**Reception Weekly News**

**Autumn 2 Habit: Kindness**

Next week we will continue our theme ‘**Where am I?’** by looking at various locations and comparing these to our local community. Please take some time to look around your street and local shops to see what you can see with your child. You can also support your child to use google map to search and locate your house and your local places such as your local supermarket, park, hospital, fire station, train station, library, etc. for them to understand their surroundings .

In numeracy we will be learning about addition. We will continue to write every day before home time, children will write their sentence in their ‘Write Away’ book.

**This week’s messages**

## **Anti-Bullying Week:** Next week 15th November is anti-bullying week with the theme of *one kind word.* This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that ‘***One Kind Word***’ has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021.

## Please take some time to discuss these questions with your child ‘What is kindness?’ ‘How can we show kindness?’

## ***Our call to action:***

\*Ask if someone’s OK. Say you are sorry. Just say hey.

\*In a world that can sometimes feel like it is filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone’s perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

\*Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

\**It starts with* ***one kind word****. It starts today.*

**PE** – We are now doing PE. Children should wear their winter PE kits to school on their PE day. Winter PE kits is black tracksuit bottoms and white t-shirts. School sweatshirts and cardigans can also be worn.

**Monday** – Apple / **Tuesday** – Cherry / **Wednesday** – Pear / **Friday** - Peach

**Please ensure that all items of clothing and water bottles are labelled, this will support the staff to ensure nothing is lost or given to the wrong child.**

**Attendance**

It is very important that all children come to school every day to ensure that they can maximise their learning. We understand that children do become unwell, and we would like to offer any assistance we can to support you in getting your child back to school, so please do contact the school on the first day of absence if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

*Attendance Champion for last week was Cherry class with % 95 attendance. Well Done Cherry class, but we really need attendance to be at least 96% or above in order to be in line with national averages.*

Remember if you want to contact us, do so via our Reception mailbox:

[SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org )

**Key dates**

Monday 15th November 2021: Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti- Bullying Week

Tuesday 7th December 2021 : Reception Outdoor Nativity Sing Along - Apple / Peach

Friday 10th December 2021: Reception Outdoor Nativity Sing Along – Cherry / Pear

Friday 17th December 2021: Last day of Autumn Term 2 for **All students:** Normal finish time across all phases

Monday 20th December 2021 - Friday 31st December 2021: Christmas holiday

Monday 3rd January 2022: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022: First day of Spring Term 1 for All students: Normal start time

*Please check calendar on our website for dates for the year.*

**The Reception Team**