

SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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Friday 9th February 2024



This week

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend the drop-in session on Thursday morning and for the continued commitment shown to working in partnership with the school's leaders.

During the session, parents and carers were invited to offer suggestions and feedback related to statements from the draft version of the new School Improvement Plan. After the half-term break, we will be sharing the information gathered at the event. If you have any ideas for school improvement you would like to see reflected in the plan, please do email these to the school.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and find the opportunity to spend quality time together as a family. We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 19th February. Take good care.

Gary Hinchliffe Acting Head of School

Assemblies

On Monday, Ms Silkin introduced Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year is 'My Voice Matters'. The children started the day by stretching and discussing both physical and mental health. In PSHE sessions throughout the week, they have been sharing strategies to help alleviate stress and manage emotions.

Miss Peterson announced the chosen book for **World Book Day 2024** on Thursday. This year, we have chosen to explore the text 'The Red Tree' by Shaun Tan. The book, chosen for its unique blend of breath-taking illustrations and impactful text, encourages deep reflection; discussion to foster empathy and understanding, and a shared sense of humanity within our school community. As we have done in previous years, all the staff and children will dress up in book-related costumes to celebrate the day on **Friday 8th March**.

For costume inspiration, follow this link for a video of the book to music that was shared with the children in assembly:

[The Red Tree by Shaun Tan](#)

This year's LGBT+ History Month is 'Under the Microscope', with the spotlight focusing on health professionals within the LGBT+ community. Sophia Jex-Blake, Cecil Belfield Clarke and Professor Margaret Stacey's stories were told during Friday's assembly. The children were asked what character strengths each demonstrated in order to lead fulfilled and inspirational lives.

Staff update

We have recently welcomed back staff members Giedre Badache, Gurjit Bahra and Peter Hall.

Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: prod, squish, mention, detach, incident. How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to 3F with 99.7%.

Dates for your diary

LGBT+ History Month

Throughout February.

Lunar New Year

Beginning Saturday 10th February.

World Book Day

Friday 8th March. Details to follow.

International Women's Day

Friday 8th March.

Science Week

Beginning Monday 11th March. Details to follow.

Spring Concerts

Thursday 21st March: EYFS and KS1 at 9am; KS2 at 9:30am.

SEN Café – coming soon!

Starting next half term, I would like to offer a drop-in session to take place each half term – 9:00am-9.30am – for any parents and carers who have concerns/questions regarding their child's learning. These sessions will provide a chance to have a chat over a cup of coffee or tea and of course there will still be opportunities to book time with me for a longer meeting.

Date to be confirmed.

Jo Richards

Useful Information

Governors

We are strongly supportive of the school's ethos, share the enthusiasm and excitement for learning that pupils and staff have and are immensely proud of Sherington's outstanding achievements. We are committed to the Sherington vision of "Aspire Believe Create Achieve" and between us, bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our role. For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

Governors can be contacted on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

Governors wish to thank Elspeth Geden for her work in supporting Sherington's Senior Leadership Team and the work of the school. We're confident that her experience and approach as executive head are invaluable during this interim period. In seeking to appoint a permanent headteacher for September the recruitment panel has now advertised the post. We will be shortlisting and interviewing during the second half of this term, with the close involvement of representatives from the local authority. It is our aim that the person appointed will continue to be sympathetic to Sherington's ethos, philosophy and practice. Elspeth has generously made a firm commitment to support the school for as long as necessary, ensuring a smooth handover.

One parent governor has resigned because of pressure of work and an election to replace her will be organised after half term. We urge you to consider whether you could undertake this important role. We also need to co-opt two governors in order to fill existing vacancies. So, even if you're not able to put yourself forward as a governor you may know people within the local community who would be able to contribute to the governance of Sherington. If you have any ideas please let us know on governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk

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](#)

Head lice

If your child has head lice, please let the office know so we can send a text to the year group asking parents to check and treat their children's hair. Please see [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) for more information on how to treat head lice at home.

PE

Please note that PE is part of the National Curriculum and the expectation is that every child takes part in PE lessons. If your child is well enough to be in school, they are well enough to do PE and exemptions are only made following risk assessments following injuries or surgery.

Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is labelled; this helps us return lost items. Lost property can be found on the Creation Station decking in a large metal container.

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 whenever possible.

Double Parking

Please DO NOT double park on any of the roads around the perimeter of the school premises. This is dangerous, first and foremost, and blocks in our neighbours and other parents. We will be liaising with the Greenwich Traffic Enforcement Team.

Mobile phones

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

Communication

The school's usual way of communicating reminders and short messages is via text message. If you have downloaded the SchoolMoney/Eduspot app, please ensure your notifications are turned on as messages will come via the app. If you do not have the app and are not receiving messages, please let the office know as we may have the wrong number for you.

Road Safety

It has been reported that children are playing on the roads locally outside of school hours, pushing a skate board in front of oncoming traffic for example. Please remind your child/children about the importance of road safety for themselves and others.

End of day collection

Reminder, we have noted an increase of late collections lately, please note that KS1 finish at 3.25pm and KS2 finish at 3.30pm. Please be prompt to collect your child. Thank you.

Term dates

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 9th January 2024- Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term

Monday 12th February–Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Term 2

Monday 19th February 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter Holiday

Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 1

Monday 15th April 2024 - Friday 24th May 2024

Please see the below link for Greenwich term dates regarding next academic year. The school have yet to set INSET days, so, at this time, we're unable to confirm the return date for children in September.

[Term dates 2024 to 2025 | School term dates | Royal Borough of Greenwich \(royalgreenwich.gov.uk\)](https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

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. doctors 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 promptly 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>



SEND Outreach

Greenwich Outreach team are looking for volunteers to help with their 'Tackling Structural Racism' project this year. It is a great way to celebrate diversity in Greenwich and if you would like to take part, please look at the leaflet below in the first instance and contact Minna Anaukwu directly. Copies of the leaflet can be collected from the office.



Free Workshops

The Educational Psychology Service are running some free workshops for parents/carers over the coming months for any families who have children aged 0-2yrs. The first topic is on Emotion Coaching at Storkway Children's Centre, SE3 9QX. A crèche will be provided for those who need childcare support.

Sessions will take place Friday afternoons from 1.30-3pm, on the following dates. Attendees should attend both sessions.

15 & 22 March 2024

10 & 17 May 2024

28 June & 5 July 2024

4 & 11 October 2024

18 & 25 October 2024

Sign up using this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y_ly5kY_EUGqXNVBJvlRBXjgiR36BCIOsC0mS10QQfpUMTVXRVBXQ0hPROUzT1E0NzZVUjBTM05EMi4u

Please note that attendees must be signed up with Storkway Children's Centre in order to attend sessions. Please click here to register: <https://res-1.cloudinary.com/gll/image/upload/v1667910841/tpinbr35iktz0rkrykai.pdf> OR visit the centre in person.

Parent Drop In

PARENT DROP IN
MARCH 2024

WOOLWICH COMMON 18TH MARCH 2024
1:30 - 2:30 PM
144 NIGHTINGALE PL, SE18 4HE

VALLEY CENTRAL 6TH MARCH 2024
12 - 1 PM
THE VALLEY, FLOYD RD, SE7 8BL

HAWKSMOOR 19TH MARCH 2024
12:30 - 1:30 PM
2 ORIOLE WAY, SE28 8FE

AVERY HILL 27TH MARCH 2024
10:00 - 11:00 AM
ANSTRIDGE RD, SE9 2LL

YOUNG GREENWICH

THIS MONTHS TOPIC IS

BEHAVIOUR

THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

- MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR
- TYPES OF BEHAVIOURS
- GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR CHILD
- GOAL SETTING TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR CHILD.

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OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ACROSS GREENWICH. WE ADVISE AND SUPPORT CHILD HEALTH ISSUES SUCH AS HEALTHY WEIGHT, TOILETING, FUSSY EATING, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP AND MUCH MORE.

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