

**NEWSLETTER 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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

*A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry*



Dear families,

Thank you for your support for Red Nose Day today. It was lovely to see the children in their own clothes. We will let you know next week how much we raised, along with a photo of our fully stocked essentials cupboard.

It has also been lovely to have the chicks hatch in our Early Years this week. They are with us for another week, and will be going on a tour of the school so that all children can see them.

Over the last two weeks of the term, we will continue with our push on the correct uniform being worn. We have seen colourful trainers on non-PE days and jewellery starting to creep back into school. Please can I ask for your support to ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. PE kits can be worn on PE days. If your child has a club after school that requires sports clothes, children can change at the end of the school day.

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.



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.



EDI:

This week we have started exploring, confronting, and deconstructing stereotypes targeted at Muslims. During our upcoming weekly staff EDI sessions, we will be exploring the following key questions:

What is Islamophobia?

How does Islamophobia negatively affect people?

How can do we identify and combat Islamophobia and create a more inclusive community?

### Skylark Colour Day



As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits We are very happy to announce that Skylark house has gained enough points that **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, will be a Skylark (**Blue**) Colour Day. On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Skylark house can celebrate by wearing items of clothing in their house colour to school. This could be a jumper, trousers, skirt, tights, shoes, or hair accessory!

## Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Keyanna –Sycamore Class, Isaiah –Apple Class, Aiden – Mulberry Class, Bailey –Elm Class, Elijah-Reece –Pine Class, Aaliyah –Laurel Class, Lois –Alder Class and Keianna –Acer 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

Exciting news! This Monday, our school received a special delivery straight from the farm—living eggs! The children were over the moon to discover that these eggs contain growing chicks, eagerly awaiting the moment they hatch. By the end of next week, we hope to welcome these adorable chicks into our Nursery, offering the children a unique opportunity to bond with them.

**Tuesday 19th March:** Nursery Local Supermarket Trip to CO-OP

**Monday 25th March:** Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15

**Tuesday 26th March:** Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15

As part of our exploration into new life and the wonders of springtime, we'll dive into the classic tale of "The Little Red Hen". Through this story, we'll journey into discussions about growth, the life cycle of chickens, and the simple joys of kindness and cooperation among friends. We will also explore the journey of bread, from field to table. Get ready for an egg-citing adventure ahead!

Letter Sounds of the Week: 'ck' : chick

### Other Notices

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

**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 via ClassDojo.

#### Key dates:

**Tue 19th Mar:** Nursery Local Supermarket Trip to CO-OP

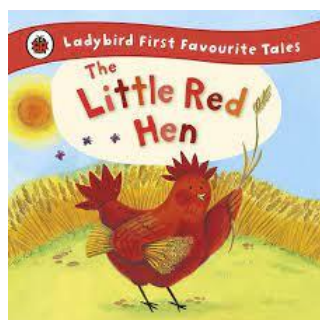
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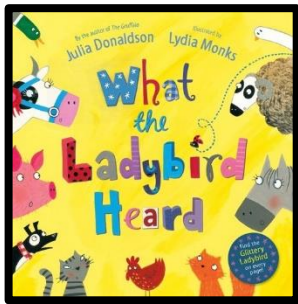
**Tue 26th Mar:** Nursery Parent Session 8:30- 9:15 and 12:30-1:15

**Thu 28th Mar:** School Finishes for Easter Break

**Mon 15th 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

This week the children have loved having our chicks in school. It has been fascinating to watch them hatch, the children have been transfixed! In phonics we are continuing to look at diagraphs (two letters that make one sound), this week we will be learning the last of the phase 3 sounds, 'ear', 'air', 'ure' and 'er'. In maths, we will be comparing groups up to 10, using terms such as greater than and less than. Next week we will be reading the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' we will be using this story to write sentences about the characters and key events in the story.

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:

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Skylark Colour Day

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Reception Spring Disco 3:10-4:15pm.

All Children welcome. Please see ClassDojo or speak to Class teacher for more information.

**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

We've had a lovely week in Year 1! The children have been particularly excited to receive their new iPads which were updated on Monday. Please could you ensure that they take good care of them and do not apply sticker or write on the cases. We would also be grateful if you could ensure that the children do not change their passcodes.

Next week, in English, we will be continuing to read our new book. 'The Jolly Postman' and will look at the features of a letter. In maths, we will be finishing our topic on length and measure, and in our science lesson, we will be deciding which materials would be best suited for specific jobs. In Geography, we will be discussing what we can do as a class to help the environment, and in our DT lesson, we will be making an Easter card with moving parts.

### 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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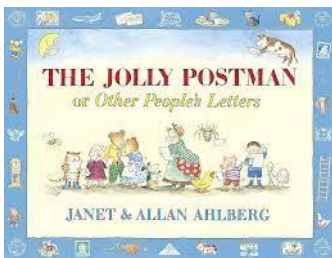
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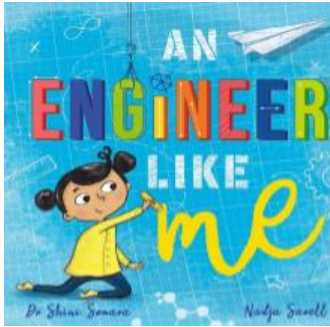
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## Year 2

Our year 2 pupils have had another brilliant week. Pupils have really enjoyed showing off their amazing new learning skills and celebrating each other's achievements together. In English pupils will be starting a new book called Engineer Like me and exploring the contexts of a new narrative. In maths, pupils will be learning how to divide by 5 as well as continuing to practice their 5 timetables. During our Global Goals lesson pupils will be ordering the significant events of Florence Nightingale's life on a timeline. In science pupils will be making their hurricane proof houses. In PE pupils will be taking part in a variety of





teamwork activities to resolve problem solving tasks. In RE pupils will learning why Kosher food is important to Jews. 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:**

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## Year 3

It's been another amazing week in Year 3. The children all worked really hard on their show off assessments which lead to some excellent results! In our writing sessions this week we have been using our plans to write our own versions of 'The Legend of Black Rock.' They also had lots of fun dressing in red for Red Nose Day and enjoyed taking part in some special Red Nose Day themed activities in their learning.

Next week, in our writing sessions, we will be looking a newspaper report based on our new book 'The Tin Forest.' We will be identifying what features make up a newspaper. In maths, we will be beginning our new topic on mass and capacity and in science, we will be continuing to learn the use of permanent and temporary magnets.

**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:**

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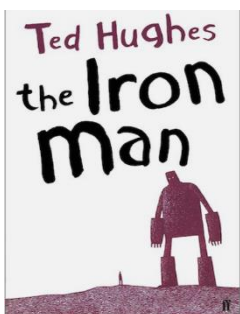
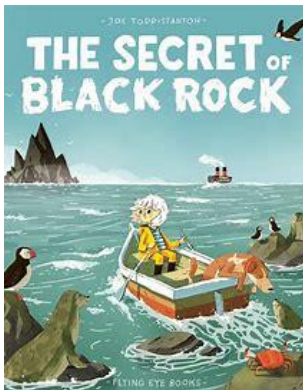
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Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March is our cake sale which will be held afterschool from 3.10pm-3.30pm. Any donations, either home-made or store brought will be greatly appreciated. Please remember that we can't accept any donations that have or may contain nuts. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, we have our animal encounters visit linked to our topic of David Attenborough. An email went out to all families to notify them of this visit. To ensure we can continue providing an enriching experience for your child, we kindly request for all families to pay the required amount of £6.50 on MCAS. If you have any trouble paying via MCAS, please can you contact the office team so that they can guide you on how to do this If we don't have enough payments, unfortunately-we will have to cancel this experience and not be able to provide further experiences for your child.

Next week in English, the children will be learning how to write a poem based on the text we are still reading (Iron Man, by Ted Hughes), looking at figurative language. In Maths, the children will be learning



how to answer reasoning questions, based on the topics of fractions we have covered this term. We will be using manipulatives to help us form our answers.

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.

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:**

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

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar: Skylark Colour Day

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

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

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar: Year 4 Animal Encounters Workshop

## Year 5

Year 5 have had yet another busy week. We have continued reading our class book 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 5 have been working hard their descriptive piece of independent writing focusing on using similes and metaphors to build suspense.

In Maths we have continued looking at line graphs and interpreting data and in science we have sustained our focus with experiments looking at different types of forces. We have continued to investigate the effects of air resistance and how it effects the rate of decent in objects.

It was wonderful seeing everyone dressed in touches of red for Red Nose Day! Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed this.

Next week we have a church visit to St Luke's if you can assist your child's class with walking to and from the church, please let your child's class teacher know. All help is much appreciated.

**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

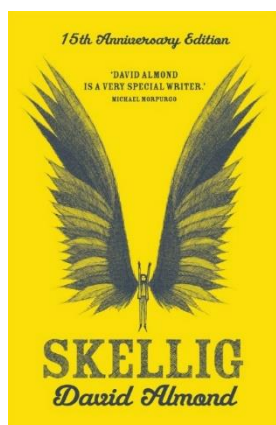
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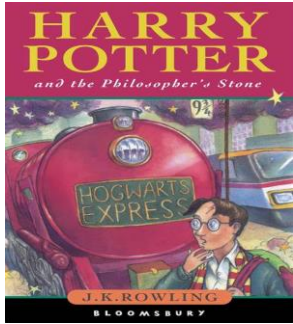
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## Year 6

This week the children received their new iPad. We have been busy writing non chronological reports on snowy owls, toads, and rats (based on our book Harry Potter and different characters pets). In Math, we have been learning to read and interpret pie charts and line graphs. During these lessons, we've used our





prior learning on fractions to find answers. In Science, we are doing an experiment to see if the number of bulbs in a circuit affects the brightness. In computing, we have learnt how to calculate difficult sums on excel using formulas. In geography, we've continued to explore actions to take on our global goals (affordable and clean energy and climate change) and made video adverts to promote these actions.

Next week is our show off week, our final practice SATs before May. We are really proud of the progress the children have made this year and are looking forward to seeing them thrive again next week. In the afternoons, we will continue with swimming and orienteering. In PD, we will continue to work on our habit of forgiveness. In RE, we are learning about meditation.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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

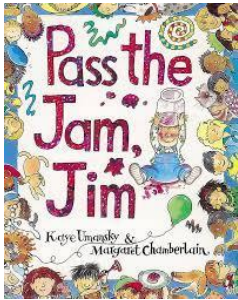
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## The Orchard

Next week's book is **Pass the Jam Jim** written by Kaye Umansky and illustrated by Margaret Chamberlain. A rhyming picture book in which a group of children prepare for a party. A child called Jim has just one job. He must pass the jam, but as the pages fill with piles and piles of food, the jam is still missing. In maths, we have been learning about measurements: lengths and heights, and we have been practicing the times tables. This term, PE focus is "invasion games".

**PE lessons:**

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

**Swimming at South Norwood Pool:**

Willow & Sycamore – 20.03.2024

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:**

The children attending have been brilliant and having fun!

**Key Dates:**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Skylark Colour 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

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

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