



# SHERINGTON WEEKLY

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## THIS WEEK

### **Buzz Days**

There really has been a *buzz* of excitement over the last couple of weeks as Curriculum *Buzz Days* have been taking place across the school! Thank you to parents and carers for supporting these days financially and also by providing amazing costumes! It is this kind of experience that children remember and they are so beneficial to their learning. Thank you to the staff who have gone to great lengths to ensure that these have been so successful!

### **Christmas Headwear**

Please can we request that children only wear Christmas hats to and from school and at playtime, this also applies to Christmas deely boppers and headbands. Some children have been wearing these in lessons and assembly and it is a bit too early for this! Today we have explained that we are happy for children to wear festive headgear in the final week of term and of course, on Christmas jumper day next Thursday! Though we are happy for children to wear these in school in the last week of term, please be aware that they may be asked to remove them if they become too distracting. We recommend naming any Christmas bling as many children will have similar items!

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be supporting "Save the Children" next Thursday by holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to come to school in a festive jumper or outfit (no uniform required) for a donation towards this charity. If your family does not celebrate Christmas, children may wear an outfit of their choosing. Next Thursday will also be Christmas lunch day and we are all very much looking forward to this!

### **Staffing News**

We are delighted to announce that Ms Lewis is expecting a baby, her baby is due in March and she will be beginning her maternity leave at the end of February. We would like to congratulate Ms Lewis and her husband on this exciting news!

We are also very pleased to be able to inform you that we have appointed a new teacher to teach Y2 Ruby Class and to lead the Y1, 2, 3 Phase - Sabia Dulay. Ms Dulay will join the Sherington team on 10<sup>th</sup> December and as well as teaching and leading the phase, will lead on the school's equality, diversity and inclusion strategy.

Finally congratulations to Ms Kaur who has been appointed to lead the Y4, 5 and 6 phase and music across the school from January.

Ms Utley-Parker will be doing a short teaching placement at another Greenwich school in the first half of the spring term and Mr Curtis Franklin-Burridge will be joining Sherington to teach Y3 Peridot alongside Ms Peterson while Ms Utley Parker is away.  
Have a wonderful weekend! Best wishes, Hannah Freeman

### Attendance

The award for last week's attendance goes to Diamond with 98.9%

### Word of the Day

This week's vocabulary has been: idiosyncratic, exuberant, ambidextrous, calamitous and loquacious. How will you weave them into conversation this weekend?

## FRIENDS OF SHERINGTON



#### Charity status

Friends of Sherington has now been formally re-established as a charity! Emma Capper, Nick Harding, Steve Harrison and Rose Pennells are the formal trustees.

Registering as a charity helps our fundraising - including by allowing us to claim 'gift aid' on any donations to support the school. Watch out for more on this in the New Year.

#### Fundraising goals

We focussed on playgrounds last year - and our priorities this year are to help school to

- replace old ICT equipment - starting with new ipads for classrooms, and
- buy new resources and pay for experiences to enrich our children's learning.

#### Join us...

We are a friendly and informal group of parents and carers with children at Sherington.

We support the school's aims and ethos, and we work together to:

- organise fun, informal activities that bring the school community together; and
- fundraise to help pay for things that enrich our children's education.

Everyone is welcome whether you:

- just want to know what we are doing;
- might volunteer an hour or two 'on the day' eg to help run a stall; or
- have a bit more time to help plan and organise events.

Use this QR code to join our friendly Whatsapp group!






### Please claim your lost property by Friday 5 Dec



There are lots of coats, jumpers etc in lost property outside the Creation Station.

After 5 December we will empty the box and donate coats etc to Mammakind, so they can be passed on to children and families in need.



### LETTERS TO SANTA

The Friends of Sherington are working with the North Pole Post Office to make sure Santa and his elves can read and reply to letters from Sherington pupils!

**Buy your stamp for £2**

Stamps are available now from the school office or the Friends of Sherington online shop: [tinyurl.com/FOSXmasLetters](http://tinyurl.com/FOSXmasLetters).

**Write your letter**

Make sure you include your name and class.

**Put it in the school post box**

It will open Monday 8 December - deadline for Santa is Friday 12 December.

We want this to include everyone. If you would like your child to receive a letter but have concerns with payment, please speak to Mrs Freeman who will arrange for you to receive a stamp.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Imago individual and sibling photos - the deadline to order for free delivery to school, in time for Christmas is today, 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Activity clubs** will ended last week, with the exception of Running club (Last session Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>), Chess club (Last session Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>) and the clubs cancelled due to Parent Consultations -Thursday Lego, French, Arts and Crafts and Friday Athletics and Boxercise - (Last sessions will be Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup>)

### Senior Band is finished

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Post Box -Children can post Christmas cards to other children and staff across the school.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Last senior and junior Choir sessions

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper, Hats and Lunch Day - Pleaser use the barcode to donate to Save the Children. Thank you

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery Christmas Sing-along at 11.30 in the Creation Station.

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Christmas Singalong and Joke-Fest - 2.30pm in the hall.

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1, 2, 3 and Opal Nativity 9.15am in the hall.

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concert 9.15am in the hall

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Class Parties - Children may come to school wearing their own clothes (sensible footwear, please!) Reception and Nursery can wear their Christmas pyjamas (but they do not have to be Christmas themed). Please do not send children in with food, teachers may provide some treats but these will all be checked against allergies and risk-assessed as usual.

Last day of term - Sherington Xtra breakfast and afterschool clubs open as normal.



## 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.

We're taking part in

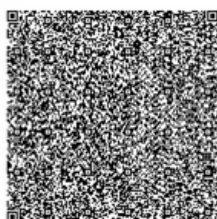


Save the Children

**Christmas  
Jumper  
Day**



On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. Please use the QR code to donate to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day campaign. Thank you



## 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>



**Greenwich Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

## WINTER APPEAL

Help us provide urgent support for people in Greenwich.

No one expects to need help from a food bank.

Donate with **JustGiving**

registered charity number: 1152007

GREENWICH.FOODBANK.ORG.UK

**NHS**  
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

## 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!

**Saturday 6 December, 12:00 – 15:00**  
Holy Trinity, Eltham, SE9 2SD

**Friday 12 December, 15:00 – 16:15**  
Waterways Children's Centre SE28 8EZ

**Monday 15 December, 15:00 – 16:15**  
Waterways Children's Centre SE28 8EZ

**Call 020 3903 3345 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment**

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**SAVE GREENWICH ADVENTURE PLAY CENTRES**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR ADVENTURE PLAY CENTRES IN MERIDIAN, PLUMSTEAD, GLYNDON, COLDHARBOUR AND WOOLWICH ARE AT RISK?**

**THE CONSULTATION IS OPEN NOW AND WE ONLY HAVE UNTIL THE 14TH OF DECEMBER TO MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD!**

**YOU CAN FILL IN THE CONSULTATION HERE**

[adventure-play-centres.commonplace.is](https://adventure-play-centres.commonplace.is)

**THE CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL CLOSE ON 14TH DECEMBER**

**JOIN THE CAMPAIGN!**

**WRITE TO THE COUNCIL AND YOUR COUNCILLORS!**

**JOIN US ON WHATSAPP AND FACEBOOK!**

[chat.whatsapp.com/DnDY2MnyftUFmP2EXkyxTR](https://chat.whatsapp.com/DnDY2MnyftUFmP2EXkyxTR)

[facebook.com/groups/savegreenwichadventureplaycentres](https://facebook.com/groups/savegreenwichadventureplaycentres)

**LET'S NOT LET OUR COUNCIL TAKE THE SENSE OF ADVENTURE FROM OUR CHILDREN!**

**Junior Adventures Group**

# Winter Fest

## WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

**Free Holiday Club Places for Eligible Families through the HAF Programme!**

Scan or click here to secure your child's free holiday club place.

**BRINGING WINTER WONDER TO LIFE THROUGH GAMES, CRAFTS, AND FESTIVE FUN.**

This winter, every day at Holiday HQ bursts with exciting Daily Themes, hands-on Make & Take creations to take home, and Skill Zone challenges that spark confidence, curiosity, and teamwork!

**BLIZZARD BASH**  
Blizzard in a Cup  
Clay Tree Charms  
Candy Cane Chaos

**ELF WORKSHOP**  
Elflympics  
Holiday Greetings Stations  
Festive Fact Frenzy

**REINDEER ROUND UP**  
Ring-the-Reindeer  
Reindeer Wrap-Up  
Dasher Dodgeball

**FRESH START FIESTA**  
Fireworks Lab  
Moment in Time Foldouts  
New Year Energy Blast

**Secure your free funded space today!**

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# MOTIVE SPORTS CHRISTMAS CLUB

**22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER - 8:30-3PM**

**ST MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH**

**KINGSMAN STREET**

**SPORTS, MUSIC & CHRISTMAS FUN**

**CHILDREN AGED 4-11 WELCOME**

**£20 PER CHILD**

**SIGN UP NOW – SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

**ALL ENQUIRIES: INFO@MOTIVESPORTS.UK 07584457643**