

NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Curriculum Theme:

Citizenship

## A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

Wow, where has that half term gone. Over this week, I have been reflecting over the last 7 weeks. I am incredibly proud when I walk around both buildings to see the wonderful learning taking place by happy children. I am thankful for the feedback we have received, we are all a part of this community and I know we all only want the very best.

I'm sure you will be joining us in wishing Mrs Taylor all the best as she leaves us for a little while to have her baby. We cannot wait to see you with your new little bundle of joy when you are ready to.

Many of you have spoken to me over the last few weeks about the tight collection time at the end of the day. From after half term the gate will stay open until 3.25 (3.10-3.25) – I hope these additional five minutes will allow families who need to collect from both sites. I am really hoping this will reduce the number of children we have in our late room and collection of your child should be the exception not the norm.

Thank you for your support at Parents Evening this week. I really enjoy welcoming you into the school and for you to hear how your children have settled into their new class.

Just a little reminder that after half term, Miss Robertson will be based at the Lower School and Mr Craggs will be based at the Middle School. It has been positive having our deputy principals being site based for a half term and I know they are looking forward to spending more time with the children at the alternative site.

Have a restful break and we will see you in a week. We return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Take care,

Ms Evry

### Weekly Updates

#### Office News

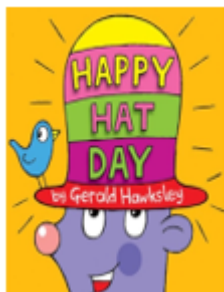
To report report your child's absence/lateness or if you have a general enquiry. Please email [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org). We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

#### Individual Photos

The individual photos were taken this week and we expect the proofs to arrive with us week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October. Once received, we will let you know how long you have place your order.

#### Lost Property

iPads



We have lots of lost un-named uniform at both sites. A message was sent to all parents this week for you to come have a look. Any unclaimed property will be washed and put in our uniform shop for donation and selling after half term.

Please can we remind you that iPads are for home learning to be used by your child only. This device should not be used for anything else. We thank you for your co-operation.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October we had Happy Hat day which was a wonderful way to pull together and show everyone that Mental health can be talked about safely in our schools. We raised £179.97. We thank all of those that donated for your kind generosity.

### Attendance Winners



Secondary School  
Applications:  
Have you applied?

*Reminder: The deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you need any help with this, please contact your year 6 class teacher who will be happy to guide you through this.*



## 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.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

## Reading & Library Volunteers

We would really love to have some parent volunteers for two key roles. We have been developing our libraries over the last year, but this is very time consuming. If you have a passion for books, organisation and developing a pleasure for reading then why not volunteer. We would also love volunteers to read with our children. Again, if you have a passion for developing a love of reading then apply to volunteer. If you are interested, then please email [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org) for the attention of Ms Sinclair and Mrs Gray.

## SEND News



**CROYDON'S SEND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
**Unlocking Potential, Building Brighter Futures!**

**Location:** Grace Tabernacle Church, Choris House, Entrance at 195a Sydenham Road, Croydon CR0 2ET - next door to Cherry Gardens Autism Centre, opposite the Kwik Fit (on the corner of St James Road)  
**Date:** Thursdays at 3.00pm (Term Time only)  
**Who:** For SEND students in KS2

**Launch date: Thursday 2nd November 2023**

**Arts, Sports and Science!**  
Fun / Board games, drawing, building and Lego  
Learning - kinesthetic, visual, auditory and tactile  
Science / STEM play-based learning activities

**Cakes and Conversation**  
Support networks for parents over cake and tea! Come along to connect with others / share your story / have a drink!

**Run by SEND young adults!**  
SEND young adults who have grown up with Bright Futures 4 all will run sessions alongside SEND specialist adults!

**We want to hear what you have to say!**  
Attend our Consultation Day online to tell us how we can help you.

Join us via Zoom on the 10th October at 9.30am

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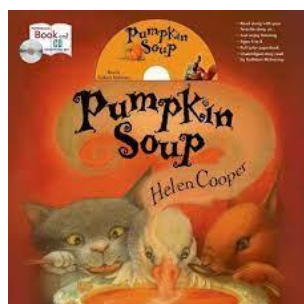
**CROYDON COMMUNITY FUND**  
**RELIEF IN NEED**

## Nursery News

We have had an amazing half term in Nursery. We are immensely proud to see how well the children have settled and the progress they have made! Thank you for all your efforts supporting your child's transition into school. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's evening. If you were unable to book a time, please let us know and we can arrange a suitable time the first week back.

**Next term** our new topic will be 'Seasons and Celebrations'. The children will learn about the changes that Autumn brings and explore more about day & night. We will have conversations around our morning and night-time routines and the different celebrations around the world. Linked to our Oasis Habits we will also start to introduce children to 'Star of the Week'. Some of our Oasis Habits include self-control and compassion. Please spend some time talking to your child about our Oasis Habits and how we may demonstrate these.

Our story will be 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. In maths, we will be counting and beginning to understand the concept of counting out a given number. We would like to encourage parents to play 'listening walk' and 'I spy' with their children to practise counting at home.



**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.

**Key dates:**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School reopens to all students

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Odd Sock Day

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery Christmas Singalong (TBC)

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Deadline for Autumn Term Homework Passports

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break

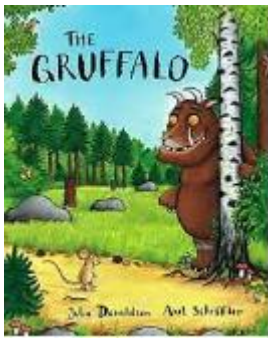
**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School Reopens to Students

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](mailto:spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org)



## Reception News

We have had an amazing half term in Reception. All children have settled in well and it is wonderful to see the progression that they have already begun to make! Thank you for all your effort in supporting your child's transition to school and for your continued support. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's evening, if you were unable to book a time, please speak with your child's class teacher and we can arrange a suitable time for the teacher to call you at a later date.

Next term our topic will be 'Around the World', we will be looking at different places around the world and different celebrations. For the first week of term our focus story will be 'The Gruffalo'. We will be looking at where the Gruffalo lives, retelling the story and having a go at making maps for the Gruffalo to find his way through the woods.

Please spend some time over the half term talking to your child about special places and celebrations for your family.

**Key Dates:**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School reopens to all students

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Flu Vaccination (lower school)

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Odd Sock Day

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Trip to the Woods

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day

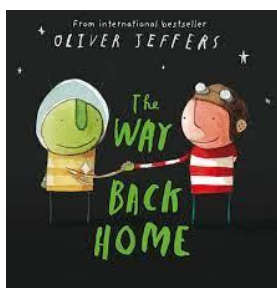
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org)

Have a wonderful weekend





## Year 1

Wow! It's hard to believe that we've made it to half term already! The children have settled into Year 1 incredibly well and have all worked extremely hard. We are so proud of them all.

After half term, in our English lessons, we will be starting a new book, 'The Way Back Home' and in our first lesson we will be finding out more about the author. In maths, we will be revising our number bonds to 10, and in science, we will begin our topic on animals, starting by learning about vertebrates. For our geography lesson, we will be learning about the different countries that make up the United Kingdom, and in history, we will be beginning our topic on Nelson Mandela.

### 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.

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**8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Flu Vaccination (lower school)

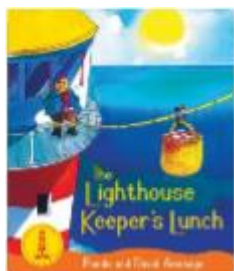
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**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day

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Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 2

The year 2 would like to thank our exceptional pupils for all their magnificent hard work and for upholding all our Oasis habits. During our first week back in English pupils will be starting a new book and discovering what a statement is. 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 learning the names and locations of the 7 continents of the world. In history pupils will be discovering who Queen Victoria is. 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

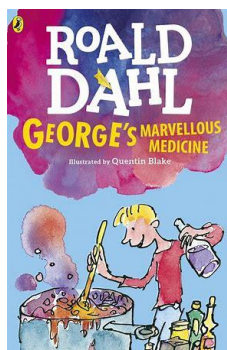
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## Year 3

We can't quite believe that we've made it to the end of the first half-term already! The children have all settled into Year 3 exceptionally well and have fully immersed themselves into the new curriculum. We are proud of them all!

After the half-term holiday, we will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine, and using the content of the story to help the children write their own narrative. In maths, we will be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using the column method, and in science, we will be beginning our new topic on Rocks by learning what an igneous rock is and how it is made. After half-term our new topic in history will be the ancient Egyptians and in geography we will be focussing on citizenships around the world.

**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

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**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Odd Sock Day

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day

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## Year 4

I hope you have had a good week. Thank you all for your support this half-term. The children deserve a restful break. After half-term, in the first week back, we will do the following: In English, we will start our writing based on the book called, 'The Lion in Paris' by Beatrice Alemagna. We will be looking at brochures to do with Paris and learn the features of them. In Maths, we will continue to learn addition and subtraction numbers, learning how to add and subtract bigger numbers and finding the inverse. Previous messages from last week include, in preparation for the Year 4 multiplication tests in May, please encourage your child to go on tt rockstars and 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.

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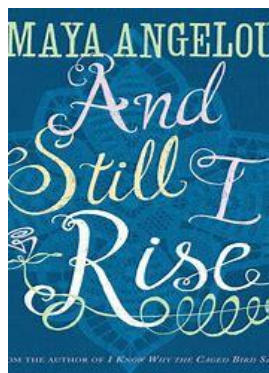
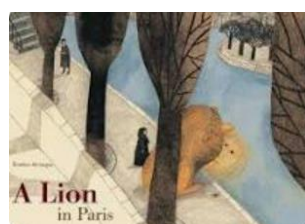
## Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another fabulous week of learning and it was a pleasure to meet you all in the parent meetings this week. We have continued reading our class read aloud 'And still I Rise' by Maya Angelou. The children are all really engaged in the poem. The quality of the writing in Year 5 has really improved this half-term and it's a delight to see and read. In Maths we have continued building upon our knowledge of addition and subtraction. In science we have been consolidating our knowledge about Mammals, and in history we have continued to look at black British history in politics and the entertainment industry.

We hope you have a lovely half-term.

### **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)

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

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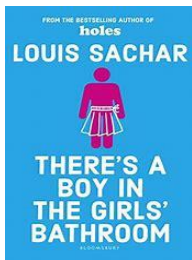
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## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been working on writing their own version of 'Beautiful Ambition' by Karl Nova, thinking about their hopes and dreams for the future. In maths, the children have been reviewing methods to solve multiplication problems. Redwood and Oak classes enjoyed their visit to our Upper School, where they did a drama workshop and painted silhouettes in art. Acer and Beech classes will be going to the secondary on the afternoon of Monday 30<sup>th</sup>. After half term, we will be basing our writing on a new book called 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan and in maths we will begin our unit on fractions. In science we will be learning about how to classify different species, history will be looking at the Industrial Revolution, in design technology our focus will be textiles. Weekly homework will begin after half term. We wish you a restful and safe half term, and will see you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**Reminder:** *The deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you need any help with this, please contact your class teacher who will guide you through this.*

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 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School reopens to all students

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Beech & Acer visit the Upper School 1-3pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Odd Sock Day

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break

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## The Orchard



This week, children enjoyed the story '**The Sandwich Swap**' written by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan, a beautiful story that focuses around a friendship between two people from different cultures.

After the half term, The Orchard will have traditional tales as the focus of our Literacy sessions and Numeracy focus will be the concepts of addition and subtraction.

**Theme:** Who am I and who am I becoming.

**PE lessons:**

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Thursday

**Key Dates:**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct:** School reopens to all students

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Closes for Festive Break  
**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Christmas Fair at St. Lukes  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Coffee Morning in the Orchard  
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Class parties – Own clothes day  
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**Remember:-** Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through:  
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