



# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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## THIS WEEK

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely break and that getting back into the school routine has not been too arduous! It took the Freemans far too long to get out of bed and to locate school bags and shoes on Monday morning! Welcome to Ms Hardy who is teaching Hippo Class whilst Ms Haynes is on maternity leave.

### **Back to it!**

Children have settled back down into the routines of school life extremely well. Though some have been disappointed not to “get a snow day,” they have been very cheerful and have been working hard. Please do make sure that children are wearing school jumpers (no hoodies please) and that they have a coat and scarves etc at school every day. I have been into every classroom this week and have been really impressed by attitudes to their work and by how confidently the children speak about what they are learning.

### **Science Week**

There has been a tangible buzz of excitement in the air this week as next week will be Science Week. This year, for the first time, we will be hosting a Science Fair each afternoon. Year 5 will be hosting the fair and will conduct a variety of experiments which they have planned for the other classes to watch and enjoy. The week's theme is “Adapt & Change” and so the Year 5 experiments will focus on chemical changes. The experiments that they have chosen are very exciting and we think the whole school will really enjoy this. Other classes will be conducting their own investigations throughout the week on aspects of change and adaptation and their work will be showcased at our Science Week exhibitions on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January from 3-4pm in the computing suite. Thank you to Ms Smith who has spent a long time planning this for the children.

### **Dates**

I hope that you received the letter about upcoming dates for this half term, apologies for the date error in the first version of this. I am looking forward to welcoming Year 6 families and perhaps some Y5 families to the SATs meeting next Thursday. This term will see the first of our Year group virtues assemblies, Year 6 will kick things off on Monday 27th January at 9am.

### **Year 6 School Journey 2025**

Just a reminder for Year 5 parents/carers to sign their children up for the Year 6 school journey to the Isle of Wight in September 2025. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about this.

### **Mr O'Leary**

As you know, the wonderful Mr O'Leary will be leaving us this term. He will be working 9 days between now and his final day which will be on Friday 28th February and so you may see him around a bit between now and then. There will be a special assembly for the children to say goodbye properly on 28th and he will be in the playground as much as possible when he is in school and certainly at the start and the end of the day on 28th February, so that parents and carers can also say goodbye.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Hannah Freeman

### **Attendance**

The award for last week's attendance goes to Elephants with 99.3%

### **Word of the Day**

This week's vocabulary has been: blush, valiant, recommend and purchase . How can you weave these in to this weekend's conversation?

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Monday 13th January**

Science Week

**Thursday 16th January 9am** - YR Hippos parents/carers are invited to meet Jo Hardy (new teacher for Hippo Class) in the Creation Station.

**Thursday 16th January 6.30pm** – Meeting for Y5 and Y6 families about the upcoming SATs (Standard Attainment Tests). This meeting will provide information about the structure of the tests, when and how they will take place and what parents and carers can do to support their children in advance of the tests. Though this meeting will be most useful for Y6 parents (it will be repeated next year), Year 5 parents who may be interested in learning more about these tests before their child starts in Year 6, are also welcome to attend.

**Monday 27th January 9am** – Y6 Virtues Assembly. Y6 parents/carers are invited to attend a special assembly presented by Year 6 about their assigned virtue and character strengths. Children will be presented with their ambassador badges for their virtue at the end of the assembly.

**Thursday 30th January 3-4pm** – Science Week Exhibition (parents and carers are invited to come and see work undertaken during science week in the Computing Suite)

**Friday 31st January 3-4pm** – Science Week Exhibition (as above)

**Week beg 3rd February** – Y6 Mock SATs (FYI only)

**Week beg 3rd February** – Mental Health Week, there will be special assemblies and activities in school this week which focus on wellbeing and mental health. In year 6 there will be a focus on how to keep calm and remain positive during test weeks.

**Friday 7th February** – NSPCC Number Day, children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes with a number theme for a suggested donation of £1.00 for the NSPCC.

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day, children will take part in a special assembly and activities about how to keep safe online (please note that this in addition to what is also covered by the computing and PHSE curriculums). We are trying to organise a workshop for parents and carers and will provide more information about this asap.

## **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. Governors can be contacted on [governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:governors@sherington.greenwich.sch.uk) For more information, click here: [Sherington Governors](#)

## Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is extra government money which is paid to schools to support children's learning and development.

You may be entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant if you meet the financial criteria. Click on this link below to see if your child is entitled to this additional funding. We can also support you in finding out if your child could receive the extra money. The grant is paid directly to the school and we use the money to provide additional support to eligible children. Children who are eligible for the grant can receive financial support from the school with paying for school trips, clubs and uniform. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## Sherington Xtra

Collection:

Please contact via text 07907517599 when a different adult is collecting from Sherington Xtra, stating the following details:

Childs name. Adult name & Password

At collection, you will be prompted for the password, so please ensure this has been set up – and a polite reminder that last collection is at 5:55pm. If you are collecting from more than one venue (nursery, hall or Creation Station), please ensure that all children are collected by the stated time.

## 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>



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RSPH 2021 Clinical Excellence Award  
Part of the Greenwich Family Hubs Network

## Missed your flu vaccine?

Live or attend school in the borough of Greenwich? Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself this winter!

Saturday 21 December, 09:30 - 12:30  
The Clock House  
SE18 5QL

Saturday 11 January 2025, 10:00 - 14:00  
The Clock House  
SE18 5QL

Saturday 18 January 2025, 10:00 - 14:00  
The Clock House  
SE18 5QL

Call 020 3903 3345 to book an appointment