



Curriculum Theme: Who am I and who and I becoming?

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

I truly hope that this message finds you well especially after the heat we have been experiencing this week. As I said earlier this week, it is typical as we return to school we have the weather we wished for all summer. I have been incredibly proud walking around both buildings this week to see such happy children settle into their new classrooms with their new teachers. We have certainly missed seeing them over the summer break. It has been lovely to welcome our new children to nursery and reception for stay and plays and watch them settle so quickly in such a short time. The excitement for staying for lunch today in Reception was electrifying.

This morning we sent details about how to log onto My Child At School (MCAS). If you have not set up your account we urge you to do this as soon as possible as this is where lots of vital information is shared as well as where you can book onto breakfast club or pay for trips. If you would like further assistance, please pop by one of the offices and we will be able to help you.

I wanted to remind you that we still have our Oasis Essentials Store Cupboard and the Second-Hand Uniform Shop. These are run by Ms Saundercock who is based in our Middle School Office. If you would like any further information then please email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org for the attention of Ms Saundercock.

Please can I remind you all of our uniform expectations: <u>Uniform - (oasisacademyshirleypark.org)</u>. We particularly notice on PE days that some children are not following expectations. Please support us with ensuring they are wearing the correct uniform. The only jewellery that should be worn is stud earrings and watches.

We have our Coffee Morning at the Middle School every Thursday morning – please do pop along. Also, we have our Toddler Group at the Lower School every Wednesday morning. If you have toddler aged children it is a great way to meet other families.



Class Dojo is a great communication tool that we use, if you are not a part of your child's class dojo group please speak to the class teacher. Please understand that teachers cannot respond to messages throughout the day as they are teaching. If you have a time sensitive message or question then please contact the office or email primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org.

Please remember to join our Facebook and Twitter pages. You just need to search 'Oasis Academy Shirley Park' for Facebook and @OasisAcademySP for our Twitter page. Here you will find all school updates and announcements that we would like to share with the community.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely weekend enjoying the weather.

Take care, Ms Evry





Lots of interesting Information

Croydon Giraffe Trail: We found the Giraffe during the holidays. Who else did? We had lots of fun on the trail. The trail is there until the 27th October. Please click on the link for more information.

https://www.croydonstandstall.co.uk/

Badgers Area: For those who have been with us for a number o fyears or if you attended here as a child would remember the temporary classroom behind the dining hall at the middle school. Over the summer, this was finally demolished leaving us with wonderful green space. We want to make this into a nature area – if we have any keen gardeners who would like to volunteer to help us develop this space, please speak to Mrs El-Farzazi or pop an email to primary admin (primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org).

Eco Award: It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag. Achieving our accreditation demonstrates that we have gone above and beyond to improve our local community and protect our planet. Everyone has shown passion, determination, and dedication to the eco initiatives introduced around our school this past year and we should all be very proud! Congratulations to the eco committee and the whole Shirley Park Academy Primary team.

Sports Award: The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Through the hard work and dedication from students and staff, we have been able to achieve the Silver School Games Mark which we will be aiming to improve on in future years.

Middle School Toilets: Another big project over the holidays was the refurbishment of middle school toilets.





Nursery News

Dear Parents,

What a successful week! It is delightful to be back at school and welcome your children into our Nursery. I have been impressed with how settled the children have been once they have said goodbye to you. Transition is a process, not an event. Over the coming weeks your child may express a range of emotions about being here, and away from you. We will always contact you if your child remains upset, as we want to avoid children feeling stressed. Please trust our experience, and caring staff, and sometimes no news is good news! Once we have all settled into the new routine, I will share our plans and priorities for the year ahead. Exciting times!

Nex week, we will support children to begin to form relationships with their key person. We will introduce the 'Good morning' and 'Goodbye' songs, tidy up time routines and 5 min carpet times.

Nursery hours: Next week children will be staying in Nursery for 2 hours on Monday 11th September and Tuesday 12th September, they will then start their full-time hours on Wednesday 13th September.

All day provision: 08.30am - 03.30pm Morning provision: 08.30am - 11.30pm Afternoon provision: 12.30am - 03.30pm

EARLY COLLECTION If you need to collect your child early, in order to collect siblings from school, we facilitate a 3.10 pm early collection. Please notify your child's key person if this is the case.

50p contribution: We would like to invite you to support our 50p contribution club. This collection enables us to provide lots of extra resources for our children for example, play dough ingredients, cereal, cooking ingredients and things such as rice, pasta or shaving foam for the sensory play area and celebrations.

If you would like to contribute to our 50p fund, please place your contribution in the yellow box. 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, by using this email address below: spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org

Key dates:

Weds13th Sept: Nursery children starts their full-time hours

Tues 3rd Oct: Early Years (Nur and Rec) Parent Welcome Meeting 3.30-4.30

Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health

Fri 13th Oct: Oasis Trust INSET Day (TBC) Academy closed to all students

Tuesday 17th October: Individual Photos (Lower School)

Friday 20th October: Last day of Autumn Term 1, Normal finish time across all phases





Reception News

What an amazing week! It has been lovely to meet all of you and your children and we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks. We hope the children all enjoyed their first week at school and are all excited to start full time next week!

We love to explore our outside learning area whatever the weather! As the weather is very unpredictable at the minute, please ensure that all children come to school with the appropriate clothing, such as a sun hat or a coat if it is due to rain. Please ensure that all items of clothing, such as school jumpers, are labelled with your children's name to support staff with ensuring that your child brings home the correct belongings or that items are not lost. Water bottles can be bought in from home for children to access throughout the day, please can these also be labelled.

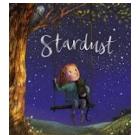
Next week we will be focussing on settling the children in and supporting them with school routines, we will also begin our topic 'All About Me', encouraging children to discuss their families and likes and dislikes.

Key Dates:

Tues 3rd Oct: Reception Parent Workshop

Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health Fri 13th Oct: Inset Day (school closed to all pupils) Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School) Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School) Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Weds 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)

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



Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer. It's been a lovely week in Year 1. The children have settled down into their new classes incredibly well and have enjoyed taking part in a variety of fun activities.

Next week, in our English lessons, we will be beginning our new book, Stardust, and thinking about how the characters might be feeling at the beginning of the story. In maths, we will be learning how to count on and back in ones, and in geography, we will be learning about our local area. In our history lesson, we will be looking at photos of objects from the past and identifying how they have changed over time and in music, we will be thinking about the different types of music we like and explain why.

Our P.E lessons will be starting next week, and the days are as followed:

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 of those days.

Key Dates:

Thurs 21st Sept: Year 1 Parents Welcome Meeting (3.30pm-4:30pm)

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Year 2

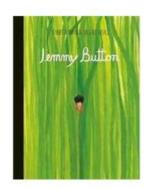
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredible time watching our pupils displaying their newly developed skills and celebrating achievements together.

Next week in English we will be reading the leaf story and exploring the setting. Pupils will be writing descripted sentences about how the character moves and interacts arounds its new unfamiliar environment. In maths, we will be further enhancing our place value skills. In history, pupils will be asking and answering questions about the past based on artefacts they have handled or observed. This week in geography pupils will be identifying countries and capital cities of the UK. In music pupils will be exploring other people's preferences genre. In art, pupils will be experimenting and recording a range of experiences with different media. Our PE sessions this week focus on fitness and object control.

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Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Summer. It's been a lovely week in Year 3. The children have settled down into their new classes incredibly well and have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities.

Next week, in our writing lessons, we will be beginning our new book, Jemmy Button. The children will be using pictures from the book to guide them as they write a description of the setting. In maths, we will be working with numbers up to 100, and in Geography, we will be discovering facts about the town we live in. In our MFL lesson we will be identifying the countries that speak Spanish before learning how to greet a friend in the language, and in our Art lesson, we will be beginning our new topic of sketching.

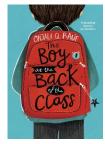
PE days: Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct P.E. uniform in line with our school's policy on their P.E. days.

Chestnut: Monday & Wednesday Hawthorn: Tuesday & Thursday Pine: Monday & Thursday Birch: Tuesday & Wednesday

Key dates:

Thurs 28th Sept: Y3 Welcome Parent Mtg, 3:30- 4:30pm Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School) Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School) Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish)





Year 4

We have had a fantastic week with your children. It is brilliant to see your children settle into their new classes with their new teachers.

In English, we will be reading our book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and basing our writing about the different characters we will meet in the story. In Maths, we will be looking at Place Value, focusing on Addition and Subtraction.

We hope you have a restful weekend.

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Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families have had a lovely summer and we welcome you back to school. Our first week back has involved settling the children back to routines, discussing expectations, getting to know each other and having fun filled few days.

The Year 5 Team are looking forward to this academic year, working closely with the children and yourselves.

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

Alder class -Indoor on Mondays and outdoor on Thursdays Lilac class - Outdoor on Tuesdays and indoor on Thursdays Maple class - Outdoor on Wednesdays and indoor on Fridays

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

Key dates:

Thurs 14th Sept - Parents Welcome Meeting, 3:30-4:30 Tues 10th Oct: Happy Hat Day for World Mental Health Fri 13th Oct: Inset Day (school closed to all pupils) Mon 16th Oct: Individual Photos (Middle School) Tues 17th Oct: Individual Photos (Lower School) Tues 17th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Wed 18th Oct: Parent's Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm) Fri 20th Oct: Last day of half term (Normal finish time)



<u>Year 6</u>

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holidays. We are glad to be back in school and have thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new classes better, doing a range of welcome week activities such as electing champions for the class, creating class charters and just learning about one another. We are looking forward to a year full of fun, learning and making their last year of primary memorable. Please ensure to come to our parent welcome meeting next Tuesday to find out more about what year 6 entails.

P.E.

Oak and Acer have PE on Monday and Wednesdays. Redwood and Beech have PE on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please ensure children attend school in P.E. kit on these days.



Key dates:

Tuesday 12th Sept: Y6 Parent Welcome Mtg. 3:30-4:30pm (Middle School) Thursday 15th Sept: Y6 Residential Information Mtg 3:30-4:00 (TEAMs)

Mon 9th Oct: Y6 Heights & Weights Check Tues 10th Oct: Y6 Heights & Weights Check

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The Orchard

Welcome back!

What a fantastic week and how lovely it was to see the children back into our classrooms and meet the little ones that are starting their journey with us! This week, the children have loved exploring the renovated reading areas and have shared lots of amazing books about feelings!

Having a healthy lifestyle will be the topic for science. This term, we will be staring an exciting phonics scheme: Bookwings. Watch this space...

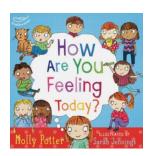


Note: We would like to ask for donations of old pots (plastic or metal), pans and any other kitchen equipment that we can use for our outside learning, eg, plastic/wooden/metal spoons, sieves, colanders, whisks, mixing bowls, plastic cups, plastic plates etc. are all welcomed. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

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Willow – Monday Sycamore - Wednesday Olive – Thursday



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