

NEWSLETTER 3rd November 2023

Habit:
Curriculum Theme:

Hopeful
Citizenship

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

It has been so lovely to see you all return from the October Half Term. As much as it is lovely to re-charge our batteries with some time off, it always brings me such joy to see smiling faces as I open the gates in the morning. This is always a very busy half term, please do look below at the key dates approaching.

I wanted to remind you about the importance of good attendance at school. There is a clear correlation between attendance and academic achievement and progress. Obviously, the more learning lost through absence the more gaps there will be in your child's education. We will be reminding the children at school about good hygiene to limit the spread of common colds.

Our habit for November is Hopeful. Being hopeful is about turning what we want to see happen into reality. It might feel really difficult at the time. It will take hard work. But if we make a start, taking the very first step, then we are practicing being hopeful, not giving up, but keeping going to achieve what we 'hope' for.

Have a restful weekend,
Ms Evry

Weekly Updates *Office News*

To report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry, please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Festive Dinner



We are delighted to share with you that our Festive Dinner will be on Wednesday 20th December. Children are able to wear their own clothes on this day. It will be lovely to see them in a festive jumper.



We are happy to share that on Friday 17th November, we will be raising funds for BBC Children in Need. We would like the children to wear either pjs, onesie, something spotty or colourful clothing on this day and to make a contribution of £1.



We have a collection of lost glasses that have been handed in to our Lower school office (Stroud Green).

If you recognise your child's glasses in the photo, please come and collect them. If you are unable to collect them please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org and let us know who they belong too and we will give them to the class teacher.

Any unclaimed glasses will be disposed of on Friday 10th November.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

The Primary Office

Harvest Collection



On behalf of Nightwatch, thank you to everyone at Oasis Shirley Park for the donation.

Please see above a picture of Taliah and other volunteers sorting the school's donation.

Preloved book donations:

Please find below a message from our fantastic Academy MPs who have made improving our reading provision in school one of their focus areas this year:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As academy MPs we would like to improve our school's offer of books in the library and book corners. We are politely asking for you to donate preloved books, which you do not use or need any more. If you do have books that you are able to donate, please bring them to the office for the attention of Academy MPs, Miss Cotterill or Mrs Gray.

**Kind regards,
Academy MPs**

Individual Photos

As you know last term, we had our school photos taken. The deadline to order your photo is Friday 17th November. Any orders placed after this date will incur a postage and packaging fee to be sent direct to your home address.

Attendance Winners

A graphic for 'Attendance Winners'. It features a large blue star shape. Inside the star, there is a white rectangular box with the text 'Attendance Winners' in purple. Above the star, there are two dark blue rectangular boxes, each containing the 'amazon giftcard' logo. Below the star, there is a white rectangular box containing text about the prize draw.

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**Attendance
Winners**

Each week we have a prize draw for children who have had 100% attendance for the week.

This week's winners are Dina – Willow, Cleopatra - Apple Class, Leilani – Mulberry Class, Saveria – Cedar Class, Liyaa – Hawthorn Class, Ianis – Cypress Class, Shillah – Lilac Class and Lucas – Beech Class.

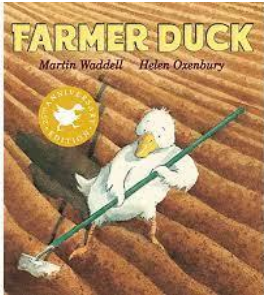
The next week's winner could be you!

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

We are asking for all parents to check their eligibility for Free School Meal entitlement. We would like to let you know that if you are eligible, you could receive a free breakfast club space and some of our trips are also discounted to you. Paste the link into your browser and check, it only takes 2 minutes.

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Nursery News

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great half term. We have had a lovely first week back at Nursery. The children have settled back into Nursery life and have enjoyed being with their friends again!

Next Week: We will read the story, *Farmer Duck*. As we settle into our environment we are beginning to learn how to tidy up and help our friends. This book tells the story of a hardworking duck, who has the very bad luck of living with a lazy farmer. The children will be asked to think about how the duck might be feeling. Is the farmer a kind farmer or an unkind farmer? Following on from this story we shall be practising tidying away our toys and being kind and helpful to our friends and adults in the class. In Maths, we will continue to practise counting out a given number of objects.

We would like to encourage parents to play 'listening walk' and 'I spy' with their children to practise counting at home.

Ashburton Park Autumn Visit: We are excited to announce that we are planning our first ever local trip to Ashburton Park on Tuesday 21st of November. We believe that taking the children on outings helps them to learn about safety and the natural environment. If you would like to volunteer to support us on this trip, please send us a message via ClassDojo or an email to let us know that you are interested by Friday the 10th of November. Thank you!

Key dates:

13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Thu 14th Dec: Nursery Christmas Singalong (TBC)

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Sat 18th Nov: Early Years Discovery Day

Tues 21st Nov: Ashburton Park visit (TBC)

Thu 14th Dec: Nursery Christmas Singalong (TBC)

Fri 15th Dec: Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thu 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

If you would like to contribute to our 50p fund, please place your contribution in the yellow box or hand it over to any of the members of Nursery team. 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. This is especially important at the beginning of a school year. If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org



Reception News

We hope you and your children had a wonderful, restful half term. All children have settled straight back into the school routine this week. Our focus story next week will be 'The Gruffalo's Child', we will be discussing and ordering the story, using our initial sounds to write the characters names and creating our own maps to the Gruffalo's house. In Numeracy we will continue to grow proficiency in our numbers 1-10. This includes looking at 1 more 1 less. Thank you in advance for your continued support, we would not be able to carry out these wonderful learning experiences without your help.

Key Dates:

Tues 7th Nov: Flu Vaccination (lower school)

Fri 10th Nov: Reception Trip to the woods

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

Fri 17th Nov: Trip to the Woods

Thurs 14th Dec: Reception Nativity 9am

Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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Thurs 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by emailing us at- SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org

Have a wonderful weekend

Year 1

Welcome back! It's been lovely to see all the children and hear about their half term holidays. They have settled back into the school routines really well and have completed some excellent work!

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be writing sentences to describe how our character might be feeling in the story. In maths, we will be learning about fact families before starting a new topic on subtraction, and in science, we will be learning more about mammals and birds. For our geography lesson, we will be learning about the seas that surround the UK, and in history, we will be beginning learning about significant events in Nelson Mandela's life.

Year 1 PE Days

Apricot Class: Monday and Wednesday

Damson Class: Tuesday and Friday

Mulberry Class: Thursday and Friday.

Please could the children come to school in their P.E kits on those days.

Key Dates:

Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Tues 7th Nov: Flu Vaccination (lower school)

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

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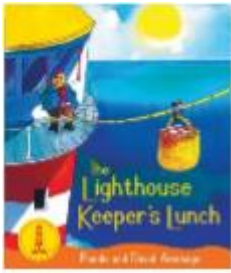
Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day

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Have a lovely weekend!





Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year 2 team would like to thank our remarkable pupils for a superb first week back. Next week in English pupils will be learning how to write powerful descriptive sentences. In maths, pupils will be further enhancing their addition and subtraction skills. In music pupils will be learning songs from around the world. In geography pupils will be identifying information related to the seven continents of the world. In history pupils will be learning about the growth of the British railway. In science pupils will be discovering what global warming is and the impact it is having on the earth. During our PE sessions pupils will be exploring transitions between different balances and exploring racket control.

PE: Ash/Holly Tuesday and Thursday
Elm/Cedar Monday and Wednesday

Key Dates:

Tues 7th Nov: Flu Vaccination (lower school)

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

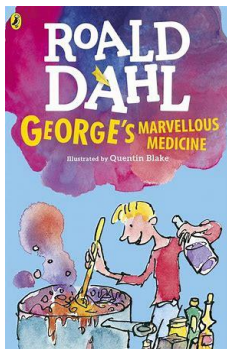
Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

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Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have settled back into school life well and have enjoyed being with their friends again.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be reading more of our story George's Marvellous Medicine before experimenting with different verbs, adverbs and adjectives to describe his feelings towards Grandma and the process of making the new medicine. In maths, we will be learning how to add and subtract two 3-digit numbers using the column method, and in science, we will be learning how metamorphic rock is formed. In music, we will be making instruments from the objects around the classroom, before writing our own musical notations, and in Geography, we will be identifying and describing different settlements.

PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday

Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday

Pine: Monday & Thursday

Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Lunches: We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in their fruit snack or pack lunch. Thank you in advance.

Weather: As we are approaching more wet and windy weather conditions, please ensure that all children are coming into school with a labelled coat.

Key dates:

Tues 7th Nov: Flu Vaccination (lower school)

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

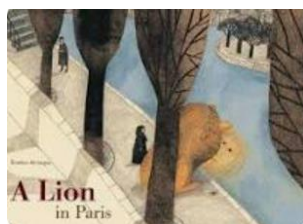
Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

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Year 4

We hope you have had a restful half-term. The children have settled in back to their learning this week. It's a joy to see them return. In English, we will continue our writing based on the book called, 'The Lion in Paris' by Beatrice Alemagna. The children will be writing their own version of a brochure based in Paris.

In Maths, we will be learning how to multiply and divide, learning different ways to do this, eventually learning how to apply these strategies with bigger numbers. Previous messages from last term include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to learn their times table daily. We have given the children a login for [Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#) Please encourage them to use this site to learn their times table.

PE

Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers*

PE Days:

Laurel Class-Monday and Tuesday
Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan Class-Tuesday and Thursday
Hazel Class-Monday and Wednesday
We hope you have a restful weekend.

Key Dates:

Wed 8th Nov: Flu Vaccination (middle school)

13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

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Year 5

Year 5 has had a wonderful week. We have started a new book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy in writing and the children are enjoying reading a different style and genre of book. The ending of our previous book 'The boy at the back of class' is still a subject of great debate in our classes. In Maths we have been investigating multiples and factors of numbers using our multiplication knowledge to help us. In science we have started the topic of Earth and Space and the children have been trying to remember the order of the planets in our solar system. In history we have began learning about the major achievements from the Early Islamic Civilisation, the children have found this to be most enlightening.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class - Mondays (indoor) and Thursdays (outdoor)

Lilac class – Tuesdays (outdoor) and Thursdays (indoor)

Maple class - Wednesdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor)

REMINDERS:

PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and school sweatshirt.

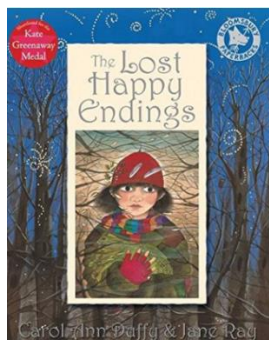
iPad's need to be 100% charged and ready for learning every day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Key dates:

Wed 8th Nov: Flu Vaccination (middle school)

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day



Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day
Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation
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Year 6

We hope yourselves and your children have had a restful half term and are excited to begin the second half of Autumn term. It was wonderful to see so many of you at parent's evening but if you were unable to attend, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via class Dojo; we would be happy to arrange a phone call to discuss your child's progress.

This week, the children have settled back into school well and have had a great week. In literacy, we have begun our new book *The Arrival*. This book is unique in that it has no words but uses pictures to tell story. The children have greatly enjoyed delving into this text and we cannot wait to see what fantastic writing they produce when writing their own journey stories. In mathematics, we are learning to compare and order fractions and will move onto converting from mixed numbers to improper fractions. Our science topic for this half term is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. This week we have been learning to classify using a dichotomous key and will move on to creating our own.

May have seen, we are now sending out full homework. This is to include: reading comprehension, maths arithmetic and reasoning and grammar. This will be sent home in a coloured plastic folder. Please ensure that this is completed by your child and returned. Homework is sent out every Friday and to be handed back in on the following Wednesday. Please do support us with this as the children do have upcoming assessments.

Finally, just a reminder that as the weather turns colder, please ensure your child wears a coat to school and this this is named.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We have seen a good improvement in school uniforms and PE kits, but please can you continue to ensure that children are following the rules for these.

Key dates:

Mon 30th Oct: School reopens to all students
Mon 30th Oct: Beech & Acer visit the Upper School 1-3pm
Wed 8th Nov: Flu Vaccination (middle school)
13th Nov: Odd Sock Day
Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day
Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation£1 contribution
Wed 20th Dec: Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day
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The Orchard

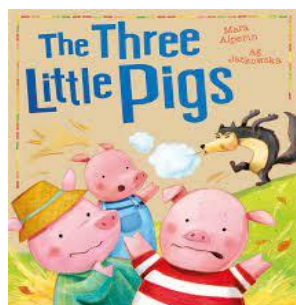
This week we have read the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. Children enjoyed working on this very famous story, writing, and talking about it. We made different Art activities linked to the book as well: built houses, created puppets. In Maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction. During PSHE lessons we have been learning about the British Values.

Theme: Citizenship and the world

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday
 Sycamore - Wednesday
 Olive – Thursday

Key Dates:



Wed 8th Nov: Flu Vaccination (middle school)

Mon 13th Nov: Odd Sock Day

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Sat 2nd Dec: Christmas Fair at St. Lukes

Wed 6th Dec: Coffee Morning in the Orchard

Fri 17th Nov: International Men's Day

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need – Pjs, Onesie, Spotty or Colourful Clothing £1 donation

Wed 20th Dec: **Festive Dinner & Class parties – Own clothes day**

Wed 20th Dec: School Closes for Festive Break

Thurs 4th Jan: School Reopens to Students

Remember:- Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through:

SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org