

**NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>Habit:</b>	Forgiving
<b>Curriculum Theme:</b>	Sustainable World

*A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry*



Dear families,

There is a real buzz around the school this week as we celebrated World Book Day. A massive well done to all children and staff for making the day such a success. Someone once said that reading is dreaming with your eyes open. I think that is a lovely way to understand the importance of reading and books.

It has been great to hear where our year six children will be continuing their education career as they found out their secondary school last Friday. Please do keep an eye out for the Microsoft Form coming home – it is great to hear from families where children are going so we can best support transition.

A big well done to Kookaburra House for their colour day – it was lovely to see the pop of yellow around the school. Take care,  
Ms Evry

**Our Houses**

Please see below our four house teams. They are all named after birds as a symbol of the school community helping them to fly. With each house they have a house colour. Next to each house is the classes linked to that house. The class will travel through the school as the same house. Throughout the year there will be colour days so please do look out for these.

<b>Kookaburra House (Yellow)</b>	Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut
<b>Skylark House (Blue)</b>	Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder
<b>Firecrest House (Red)</b>	Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple
<b>Hummingbird House (Green)</b>	Laurel, Mulberry, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hawthorn, Redwood, Holly, Lilac, Cherry

**Weekly Updates**

*Office News*

To 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.

**Are you currently struggling to pay for childcare costs?**

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit or Tax Free Childcare then please visit the Childcare Choices who may be able to provide you with support.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**Cost of Living Crisis**



**HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE**



Government help with childcare costs for parents. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm  
Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team on [info@prisonersfamilies.org](mailto:info@prisonersfamilies.org)  
Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at [prisonersfamilies.org](http://prisonersfamilies.org).

Do you have a family member or loved one in prison?  
Do you need confidential support?

We have staff members with lead responsibility who may be able to help you: Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Clarke at our Lower school or Ms Eves at the middle school.

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day



This year Comic Relief Red Nose Day falls on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. This year, the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness.

We are therefore asking the children to wear red on this day and to support the cause you can either donate an item of food to our Essentials cupboard or pay £1 to give to Comic Relief Charity.

The choice is yours, but we look forward to seeing all the children dressed in Red.

**EDI:** Every year on 8 March, International Women's Day is celebrated around the world! But why – you might ask – do we have a day especially for women? Well, it's fair to say that throughout history, women haven't always received the fairest of treatment. Women haven't always been able to work, vote, or been given the same rights as men. Since the early 1900s, women around the world have celebrated an International Women's Day, campaigning for equal rights and shining a spotlight on brilliant women across the globe. Please click on the images below to read more!



<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/international-womens-day/>  
<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/International-Womens-Day/602161>

This week staff have been thinking about the following three questions.

- 'Why do you believe campaigning for equality for women is still so important in 2024?'
- 'How can we empower women and young girls?'
- 'Who are/have been the women role models in your own life?'

We will share staff answers with the school community the next few months.

### Spotlight Author



This term our Spotlight Author is Waterstones Children's Laureate **Joseph Coelho**. He is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author, who grew up in Roehampton. He aims to inspire young people through stories and characters they can recognise and explores themes including fear, courage, diversity, gratitude, empathy and loss. If you want to find out more about him:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/joseph-coelho-biography/>

## New iPads



We are very happy to share with you that from **Monday 11th March**, we will be replacing your child/s current iPad with a brand new one.

We are hoping to complete this task as quickly as we can, however as I am sure you can appreciate this will not be an easy task. There are a couple of things that we would like you to do to support the change:

1. Please ensure that your child/s iPad is in school every day and fully charged. The new iPad cannot be issued unless it is in school.
2. Please ensure that your child is in school every day unless they are unwell as whole classes will need to be changed at the same time.

We may need to collect iPads in school if we know that a class's change will happen the next day to ensure that we can complete the roll out before Easter holidays.

## Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Gianni – Olive Class, Divine – Pear Class, Cassidy - Damson Class, Mohammed - Cedar Class, Maya – Chestnut Class, Elizabeth - Cypress Class, Hannah - Lilac Class and Alan – Redwood Class.

**The next week's winner could be you!**

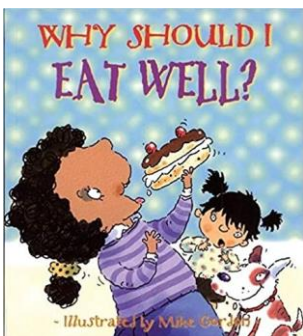
Attendance is very important to us all at OASP because good attendance improves each child's academic progress and allows them to maximise access to all the different opportunities that we provide weekly. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please do let us know and then our Attendance Team will work with you to provide the support that child & family needs.

We send weekly Shout Outs to all children who have 100% attendance. These children are then entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can also check your child's attendance on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. It also shows you the mark that goes onto the register when we have not been notified of a reason for absence.

We encourage parents to limit absences throughout term time and to plan medical appointments ahead and outside of school hours.

Thank you for your continued support for helping us to raise attendance at OASP! Let's all be Attendance Champions.

## Nursery News



Throughout this week, the children have been immersed in the joy of poems, rhymes and celebrating World Book Day. We engaged in various class activities, including a whole class book swap and sharing our favourite stories with our peers. Your support has been invaluable in creating these enjoyable and meaningful memories. Thank you!

Next week, we will explore the importance of eating sensibly and a well-balanced diet by reading the story of Why Should I Eat Well. The children in nursery will discuss how important good eating habits are for our health and fitness.

In numeracy, we're focusing on matching numerals to quantities and counting from 1 to 10. This month our Oasis habit is *forgiving*. Over the weekend, please discuss with your child about situations where forgiveness is important and how it can be expressed in different contexts.

**Letter Sound of the Week: 'h':** hen, hat, hot

### Nursery Local Supermarket trip to CO-OP:

Nursery will be going on a local supermarket trip as part of our topic this term: ***I've learnt about how people help us, but how can I look after myself?***

The children in Nursery will have the exciting opportunity to visit the Lower Addiscombe Coop supermarket to enrich their learning about healthy food choices and eating habits. This outing aims to

give them a real-life experience exploring the local area and understanding how money is used. We'll be walking to the Lower Addiscombe Co-op supermarket, and this should take approximately 30 minutes.

As this trip is in a public place, we would be very grateful for help from parents and carers; we are reliant on the support of additional adults for such trips to take place.

**The trip will take place on Tuesday 19th March 2024**

**Morning group** will be leaving at **10.00am** and returning at **11.00am**

**Afternoon group** will be leaving at **13.45pm** and returning at **14.45pm**

We warmly welcome parent volunteers to join us, if you would like to volunteer, please inform your class teacher.

**Key dates:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School reopens at the Normal time

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

It has been a busy week in Reception, the children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes and loved the chance to dress up. In phonics we are continuing to look at digraphs (two letters that make one sound), this week we will be learning 'or', 'ur', 'ow' and 'oi'. In maths, we will be looking at odds and even numbers, counting in 2s and making groups. In topic we will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and chickens. On Monday we have a very special delivery of eggs. Please talk to your child about what they think might hatch out of these eggs.



Please find your child's P.E day below. Children can come to school already dressed in their P.E kit on their P.E day

**Apple Class:** Monday

**Cherry Class:** Tuesday

**Pear Class:** Wednesday

**Key Dates:**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Living Eggs Experience arrives

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

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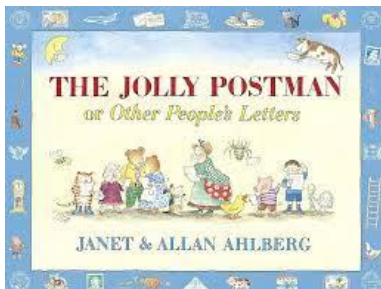
If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- [SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org)

Have a wonderful weekend!

## Year 1

The children have had a lovely week in Year 1. They particularly enjoyed taking part in World Book Day and receiving their two new books. We had many more fun activities throughout the day such as a virtual author visit and a parade in the hall where the children showed off their amazing outfits! We are looking forward to seeing the children in their red clothes for Comic Relief next Friday!

Next week, in English, we will be starting our new book. 'The Jolly Postman' and will spend our first lesson working out which fairytale characters the letters are written to by reading their addresses. In maths, we will be measuring objects using cubes, and in our science lesson, we will be using Venn diagrams to sort objects into different groups, depending on how they feel. In PSHE, we will be discussing the different ways we can look after the environment, and in RE, we will be learning about Lent. For our DT lesson, we will be learning about levers before creating our own moving pictures from Jack and the Beanstalk.



**Comic Relief – Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day.** The children are invited to come to school in red clothes along with either a monetary donation for the Comic Relief charity or an item of food for the schools Essentials Cupboard.

### **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:**

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar: World Book Day**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar: International Women's Day**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: Red Nose Day**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: School Finishes for Easter Break**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr: School reopens at the Normal time**

## **Year 2**

Our year 2 pupils have had another good week, they have been working exceptionally hard at showing off their amazing new learning skills as well as upholding all their Oasis habits.

In English pupils will be writing their own story based upon the book we have been reading. In maths, pupils will be learning how to divide by 10 and practicing their 5 timetables. During our Global Goals lesson pupils will start to understand the significance of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale on nursing and the World the lesson will be looking at the contribution of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole to nursing. In science pupils will be a designing a hurricane proof house. In PE pupils will be taking part in a variety of teamwork activities to resolve problem solving tasks. In poetry pupils will continue to recite the poem My Gran comes to England.

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

**Lunches:** We are a nut free school; therefore, we ask that anything that may contain nuts is not included in pack lunches please.

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

### **Key Dates:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: Red Nose Day**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: School Finishes for Easter Break**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr: School reopens at the Normal time**

## **Year 3**

It's been a lovely week in Year 3. The children have all worked extremely hard and produced some excellent work. We are looking forward to Red Nose Day next Friday where the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, including something that is red. We would be grateful if you could provide a donation of £1 if your child is taking part.

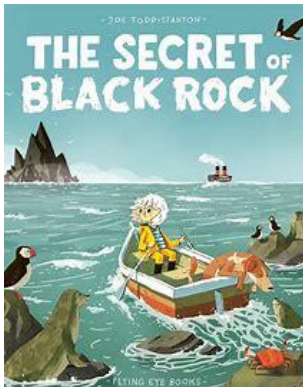
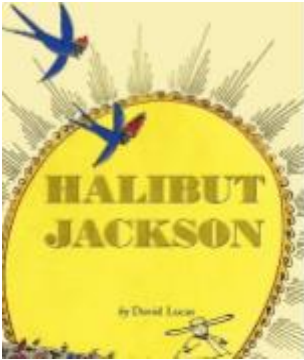
Next week, we will be completing some maths and reading assessments to see what the children have learnt so far this year. In DT, we will be making litter grabbers which links to our thematic subject of global goals. We are hoping this will teach children that littering can have a massive impact on our society, and we should always do our best to help save the planet.

**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:**

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Hawthorn class attends Horniman Museum

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School reopens at the Normal time

Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

Thank you to all of you for everything you are doing to support the children in their learning. Please always speak to your class teacher re any concerns or you need any advice. We are always happy to help you! Next week in English, the children will be continuing their writing around Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They will be editing their big write that they started last week, focusing on editing skills and how to make their writing better (we call this uplevel). In Maths, the children will be showing of everything they have learnt so far by completing activities that involves all the learning they've done since the start of the academic year.

Previous messages from last week 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.

*Cake sale: Year 4 will have a cake sale on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 3.10pm-3.30pm in the middle school. It will be great to have some donations of cupcakes ahead of the sale. Please can all donations have no nuts as we are a nut free school.*

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:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Cake Sale 3.10-3.30pm

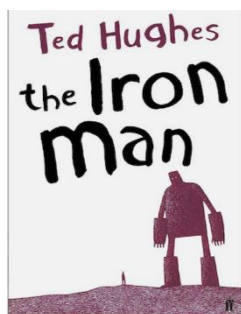
**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School reopens at the Normal time

## Year 5

Year 5 have had an excellent week. We have continued reading our class book 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 5 have been working hard on a descriptive piece of writing focusing on using similes and metaphors and 1 piece of suspenseful writing.

In Maths we have begun looking at line graphs and interpreting data. The children have enjoyed collecting their own data and plotting their results on to their own graphs. The children have taken to the unit brilliantly and are continuing to stretch themselves and their learning! In science we have continued our unit on forces! We have begun looking at the effects of air resistance and how it effects



the rate of descent of objects. To test this, we have tested three different parachutes and their rate of descent. The children were very engaged with the experiment were able to discuss the differences in the results expertly!

In PSHCE this week we have discussed international women's day, the work of the suffragettes in progressing women's lives in Britain and how things have changed over the last 150 years. As a part for this work, we have looked at the impact and impressive work of women's rights activist Malala Yousafzai. It was wonderful seeing everyone dressed up in their outfits for world book day! Year 5 enjoyed having the opportunity to talk about their favourite books as well as having the chance to choose two new books to take home! Don't forget to use your voucher and keep reading!

### **The PE lessons for each class are as follows:**

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

The PE lessons for each class are as follows:

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

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

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

Indoor lessons this half term is swimming please ensure that swimming costumes, towels, hats, goggles and flipflops are brought into school to be changed in to.

### **REMINDERS:**

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

### **Key dates:**

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: Church visit**

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: School Finishes for Easter Break**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr: School reopens at the Normal time**

## **Year 6**

Year 6 all looked great in their costumes and really enjoyed World Book Day activities. Some children took part in a book quiz, had virtual meetings with authors and even took part in creating their own animations. Next week, in maths we are looking at graphs and calculating the mean. We are continuing to read Harry Potter which the children are enjoying. We are working on creating and using Excel spreadsheets in computing and in PE, we are busy practising our orienteering skills. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

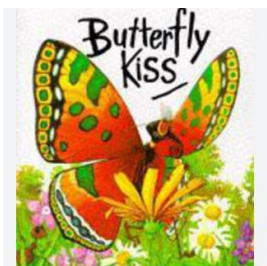
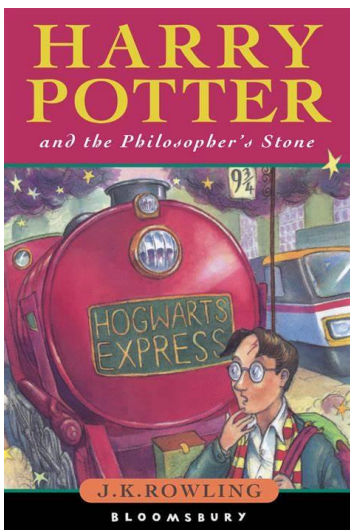
**Swimming Days: Monday: Oak Tuesday: Beech Wednesday: Acer Thursday: Redwood**

### **Key dates:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar: Red Nose Day**

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## **The Orchard**

Next week's book is Butterfly Kiss, by Charles Fuge and Vicki Churchill, the story of a little caterpillar that turns into a butterfly and finds that her mouth is no longer the right shape for eating leaves, but Bumblebee shows her how to get sweetness - kissing flowers. In maths, we have been learning about measurements: lengths and heights. This term, PE focus is "invasion games".

### **PE lessons:**

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

**Swimming at South Norwood Pool:**

Willow – starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note that Sycamore will go weekly each Wednesday and Olive/Willow will go on alternate weeks.

On swimming days, please send in the following: towel, swimming costume, bag for wet clothes, spare underwear if coming into school wearing swim costume underneath uniform. Goggles and hat if preferred but not essential.

**Swimming onsite:**

For some of The Orchard, there will be the opportunity to take swimming lessons on site for this half term only instead of going off-site. This will begin on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and will be weekly. If your child is affected, the class teacher will have been in touch.

**Key Dates:**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Red Nose Day

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Orchard Coffee Morning

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Willow Drama Performance @ 11:15am

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School reopens at the Normal time

**Remember:-** Should you need to contact us, you can contact the Inclusion Team by email through: [SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org)

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