



# LOVE LEARNING, CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, BUILD BRIGHT FUTURES

## Message from Mrs Botley

Dear parents and families,

One more week to go! It has been lovely to see you at the various events we had over the last week, and will be great to see you next week too. Do look at the rest of the newsletter to remind yourself of what is coming up. We are fully in the Christmas spirit with lots of singing, dancing and smiling around the school. We know some children (and adults) find this time of year tricky and are doing our best to help them - if you need to let us know anything then please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

With best wishes for this last week of term.

Mrs B



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will have our end of term class parties.

Children can wear their winter jumpers. We would be very grateful if parents can send their child in with party food and remember no nuts as we are a nut free school.

All contributions will need to be in on Thursday or Friday and no perishable items. Thank you.

December 2022

### IMPORTANT – HEALTHY SCHOOL STREET TRIAL Changes are coming to your street

#### Stroud Green Way & Swinburne Crescent Healthy School Street



Croydon Council will trial a new Healthy School Street scheme on Stroud Green Way and Swinburne Crescent to benefit pupils and staff of Oasis Shirley Park – Stroud Green Campus, as well as local residents. This leaflet offers information on Healthy School Streets and explains how the trial scheme will work.

##### What are Healthy School Streets?

Healthy School Streets help pupils to make safer, healthier journeys to and from school, by closing the surrounding roads to cars and other motor traffic during busy school drop-off and pick-up times. This will not affect residents' access – if you live in those roads, you will be able to apply for a free exemption permit starting 12 December 2022.

These temporary closures encourage parents and carers to leave the car at home more often for the school run, and instead choose more sustainable and active means of travel, such as walking, cycling, or scooting. This leads to a reduction in traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution, so the streets are safer and more appealing for pupils making healthier journeys.

School Streets are also used to address traffic issues faced by residents living close to schools, where blocked driveways and congested junctions have made it very difficult for neighbours to enter and exit their own homes.

Croydon has put in 24 Healthy School Streets across the borough since 2017. You can learn more about how they work and find a full list of locations on the council website.

##### Benefits of Healthy School Streets:

- ✓ Safer, quieter streets
- ✓ Make it easier to choose sustainable travel like walking and cycling more often
- ✓ Improve local air quality
- ✓ Help to tackle the climate crisis and achieve a carbon-neutral Croydon by 2030
- ✓ Encourage active travel to promote healthy lifestyles

##### Why are we proposing to trial a scheme on your street?

The Healthy School Street is being proposed in response to requests received from the school and residents to address concerns around poor driver behaviour, congestion, road safety and pollution from high volumes of traffic. The extents of the School Street include both Stroud Green Way and Swinburne Crescent to address congestion and poor parking practices during school drop off and pick up times.

##### How will the experimental Healthy School Street work?

Stroud Green Way and Swinburne Crescent will become a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone only (except for those eligible for exemption permits, and buses) between the hours of 8- 9.30am and 2 - 4pm from Monday to Friday, during school term time only. You can see how this will work in more detail in the drawing we have enclosed.

Advanced warning signs will be installed on approach and at junctions informing motorists of the Healthy School Street and closure times. The scheme will be enforced using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

cameras, which will only capture registration numbers of vehicles entering the Healthy School Street during operational hours.

The scheme will be live from 23 January 2023.

##### Free Exemption Permits

Residents living within the zone will be eligible to apply for a School Street Exemption permit from 12 December 2022 – free of charge – so they can drive through the closures without receiving a Penalty Charge Notice. In addition, the council will automatically exempt other motorists, such as emergency services or refuse vehicles.

The Healthy School Street permit scheme is separate to any existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) permit scheme in place. Anyone with a CPZ permit, must still apply for a Healthy Streets Permit.

You can apply for free exemption permits for up to three vehicles, starting on 12 December 2022. Applications can be made via the council website at: [www.croydon.gov.uk/hssp/permits](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/hssp/permits)

For queries about exemption permits please email: [schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk)

##### What is an Experimental Traffic Management Order?

The scheme will be implemented as a trial under an Experimental Traffic Management Order (ETMO) for up to 18 months. **The first six months is known as the statutory objection period, during which those affected by the trial scheme can submit formal objections if they wish.** Introducing a scheme under an ETMO allows the council, school, and others to experience its true effects. The council collects this feedback during the first six months and will use it to make any necessary changes if a decision is taken to make the scheme permanent. For further information on Healthy School Streets, ETMO process and permits please visit: [www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/school-streets)

##### How do I give my views?

The trial process of an ETMO is designed to allow residents, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders time to experience the scheme, and then come forward with any issues or suggested amendments that could make the scheme work better and achieve its goals.

You will only be able to submit objections from 23 January 2023 to midnight on 23 July 2023 via the following three methods, and responses received before or after these dates will not be accepted.

- 1) Online: complete our online form at: [www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk)
- 2) Email: submit your objection via email to [oisias@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:oisias@croydon.gov.uk). Please ensure that you insert the reference SHIRLEYPARKSS/2023 in subject line and only write in from 23 January 2023.
- 3) Post: send your response quoting scheme reference SHIRLEYPARKSS/2023 to Highway Improvements Team, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, CR0 1EA, to arrive by 23 July 2023. Please provide your full postal address if you would like us to record and consider your views.

Enquiries: for any queries – excluding queries about exemption permits – please email: [healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:healthyschoolstreets@croydon.gov.uk) including the scheme reference. If you require the materials in another format such as a physical copy, braille or in a larger font size, contact us by phone on 020 8726 6000, 9am-4pm Monday – Friday or via the email address above.



Good attendance and punctuality are important to establish positive habits. Late arrival in the morning can be detrimental to your child's education and result in disruption for their class. It can lead to missed introductions to lessons and the loss of many bespoke activities planned for your child. It can cause your child the distress and embarrassment of being late.

We celebrate good punctuality and attendance in a few ways at the academy. Each week, the class with the highest attendance from each year group are celebrated in assembly and rewarded with the attendance cup!

Please ensure that your child/children get into class by 8.50 am every day. Both campuses are open from 8.30 am each day to give parents enough time to walk between the Lower School and Middle School.

Please remember to report your child's absence you can email [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org). *Our phone lines can be very busy between 7:30-9:00am each morning and we apologise in advance if we your miss calls.*

**We have Nursery Spaces for September 2023**

We provide holistic learning in a safe, happy and stimulating environment through which all children are challenged and make outstanding progress. We develop confident, happy children, equipped with foundations to nurture a lifelong love of learning.

**Oasis Shirley Park Nursery**

Our Nursery class Little Acorns is on our Stroud Green Campus, for children aged 3 - 4 years, the year before they start Reception. We have 52 part-time spaces, split between a morning session and an afternoon session. Full day places are available for children eligible for 30-hour funding, as well as the 15 hour government funded places.

**Apply Now!**

[www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org](http://www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org) Admissions/Nursery Admissions

## Signs and Symptoms of Strep Throat

<p><b>Usually include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✔ Sore throat starts quickly</li> <li>✔ Pain when swallowing</li> <li>✔ Fever</li> <li>✔ Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus</li> <li>✔ Tiny red spots on the roof of the mouth</li> <li>✔ Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck</li> </ul>	<p><b>Typically do not include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Cough</li> <li>✘ Runny nose</li> <li>✘ Hoarseness</li> <li>✘ Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</li> </ul>
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If your child has these symptoms, please keep your child at home until they are better. If symptoms get worse quickly and/or significantly, please seek medical attention and bring your child in when they feel better or until 24 hours after antibiotics are started.



*As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits I am very happy to announce that Hummingbird house has gained enough points that Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, will be a Hummingbird (Green) Colour Day. On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Hummingbird house can celebrate by wearing one item of clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights, or shoes. Don't forget you can also wear a coloured hair accessory!*



We are delighted to announce that our Oasis Essentials Cupboard will officially open next term. We understand that things are extremely difficult now with the rise in cost of living. We have dried food items and toiletries. To enable you to access this facility, please speak with either our Safeguarding Team, Mrs Joyce Udu or Miss Saundercock. You can also self-refer directly to Miss Saundercock via email [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org). The process will be that you are allocated a time of 15 minutes during the school day to come and collect the items of necessity needed. Please remember to bring your shopping bag 😊. If you do not require this facility but would like to donate, there will be a box in both lower and middle school playground to drop your items into.



You may remember that we told you we were moving payments from Parentpay to MCAS. From January we will no longer accept any payments via ParentPay - all payment items will need to be paid for via MCAS.

**We sent out a link by email to parents who haven't set up their MCAS accounts last week, please ensure you set up your account before the new year otherwise things may get tricky.**

We will send out more information shortly on how you will be able to make payments via MCAS in the new year. The Upper School (secondary) will continue to use Parentpay.

# CHRISTMAS/ WINTER CRAFTS

Year 2 Friday 9th December  
Year 3 Monday 12th December  
Year 1 Wednesday 14th December  
2:00pm-3.00pm

Please come and join us for a fun filled afternoon. We appreciate not all our families celebrate Christmas so will also provide other activities for you to engage with.

We are kindly asking for a contribution towards the afternoon to raise money for our year group so we can get more visitors/resources in to school to enrich our learning opportunities.



Oasis Academy Shirley Park

Have you thought about joining our Shirley Park Family?  
We'd love to invite you to our parent and child

## Discovery Day

Saturday 7th January  
10 am - 12 pm

Oasis Academy Shirley Park, Lower School  
47-49 Stroud Green Way, Croydon, CR0 7BE

Discover what Oasis Academy Shirley Park is all about!  
We've got a fantastic array of fun activities for children aged 3-5, whilst parents will get the chance to look around our academy and chat to our leaders.

Book your place via our website [www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org](http://www.oasisacademyshirleypark.org) or scan the QR code.

For more information, contact us by phone or email.  
Can't make it? Contact us and arrange a suitable date and time to visit our school.

Contact us by phone: 020 8056 0222 email: [parent@oasisacademyshirleypark.org](mailto:parent@oasisacademyshirleypark.org)  
Follow us on: [Oasis Academy Shirley Park](https://www.facebook.com/OasisAcademyShirleyPark) [@oasisacademyshirleypark](https://www.instagram.com/oasisacademyshirleypark/)

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## Do you have a child starting school in September?

If you do, please pop along to our Saturday Discovery Day, where you can meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and explore our new garden.

To get a ticket please look at our website or follow the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovery-day-tickets-460169598657>

Thank you

*The Early Years Team*



# RH FUSION

**COMMUNITY MEAL**

**YOU'VE BEEN INVITED!**

Date: 15th December 2022  
Time: 6:00PM - 8:30PM  
Location: Oasis Academy Arena,  
Albert Road, Croydon London,  
SE25 4QL  
Doors will open from 5:45PM



SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE!  
FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED

Reaching Higher is a registered charity. Oasis Academy Arena is a registered charity. Reaching Higher is a registered charity.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU!**

Reaching Higher is holding a FREE Community Meal open to all ages from all backgrounds! Join us on the 15th of December 2022 for a time of gathering, fun, festivity and delicious hot food!

Have the chance to bond with your family and friends and the wider community as you participate in the different sessions and entertainment happening on the night:

- Cultural Arts and Crafts
- Cultural Games Room
- RH Exhibition
- Open Mic
- Dance

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**CONTACT US:**  
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Call: 020 8945 5560

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A COMMITMENT TO CARE, SUPPORT & HOPE



### Emergency Foster Care Requirement in Greater London December 22 – January 23

Oasis has been approached by Lambeth Council to identify independent, registered foster carers, **anywhere in the greater London area**, who could make their foster care available for a temporary period from the beginning of December '22 to the end of January '23.

This would be for any child who may be subject to police protection, has complex needs, is stepping-down from secure welfare provision and so on. This list is not exhaustive but illustrates key areas of provision for which the council is seeking urgent assistance and the level of complexity of the children and young people concerned.

You would need to be able to make your foster care available 24/7, for the 2 month period, and during this time, if you did not have a placement, you would be paid a retention fee of up to 50% of the placement fee.

The Council would ideally like carers to be able to take on 2 children although there would be consideration of any options possible. In the process of developing the contractual relationship between Lambeth Council and any staff who come forward, there will be a risk assessment around both the child suitability and the foster care arrangement.

If you are interested to pursue this, please could you send your details to [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org) and we will send them directly Lambeth Council Commissioning Dept. We will only act as a channel to the Council and will play no part in any selection. Any application is treated with the normal confidentiality and that you receive a reply from Lambeth Council.

### Uniform Shop News:



We are happy to announce that our uniform shop will be open on the following dates. Please remember that you do not have to wait until these dates/times. If you would like to have a look or you are in need of something, please email [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org) with your requirements and one of the admin team will be in touch.

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 2.30 – 3.30pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 – 2.30 – 3.30pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 2.30 – 3.30pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 2.30 – 3.30pm



In partnership with:



## Supporting Neurodiversity Within Families



This informal and free video workshop is led by **Dr Joanne Riordan**, Educational Psychologist and Neurodiversity specialist. Joanne explains the term 'neurodiversity', which is a big, current topic. She then goes on to talk about **practical and neuro-friendly strategies**, to support family routines and your children. This workshop is aimed at parents and carers of children and young people (0-16years) with neuro-developmental conditions (e.g. Autism, ADHD, Developmental Coordination Disorder/dyspraxia), living in Croydon or with children attending Croydon schools.

**You are welcome to attend 10.00-11.30am  
or 7.30-9.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

### How to book:

To book on the morning session, please use the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-in-families-registration-443242679787>. To book on the evening session, please use the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neurodiversity-in-families-registration-443246220377>. Spaces are limited, and are on a first come basis. This will be hosted on Zoom. Any issues, please contact [pa.drjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:pa.drjoanne@gmail.com)



[www.DrJoanne.co.uk](http://www.DrJoanne.co.uk)

*Countdown to 3.20pm finish*  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



*Autumn 2: Curriculum Theme - Citizenship and The World*

*Next week's theme: Human Rights*

*December Oasis Habit: Joyful*

# Nursery News



We will be reading the story Oh Christmas Tree by Sue Hendra. This is a festively funny story, with brilliant characters and a bouncy rhyming text. Why does 'Christmas Tree' not want to be decorated? Bauble is not happy at all and what crafty idea does Belle have? In maths we will continue singing our number songs, matching numeral to quantity using socks, hats, baubles, bells, and other festive decorations.

## Letter Sounds of the Week: 's, a, t, p, i, n', 'm'

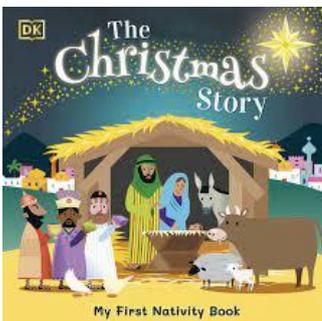
Next week we shall play games using that sounds that we have been learning this term.  
**Discovery Day:** We are delighted to welcome you into our academy to find out more about our Reception, and what life would be like for your little one staying here with us at Oasis Academy Shirley Park. Meet our principal and teachers at our Discover Day on **Saturday 7th January 2023** at our Lower School campus (Stroud Green). Bring your children for a fun morning of activities.

### Key dates:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Hummingbird Colour Day
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If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us on Class Dojo or via email, by using this email address [spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org)

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kindest regards,  
The Nursery Team



## Reception News

We have had a lovely week in Reception, the children have been very busy creating decorations for our classrooms! They are looking amazing! We have also been practising our Nativity, we cannot wait for you to see your wonderful children perform! Next week, in numeracy, we will be recapping what we have been learning this half term. In literacy we will be thinking about how to write a card.

Reception is running low on spare underwear - if you have any spare children's underwear that you could donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you in advance.

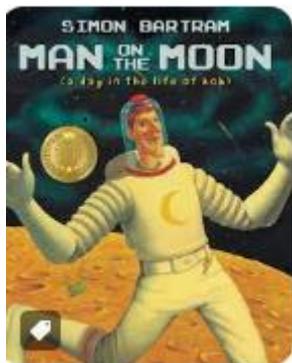
### Houses:

- Apple: Firecrest
- Cherry: Hummingbird
- Pear: Skylark

### Key dates:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Nativity 9am
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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- [SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org)  
Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 1 News

We have had a lovely festive week in Year 1 and had a lovely Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Next week we have our **Year 1 & 2 Carol Service** at St. Luke's Church 9.30-10:00am. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to **help** walk the children there and back. We are also really excited for our afternoon of **Crafts** and the children are excited to have their adults (and younger siblings) join them for some fun. We will be having our class parties on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please feel free to bring in **party food** for children to share with their class. Please do remember we are a nut free school.

Next week, we will be finishing our work on Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram and writing our own non-chronological reports about aliens. Next week is Human Rights Week, and pupils will be exploring what it means to live in a place that should welcome all. In reading we will be studying There's a Bear on my Chair by Ross Collins. In Maths we will be recapping all the topics we have covered this half term.

Weekly homework sheets (spelling and maths sheets) do not need to be handed in.

### **Key dates:**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 1 & 2 Carol Service at St. Luke's Church 9.30-10:00am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 1 Crafts

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Remember you can contact the Year 1 team on [spa.year1-stf@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:spa.year1-stf@oasisshirleypark.org) especially if you want us to explain place value.

Have a lovely Weekend,

Year 1 Team



## Year 2 News

The year 2 team would like to congratulate all our excellent pupils for all their magnificent hard work this week. It has been delightful sharing our achievements together and spreading joyfulness around the school. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our afternoon of Crafts. Next week is Human Rights Week, and pupils will be exploring what it means to live in a place that should welcome all. In English, pupils will be writing the end to their narrative. In maths, pupils will be revising all their newly developed skills they have learnt this term. In PE pupils will be displaying their newly developed skills. In art this week pupils will be drawing and painting wreaths.

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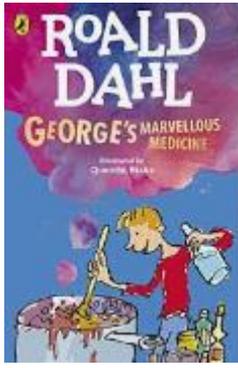
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Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards, The Year 2 team.



## Year 3 News

It's been another lovely week in Year 3. The children enjoyed learning about the different gods and goddesses that the ancient Egyptians believed in, and they had lots of fun painting in the style of Monet in their art lesson. We are looking forward to our **Crafts** next Monday and hope that you will come and join us to help raise money for our year group. Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be writing and editing our potion instructions, and in maths, we will continue to revise our knowledge of the 4- and 8-times tables. In RE, we will be discovering how people in Mexico celebrate Christmas before making a festive pinata. Next week is also Human Rights Week, so we will be spending some time learning about the rights of all children across the world and will be discussing how we can create a safe space where we feel like we belong.

### Key Dates

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3 Crafts

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3, 4 and The Orchard Carol Service at St. Luke's Church 10:45-11:30am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Hummingbird Colour Day

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Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 3 Team

## Year 4 News



It has been a great week for Year 4. The week started off with a bang, and the children enjoyed our Ancient Greece Workshop. It was lovely to see the children learn from professionals in a fun and entertaining setting. It was also amazing to see the Year 4 wearing their beautiful and fun winter jumpers for Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Finally, it was a pleasure for the Upper School to invite the Year 4's to watch an anti-bullying assembly performed by Upper School students. What a fantastic way to end the week! In Maths next week, we will be continuing with multiplication and division. In English, we will be finishing up with our writing based on Moon Man by Tomi Ungerer and will be enjoying many Christmas activities and crafts in the lead up to the holiday. Have a wonderful weekend! Next week is also Human Rights Week, so we will be spending some time learning about the rights of all children across the world and will be discussing how we can create a safe space where we feel like we belong.

### **PE days:**

*Laurel & Cypress:* Monday and Wednesday

*Rowan:* Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember that the PE kit expectations are as follows. A plain white t-shirt (with or without logo) for PE, black plain shorts / joggers, and their usual school jumper /cardigan and coat, trainers.

### **Contact:**

If you need to contact the year 4 team, please message us on Class Dojo or via email, by using this email address [spa.year4-stf@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:spa.year4-stf@oasisshirleypark.org)

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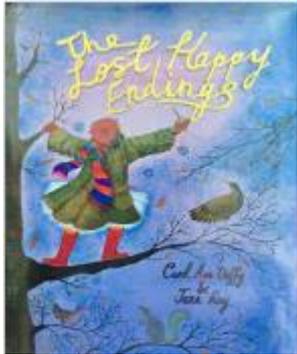
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Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

The Year 4 Team



## Year 5 News

In English we have been planning and writing a balanced argument on our book The Lost Happy Endings, discussing Jub returning to the forest. In Maths, we have finished our topic of multiplication, division and we are now learning about perimeter and area. We continue with the same topics in our thematic curriculum, PE and RE. Next Wednesday, we will be having a Carol Service at St. Luke's Church, if you are interested in walking with your class, please let your Class Teacher know. Next week is also Human Rights Week, so we will be spending some time learning about the rights of all children across the world and will be discussing how we can create a safe space where we feel like we belong.

**PE Dates:** Maple Monday and Wednesdays, Lilac Monday and Wednesdays, Alder Tuesday and Thursdays, Hazel Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Key dates:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 5 & 6 Carol Service at St. Luke's Church 1.30-2.15pm

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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Class Parties

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## Year 6 News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school now as the decorations have been put up. The children also came into school on Wednesday looking very festive in their winter jumpers and enjoyed Christmas lunch. Next week in maths we shall be continuing with our work on coordinates, translating and rotating shapes. In English, we are continuing to read The Arrival and complete our persuasive letter to the Prime Minister. We shall also be visiting St Luke's to enjoy a festive service.

CGP books have now been handed out. Children will be allocated certain pages from these for homework. If you do not have a copy at home, the children will need to complete their homework at school instead. If you have any unwanted Christmas decorations which you can donate, please send them in - we would be very grateful.

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### **Secondary News**

A few of our year 7 students spent the afternoon at the Middle School sorting and arranging the much-needed donations that have been collected from all three school sites. Items such as pasta, rice beans and toiletries have been counted, checked and are now ready for



distribution. If you would like further information regarding support from Oasis Essentials or if you are able to make a donation, please see information the top of the newsletter. Have a lovely weekend.

#### PE days:

*Beech & Redwood:* Monday and Wednesday

*Acer & Oak:* Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember that the PE kit expectations are as follows. A plain white t-shirt (with or without logo) for PE, black plain shorts / joggers, and their usual school jumper /cardigan and coat, trainers.

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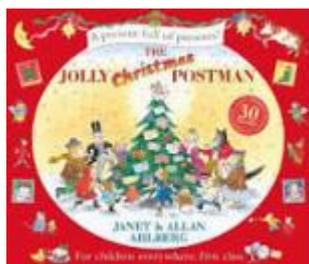
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## The Orchard News

This week we started reading the book *The Jolly Christmas Postman*, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. This is a cosy and festive picture book. It's Christmas Eve and the Jolly Postman is delivering greetings to various fairy-tale characters including Baby Bear, Red Riding Hood, Mr Wolf, Humpty Dumpty.

Next week, we will work on retelling the story, describing the characters and the settings, and writing letters and cards. Next week is Human Rights Week, and pupils will be exploring what it means to live in a place that should welcome all.

During maths, children learned about 2D/3D shapes and in PSHE we have been learning about British Values. In art, we used salted dough to make Christmas decorations.

In maths next week, we will continue to focus on geometry 2D/3D shapes.

R.E. has been providing our children with opportunities to learn about different religions and we will be focusing on Christianity for the last two weeks of the term.

#### Habits: Hopeful and Joyful

**Topic:** Citizenship and the World

**PE:** All groups in The Orchard will now take their PE lesson together on **TUESDAY** morning.

(Olive and Willow to bring PE kit to school, children will then remain in kit for the rest of the day.

Sycamore to come to school ready in their PE kit.)

#### Key dates:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 3, 4 and The Orchard Carol Service at St. Luke's Church 10:45-11:30am

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Local Trip to the country park

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