



Issue 1 – 7 September 2018

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

“Learning together, achieving forever”
Habit: Self Control

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you all back after a lovely long holiday. We welcome our new staff and new children, as well as those of us who were here last year. We had some great inset days earlier this week and all the staff are ready to make this year the best year yet. The children have really impressed us in their new year groups this week, so we look forward to this success continuing.

In the first two weeks of October, Reception teachers to Year 6 teachers will run sessions for parents and carers entitled, "**How and What We Teach in Year ...**" to give you an idea of the curriculum in your child's year group, the expectations and routines. The exact dates for each year group will be in next week's newsletter. We will run them all on separate nights to enable parents with siblings to attend as many as they wish. Nursery parents: Mrs Batten and her team will cover this in more informal ways when you pick up and collect your children.

We will also let you know our **Parents' Evening dates** in the next edition. They will be in the last week of this half term. Please find attached **Autumn Homework Passports** for children in Years 1-6. They will also come home in homework books over the next week. Children in Nursery and Reception do not have these; they have a more bespoke homework provision.

We have made a few changes to the **sites on which some staff work**:

Mr Browne (Interim Executive Principal): Across the secondary and primary phases but at Long Lane on Thursday and Stroud Green on Friday. We are expecting Ms. Lee to return from her maternity leave in December, so look forward to having Mr Browne back with us every day!

Mrs Botley (Interim Primary Principal) : Stroud Green Mondays and Wednesdays / Long Lane Tuesdays and Fridays - Mrs Botley now does not work Thursdays. This is so she can spend more time with her family. The team of Assistant Heads, with Mr Browne's support, are more than capable of leading the school in her absence.

Mrs Downton (Assistant Head / SENCO): Long Lane Mondays and Wednesdays / Stroud Green Tuesdays and Fridays - Mrs Downton does not work Fridays.

Miss Clarke: (Attendance Officer): Stroud Green

Miss Sinclair (Mrs Botley's PA): Stroud Green

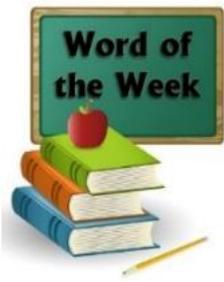
Miss Thomson (Receptionist): Long Lane

Ms. Aplin (Admissions / Office manager): Long Lane

Our Educational Welfare Officer will be in school much more this year, to help us increase our attendance.

We are all available to see in person, via email (primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org), over the phone via the switchboard or in good old fashioned way of writing a note. We can pass messages easily from site to site, so that you don't have to walk to another site just to see someone.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Mrs Botley and Mr Browne



Nursery: **Welcome:** used to greet someone in a polite or friendly way

KS1: **Unfamiliar:** not known or recognized

KS2: **Embark:** to begin (a course of action)

Ms. Jackson

Attendance News

In cases of unavoidable absence or lateness at either Stroud Green or Long Lane, please contact the Attendance officer **Ms Clarke on 0208 656 0222 ext. 78373**. Please note that school will not authorise any leave of absence requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Even with such circumstance, if your child's attendance is below 96%, authorisation is extremely unlikely.

Years 3-6 8:45am



Stroud Green 8:55am



School Dinners offer for one week only for Year 3

An amazing opportunity if you have a child in Year 3! Sodexo will be offering free lunches to Year 3 children for one week, the week beginning Monday 10th September. If you have already paid for your meals on ParentPay, your monies will roll over to the next week. After this week payment will be taken as normal. Remember your child in Years 3-6 may be eligible for Free School Meals (children in years R-2 have universal free school meals). You can check eligibility by completing the application at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

TESCO Bags of Help

We Won! A big thank you to all of you for your support. Many thanks, Mrs Isidoro and the nursery team.

Hall Hire

Our Stroud Green Hall is available for birthday parties at discounted rates for parents. If you are interested or have any queries please contact Mrs Alison Thomson at LL Reception for an application form.

Walk Once A Week – WOW!

From next Monday, we will resume WOW, the year-round walk to school challenge. Children will log daily journeys to school each day on the WOW Travel Tracker and those that walk to school at least once a week for a month earn a WOW badge. Each year, the WOW badges follow a theme, all of which are designed by pupils in our annual badge design competition. It is important to engage children in walking to school. Fewer children walk to school than they did 20 years ago. In fact, just 17% of the nation's children get the recommended hour a day's exercise. Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive fit, refreshed and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride and it still counts as an active journey. Park, or hop off public transport, at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.



This year each half-term, we will focus on a different language. Children will learn a couple of words or phrases every week. Autumn 1 will be all about Spanish.

Phrases for next week:

Buenos días – Good morning

Buenas tardes – Good afternoon



Mrs Kirkham, EAL Lead

Parent Pay Reminder

Please keep up to date with payments to avoid running into debt. If you think you may have a problem keeping up with payments please come and make an appointment to talk to us in confidence.

Next week's learning:

Orange and Lemon Class ...

A very warm welcome back to our children from Little Acorns who have settled seamlessly into Orange Class. Over the next few weeks we will be welcoming new children to our classes and our ex Little Acorns will be very helpful as we establish our routines and practices. We are amazed at how happy and confident they are. Thank you for your help in this regard. Our main initial focus is on Nursery rhymes and we will be using the classics Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Humpty Dumpty, Mary Mary Quite Contrary and Little Bo Peep for our literacy (exploring rhymes/not rhymes) and numeracy activities (counting stars, sheep, shells and bricks). Children will also practice finding their name, learning their initial sound and tracing, copying or writing all or part of it. Mrs O Keefe will be working in the nursery on Mondays and is in every day at lunchtime for the children who stay full time. She is teaching us sign language - see if the children can show you 'I can' - and we will be incorporating it into the songs and rhymes we sing.

Have a lovely weekend

The Nursery Team



In Reception ...

A warm welcome to reception. Over the coming week we will be settling your children into their new environment. We will establish routines and common practices and build relationships with you and your children. The children will be staying for lunch on Wednesday; to prepare them for this we will visit the dinner hall and meeting lunchtime staff on Monday or Tuesday.

The Reception team



In Year 1 ...

The Year 1 team hope you all had a lovely summer. Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to learning lots of different things this year. Next week as part of our English lesson we will be reading "The Little Red Hen", acting it out, and writing a letter of apology as if we were one of the animals. In maths we will be starting to learn our number bonds to 5 and 6 by using a tens frame and part-whole model. Our topic this term is **Weather and Seasons** so this week we will be looking at what we wear during the different seasons. In our science lesson we will be planting different seeds in our class gardens, ready to watch them grow. For our creative art lesson this week we will be drawing a self-portrait. In PE we will be having fun by learn how to throw under and over arm.

The Year 1 team



In Year 2 ...

This week we will introduce the new topic “Wish You Were Here” and start off by looking at photographs of English seaside locations from Victorian times in order to understand the history of seaside places. We will then compare the seaside from the past and now. We will use the information gathered to write interesting acrostic poems about the seaside focusing on exciting vocabulary. In maths, we begin by exploring 2-digit numbers by grouping in tens and applying knowledge of place value to represent 2- digit numbers to 100. In science, we will start planting our class gardens. We welcome any donation of soil, seeds, bulbs or pots. Thank you. All children need to have their PE kits in every week. Elm Class and Holly Class will have PE on Monday, Cedar Class and Ash Class on Tuesday. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to the new school year ahead. The Year 2 Team welcomes you all back to school and is very excited about this new experience. Have a great weekend.

The Year 2 Team



In Willow Class ...

Please see the Willow team for information.

Willow Team



In Sycamore Class ...

Please see the Sycamore team for information.

Sycamore Team



In Year 3 ...

Welcome to the Long Lane site! We have been learning our new routines in our new building. In maths next week, we will practise our number bonds to 100. We start our new topic, **Chocolate**, and will have a chocolate tasting session. Do let us know if you have any concerns about your child taking part in this. All our tasting will be in moderation though, as our next science topic is **Animals including Humans**, so we will be looking at healthy eating! Please remember to send PE kits into school on Monday for our first PE lesson.

The Year 3 team



In Year 4...

We hope that you had a great summer holiday. Next week we will start reading ‘The Ice Palace’ in our Power of Reading sessions alongside our SFA reading. In Maths we will practise mental addition and subtraction strategies. Year 4 will begin their Topic on **Dinosaurs** along with studying **Digestion** in Science. Pupils will also take part in French, P.E, Computing and P4C lessons. We welcome Ms. Child to the year 4 team. She will teach Rowan class for four afternoons to give Mrs Agard time to complete her safeguarding responsibilities.

The Year 4 team



In Year 5...

It has been a pleasure to start teaching your children in Year 5. They have settled in really well and are eager to learn. We start our new topic of **Ancient Egypt** and discover what is inside a typical Egyptian tomb. In English, we will be writing a recount in the first person of Howard Carter's discoveries inside the tomb. In Maths, we will be revising place value, specifically learning about 5-digit numbers. We will also be comparing numbers and using column addition to add large numbers. Reading records have been sent home. Please ensure children are reading regularly and that you sign reading records frequently. PE is every Wednesday afternoon however please ensure children have PE kits in every Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 5 Team



In Year 6...

In Year 6 next week, our Maths work will be recapping and developing our understanding of 6-digit numbers and then moving on to 3-place decimals at the end of the week. In English, we will be starting our power of reading book, 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick. In Science, we will begin our topic of **Electricity**. In RE we will be starting our topic of **Justice and Freedom**. Please also remember your child's PE kit for Wednesday, which will be our PE day for the year. Have a great weekend.

The Year 6 team

Picture of the Month – September



Rembrandt is acknowledged as the master of self portraits or 'selfies' as they have come to be known. He painted a total of 80 self portraits from age 22 to 63. He portrayed different expressions to hone his technical and observational skills as a portrait artist.

Regards

Eve Batten, Curriculum leader for Art

i **Dates for your diary**
Each time we add a new event or change and existing item, **we highlight** it so that you do not have to read everything again.

Tea and Toys happens every Thursday at 9am in SG Hall.

Date	Event
HABIT	Self-Control