

**Message from Mrs Botley & Mr Browne**

Dear all,  
It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at Parents' Evenings this week. If you were unable to make an appointment and would like to talk to your child's teacher, please talk to the teacher in the playground before or after school to arrange a suitable time.

Earlier this week we held our first Open Morning for the new Reception intake in September 2019. We were pleased to receive excellent feedback from our visitors about the Academy and the children.

After Christmas we will be starting our Little Acorns Class again at Long Lane. Please ask in the office for an application form if you would be interested for a place for your child in the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

We are very excited to also announce that some months ago we held a mufti day to raise funds to purchase defibrillators. A parent has pledged the remaining amount which has enabled us to now make this purchase. The units have now been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. The parent has requested to remain anonymous, which we have acknowledged, but we thank them and yourselves for your kindness.

As winter weather draws nearer, please be aware of the school plan for snow. We will aim to keep the school open every day. If we have to close the school due to inclement weather, we will update our website by 07:30am the latest and send you a text advising you.

If we do have a lot of snow, we will open the school sites from 08:30 for children to start arriving from then. At Stroud Green all children will enter through the main office, and at Long Lane, the main office or hall with only the gate nearest the office open. If the weather persists, we will let you know that you will be able to collect your child from 14:00 onwards to ensure you all get home safely.

You will need to make the decision whether it is safe and feasible for you and your child to make the journey to school and let our attendance officer Ms Clarke know if you are having difficulty in attending.

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you back with us on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.**

	<p><b>Fruit</b></p> <p>Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 have fruit each day, funded by a government scheme. This is not the same in KS2, so your children are very welcome to bring in fruit to eat at playtime. We ask that the children use the bins for any peel, cores etc. and that they bring in plain fruit rather than chocolate covered raisins or fruit-flavoured sweets.</p>
	<p><b>Flu Vaccine</b></p> <p>Flu season is fast approaching. We will be offering the vaccine after half term for year's Reception - Year 5, consent forms will be sent out after half term.</p>

*Our Words of the Week*



<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>celebrate</b> - acknowledge a significant or happy day or event
<b>KS1:</b>	<b>compassionate</b> - Feeling sympathy and concern for others
<b>KS2:</b>	<b>benevolent</b> – well-meaning and kindly

**Parentpay 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. If you have a debt of over £12 on your dinner debt, your child will need a packed lunch until it is cleared. If you require access to Parentpay please see the office.

**Need a Letter or form from the Head Teacher**

If you require a form to be completed i.e. passport. We are now charging a small fee of £5 per form. The money raised will be used to towards classroom resources.

**A message from National Online Safety about playing Fornite**

As part of our #WakeUpWednesday campaign, National Online Safety has teamed up with Music Iternative to launch a Fornite online safety song.

Our song encourages parents and carers to "stay switched on" to online dangers when their children are playing Fornite. We hope you love this video just as much as we do!

Please help us spread the message far and wide by retweeting our Fornite song.

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1052469311388958720>

YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j150BqInjnY>

Download link: <https://we.tl/t-wa40jQ2jPu>



**Poppies for Oasis**

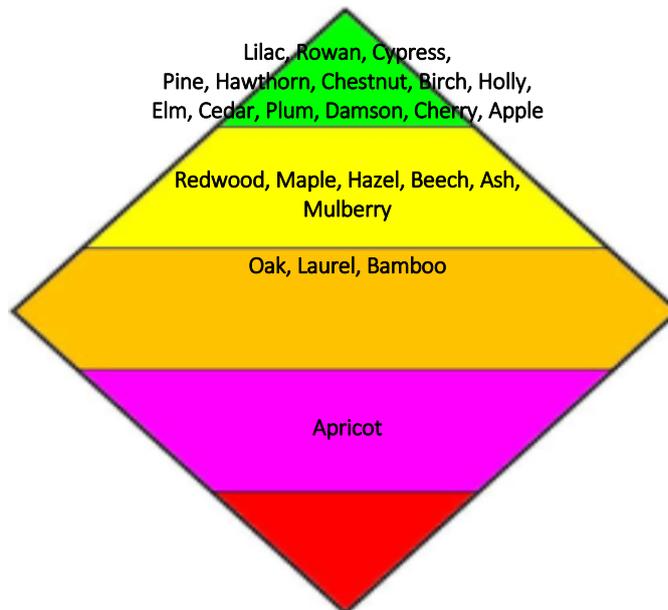
At Oasis Shirley Park we are preparing for Remembrance Day in November. Last year we sent home lolly sticks and invited children to make their own poppies to bring back to school to be displayed. The results were amazing and showed what a creative lot you all are! We would love to repeat this task so perhaps over the half term holiday you can seek out red wrapping paper, cereal packets, colour paper, fabric – anything that is, or could be made red and used to make a poppy. Then we can display them in our Oasis 'O' to commemorate this centenary Remembrance Day on the 11th November. Please return them by Wednesday 7th November at the latest.

 <b>Attendance</b>	<p><u>Years 3-6 8:45am</u></p>	<p><u>Stroud Green</u></p> <p><u>8:55am</u></p>	<p>In cases of unavoidable absence or lateness at either Stroud Green or Long Lane, please contact the Attendance officer <b>Ms. Clarke on 0208 656 0222 ext. 78373.</b></p> <p>School absence remains unauthorised until we have documentation to support the necessity for absence. School will not authorise any leave of absence requests, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Even with such circumstances, if your child's attendance is below 96%, authorisation is extremely unlikely.</p>

*Attendance News – w/e 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018*



Attendance Winners	
Yr5/6	Lilac
Yr. 3/4	Hawthorn
Yr. 1/2	Holly & Elm
Reception	Cherry & Apple



**Upcoming PIP (Parents in Partnership) Training**

PIP offers free training workshops for parents and carers of children with special needs or disabilities. All meetings are at held at Carers Support Centre, 24 – 26 George Street, Croydon CR0 1PB Please book by contacting the PiP office on 020 8663 5626 or email: [office@pipcroydon.com](mailto:office@pipcroydon.com)



Solution Circles - getting 'unstuck'. Understanding & managing challenging behaviour

Do you feel isolated and unsupported when your child displays challenging behaviour?  
 Do you find it difficult to communicate your child’s needs to those that are supporting them?  
 Share your skills, knowledge and creativity and learn from other parents who have experienced similar situations.  
 Thursday 8 November 10.30am-12.30pm  
 Thursday 6 December 12pm – 2pm

**SHIRLEY PARK PTA News**

**Christmas Fair: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1pm-4pm Long Lane site.**

**Helpers needed:** We will be recruiting parent helpers after half term, so please let us know if you have a particular talent, such as nice handwriting to help decorate baubles on a stall, or if you can face paint for an hour or two? If you have any ideas or areas of expertise, please email: [nataliebjensen@gmail.com](mailto:nataliebjensen@gmail.com).

The list of stalls will go out after the half term for volunteers - any time you can offer to help during the fair will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for the donations received in preparation for the Christmas fair, your support is what helps to make these events a success!

Huge thanks to all who made the quiz night a successful and fun-filled evening! The total raised was £175.

**Receptions cake sale: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November!** This a chance for Reception classes to sell cakes to raise funds for their year group. Cakes can be shop bought or homemade and given to your Reception teacher in the week after half term. These will be sold after school on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November by the Reception exit and hopefully if we get enough donations we will also sell in the Stroud Green main playground. The money raised from the cake sale will be matched by the PTA to double the total raised- So good luck to the Reception parents’ - team up and let the fundraising begin!

Wishing you all a lovely half term,

**B.S.L (British Sign Language)**



This half-term, children will be learning words and phrases in British Sign Language (BSL).

KS1	KS2
<p><b>Hello/Goodbye</b></p>	



**Breakfast Club**

We are happy to announce that our Breakfast Club will now open from **7.30am** on our return from half term break and we still have

spaces available at our SG site - Reception to Year 2 on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested, please pick up an application form from the Reception and Mrs. Thomson will then contact you.

**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 Thomson at LL Reception for an application form.

## NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

### In Nursery - Orange and lemon Class

Lots of Autumn activities this week. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on our Autumn Walk. The children's behaviour and interest level were excellent throughout the walk on very unseasonably hot day. When we return after half term we will begin our topic 'Birthdays and celebrations'. We will quite understandably spend a few days exploring Pumpkins in a variety of ways before moving onto birthdays. What are they and when do we have them? During the holiday please can you email me 2 baby pictures so I can make a slide show to play 'Guess who the baby is'.  
[Eve.batten@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:Eve.batten@oasisshirleypark.org)  
 Have a wonderful half term holiday.

### In Reception

We hope you and child have had an enjoyable first half term at school. After the holidays we will be exploring the topic of change. We will be looking at different weather types, and how we adapt to it in our daily life. We will look at the weather in different countries and explore what we need to do to ensure we are safe and warm in the colder months.  
  
 Have a good half-term.

### In Year 1

After half term in year 1, we will be starting our new topic 'Celebrations' and making our peace charter. In Maths, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and using them to make and continue patterns. In science we will be starting our 'Materials' topic.  
**PE days:**  
 Plum and Damson – Wednesday  
 Apricot and Mulberry - Thursday  
 If possible, children should bring their PE kits into school and leave them on their pegs until half term.  
 We hope you enjoy the half term and we will see you in a week!

### In Year 4

Next week is half-term; we hope you have a restful week. Please could children continue to read daily, practice their times tables and add to their homework passport. After half-term we will carry on with work based on our book 'The Ice Palace'. In Maths we will focus on doubling 3-digit numbers. In Science we will start our new topic of Electricity. This is alongside lessons in PE, French, PSHE, RE, English and Music.  
  
 Have a good half-term.

### In Year 2

Coming back to school we will spend time creating our Peace Charters and we will talk about the importance of peace. In Maths we will carry on working out number problems using the bar model. In Science, we'll continue to explore the topic *Materials*. We will start off the new term by taking a closer look at how the property of a material can make it waterproof.  
  
 Please remember 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 Tuesdays. We would like to thank you for a productive and positive first half term and we wish you an enjoyable holiday.

### In Year 5

We will study the main events in Ancient Egyptian history and order them on a timeline. In English, we will be writing a narrative based on a 'Just So' story called 'How the camel got his hump', from the point of view of the Camel. In Maths, we will be looking at Written methods for multiplication and division. Children are advised to continue to practise their times tables in preparation for this. Please ensure children are reading regularly and all parents/Carers are signing their reading records frequently. PE is every Wednesday afternoon, however please ensure children have PE kits in every Monday. Year 5 are looking to improve their class gardens, if you have any spare indoor plants, please feel free to donate them to their class teacher. Thank you. We hope you have a wonderful half term break.

### In Year 3

On our return from holidays we will be revisiting halving and doubling numbers as well as working with fractions, stretching the children with their reasoning and investigatory skills. Every week we practice our tables. Next week it will be back to our 4s. We will also be moving onto Fair Trade with our topic Chocolate. In English, we will be going back to our book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory using our designed chocolate rooms as stimulus to create an imaginative and descriptive piece of writing. Our new Science topic will be **Forces**. We look forward to introducing exciting elements of this to the children. Have a lovely half-term break 😊.  
 The Year 3 team.

### In Year 6

We hope you have a relaxing half term. In Year 6, we will be continuing with our English book 'Floodland'. We will be writing an additional scene that could fit within the story, using our own imaginations. In Maths, we will be focusing on both mental and written multiplication strategies. In Science, we will be starting our new topic of 'Living things and their habitats'. In Topic, we will be building on our work on the Titanic.

### In Willow Class

We will continue the topic **Ourselves** after the half term. Please keep up the practise of handwriting, letter/number formation, reading, spelling key words and sharing stories with you child. Our local library has story time sessions and may be worth a visit. Thank you to all who have sent in your family photos and if you haven't yet please do so as we still need them.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

### In Sycamore Class

The Sycamore team hope you have a great break and enjoy the seasonal events. Please take the time to do some baking and country walks. The National Trust has lovely things happening.

Practise the time on the digital clock and read lots of stories. There are lots of beautiful books around and ones that link with this time of year such as 'The Enormous Turnip', 'Pumpkin soup' by Helen Cooper, 'Squirrels Autumn Search' and 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann.

Please spend time talking together and watching your favourite programmes with your favourite hot drink. If at all possible art is a fantastic way to communicate. See if you can do some drawing together. On You tube you will find lots of 'easy draws' to follow if you need a bit of help! It is also important to just sit and mix some paints. Have fun finger painting and printing their feet!

Our next Topic will lead on from 'All about me' to 'Keeping safe'. In Writing we will be looking at Festivals of Light and choosing lovely books at Christmas. We will plan to do lots of Art and Music. Children will continue with their individual plans for Academic work discussed at Parent Meetings.

## Dates for your diary

New or changed items are in **bold**

*Tea and Toys every Thursday at 9am  
in Stroud Green Hall.  
All parents/carers welcome*



Date	Event
HABIT	Kindness
<b>October 2018</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>First day of Autumn Half term 2</b>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Closing date for Year 7 applications</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	
Friday 2 November	Reception PTA Cake Sale – 15:10 Stroud Green
Monday 5 – Friday 9 November	Oasis Inspire Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pear Class Parents Evening 3.30 – 7pm</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pear Class Parents Evening 1pm – 3.30pm</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Pear Class Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm</b>
Monday 12 – Friday 16 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 19 – Friday 23 November	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 21 November	Year 3 Cinema Trip
Saturday 24 November	PTA Christmas Fair, 13:00-16:00 Long Lane
<b>December 2018</b>	
Friday 2 December	Year 2 PTA Cake Sale – 15:10 Stroud Green
Tuesday 11 December	14:00 Year 4-6 Carol Service at St Luke's Church <b>2.30 Nursery Christmas Singalong Lemon Class</b>
Wednesday 12 December	Peach and Apple Nativity, times tbc, SG Hall <b>Long Lane Christmas Lunch</b> <b>11.30 Nursery Christmas Singalong Orange Class</b>
Thursday 13 December	Cherry and Pear Nativity, times tbc, SG Hall

Friday 14 December	Winter Jumper Day <b>Stroud Green Christmas Lunch</b> Birch and Hawthorn Christmas Carol Singing, Long Lane Playground, times tbc
Monday 17 December	09:15-09:45 Years 1-2 Christmas Singalong: Apricot, Mulberry, Elm and Holly, SG Hall
Tuesday 18 December	09:15-09:45 Years 1-2 Christmas Singalong: Damson, Plum, Cedar and Ash, SG Hall Chestnut and Pine Christmas Carol Singing, Long Lane Playground, times tbc
Friday 21 December	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>January 2019</b>	
Friday 18 January	15:20 Year 5 PTA Cake Sale LL
<b>February 2019</b>	
Friday 15 February	15:10 Year 1 PTA Cake Sale SG
<b>March 2019</b>	
Friday 22 March	15:20 Year 4 PTA Cake Sale LL
<b>May 2019</b>	
Friday 3 May	11:30 and 15:30 Year 1 PTA Cake Sale SG
<b>June 2019</b>	
Friday 7 June	15:20 Year 3 PTA Cake Sale LL