in Years 3, 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, lovingly 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, jacket potatoes, pasta 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 21st July 2023, to allow the Medical Diets 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.



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY OR SPECIAL DIET?**  
Our primary objective is to keep our pupils – your children – safe every day when enjoying their school meals.  
We take allergies very seriously and, supported by our clinical Medical Diet Team, we'll take every step to ensure that all primary children as possible bring with their allergies and intolerances can eat safely at school with their friends.  
To find out more please email: [chartwells.medicaldiets@chartwells.com](mailto:chartwells.medicaldiets@chartwells.com) or group 01473 300000

**WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL MEAL?**  
Every day you can be assured that a school meal will offer:  
• At least two portions of fruit and vegetables  
• Dairy food items rich in calcium for strong bones and teeth  
• Starchy carbohydrates to provide energy  
• A protein source to support the body's growth and repair.

**HOW DO I ORDER AND PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS?**  
All children at our school are entitled to a delicious hot meal or packed lunch for free.  
Help schools provide an online portal that allows you to order your children's meals.

**CAN A PACKED LUNCH BE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF A HOT MEAL?**  
Absolutely! Our packed lunches are made from scratch and are prepared to be both tasty and nutritious, ensuring that children enjoy a balanced and satisfying meal.  
Our menus are packed with familiar favourites such as: Cheese & Tomato pizza, roast dinners and Kung Pao chicken

**LOVE SCHOOL MEALS**  
NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

**MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES**

**AT CHARTWELLS WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ENCOURAGING AND ENABLING MORE CHILDREN TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES AND ENJOY A NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEAL TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR DAY.**  
Chartwells' school meals have been lovingly created by a team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists making sure menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.  
Making a home-packed lunch for your child each day can be time-consuming and expensive. School meals can relieve some of this pressure by providing a hot, nutritious lunch for your child every school day.

**THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS**

**MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHIER**  
Children having school meals are more likely to eat fruit and vegetables and drink water throughout the day.

**BEHAVIOUR & CONCENTRATIONA healthy school meal helps children get the best from their learning.**

**THEY ARE FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**  
Speak to your school about signing your child up today!

**TASTY THEME DAYS**  
Throughout the term, your child will get to experience delicious themes. Days where we bring excitement to the dining hall with new and inspiring choices such as our Space Adventure or Kid-Gourmet Menu.

**MAKING FOOD FUN**  
We want your children to love food and the dining hall is a great place for them to enjoy themselves with friends whilst they learn about different types of food.

**WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS' KITCHEN WORKSHOPS**

Save up to £457 on 100 school meals

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](mailto:governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk)

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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>

