

NEWSLETTER 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Habit: Compassion  
Curriculum Theme: Sustainable World

## A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

A very warm welcome back this week after what seemed the quickest half term. The weather has definitely not been in our favour this week, but I must commend the children on how well they have behaved during wet breaks and lunches. I have some very exciting news to share, in a few weeks' time, we will be refreshing our iPads. This means that iPads must be returned, and the children will be issued with a brand new one. We will be in contact with more information soon regarding dates and expectations. As always in the meantime, please ensure that iPads come into school everyday fully charged as they are used in every lesson.

This week, I attended our Hub Council meeting. I am really excited about the development of the Ashburton Park Hub and the wonderful things that will be introduced to the community. We will be in contact soon with further information.

Night Watch was incredibly grateful for all donations that we received – thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful cause. We also pleased that Night Watch have agreed to be our Lighthouse for this half term. The children will be learning more about the organisation and the children will have the opportunity to ask their questions later on in the term.

I am looking forward to seeing the outfits for World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March as well as seeing the splashes of red for Red Nose Day which is on the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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

*Are your contact details up to date?*



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).

## Comic Relief Red Nose Day



quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Please can we ask that if you move, update your number or change your details in any way to let us know by emailing the following address [primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:primaryadmin@oasisshirleypark.org). We have noticed that we are not being informed of these important changes and if there is an emergency there will be no way of contacting you. We need to ensure that your child is safeguarded accordingly. We thank you for your co-operation.

### World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

We are looking forward to seeing the children all dressed in their favourite book character.

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.

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:** We look forward to another great term of continuing to make Oasis Shirley Park a safe and inclusive place. This week we have continued to celebrate LGBTQ History month by finding out about the achievements and struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in different countries and contexts. Please speak with your child about who their class is focusing upon. Finally, if you have any ideas on how we can continue to work on this, please do let us know.

## Tables for Free



We have some tables at our Lower School that we no longer require. They will be on the playground on Monday afternoon, please do come along and help yourself.

### **Support for Parents/Carers of Young People who Struggle to get to School.**

- 7th March, 6.15pm

[Support for Parents & Carers \(talkofftherecord.org\)](http://talkofftherecord.org)

## Attendance News



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

This week's winners are Maison –Olive Class, Amara – Apple Class, Caroline - Damson Class, Zakaria- Cedar Class, Keilana – Birch Class, Daniel -Hazel Class, Eden -Lilac Class and Grace –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.

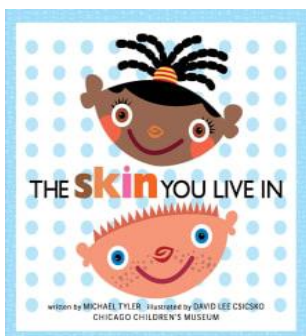
We send weekly Shout Outs to all children who have 100% attendance. These children are then entered into the prize draw and a winner is selected for each year group. You can also check your child's attendance on MCAS. This will show you the percentage of attendance that your child has managed each week. 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

Dear parents, it has been lovely to welcome you all back to school after a short break. It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into Nursery life with such enthusiasm. We have been having a blast with an Eric Carl story 'From Head To Toe', exploring different body movements inspired by the animals in the story.



Next week, we are excited to explore the fascinating world of our skin through Micheal Tyler's **The Skin We Live In**, celebrating the diversity that makes this world so beautiful.

In numeracy, we are going to read the story **I Spy Numbers** by Jean Marzollo, as we continue to practice counting objects one-by-one number.

**Letter Sounds of the Week: 'k and e'**: In Phonics children will be exploring phonic sounds and playing sound games such as 'Silly Soup'.

**50p contribution**: We would like to thank all our parents that continue to support our 50p contribution. This enables us to provide lots of extra resources for our children for example, play dough ingredients, messy play items such as seeds, rice, shaving foam. If you would like to support our 50p contributions, please ask for our contribution box or you are welcome to hand it to your child's class teacher. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

**Letter Sounds of the Week: 'c'** : Cat, cut, caterpillar, car, cow, cupcake Etc.

Children will be learning to identify initial sounds of words and names of objects.

**Key dates:**

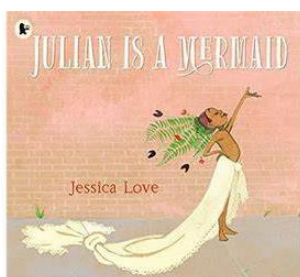
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**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar: International Women's Day**

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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 a lovely first week back after our short half term break. We hope you enjoyed a lovely week off. In literacy next week we will be reading 'Julian is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love and thinking about what we want to be when we are older. In maths, we will be learning our number bonds to 10. We will be having lots of circles time discussions next week thinking about how our actions affect others.

P.E sessions: 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:**

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

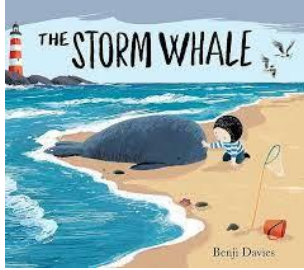
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If you need to contact the reception team, you can do so by sending your child's class teacher a message on ClassDojo or emailing us at- [SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:SPA.Reception-STF@oasisshirleypark.org)

Have a wonderful weekend!





## Year 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term. The children have enjoyed being back at school and have settled into the routines well. We just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that the children will use their iPad each day so we would be grateful if you could send them to school with it charged.

Next week, we will continue to read our book 'Storm Whale' and write sentences about the thoughts and feelings of the characters. In maths, we will be partitioning numbers between 20-50, and in our science lesson, we will be finding out what the difference is between an object and its material. In PSHE, we will be discovering what the word 'responsibility' means and discuss how to look after pets/people that you are responsible for. In geography, we will be learning about sustainable fashion and for LGBTQ+ history month, we will be learning about the American astronaut, Sally Ride.

### 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.

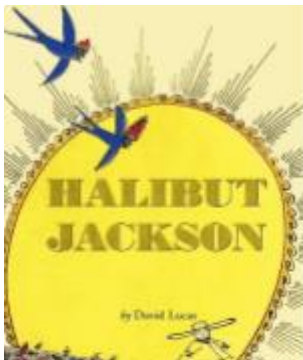
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## Year 2



The year 2 team have had a brilliant first week back. It has been wonderful watching our pupils further enhance their skills and knowledge. Next week in English pupils will be exploring descriptive language reading. In maths, pupils will be making equal groups by grouping. In geography pupils will be learning about the impact of Global Goals in different continents. During science pupils will be discovering which materials are waterproof. This half-term pupils will be reciting the poem My Gran visits England.

Kind regards The Year 2 team

**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:

**Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Feb: Polka Theatre**

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

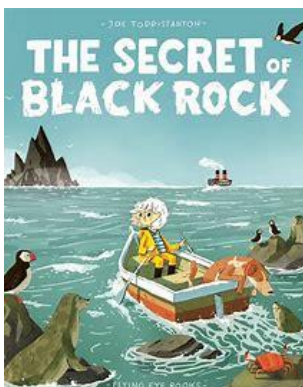
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## Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break. It's been lovely to see the children again and hear what they got up to over their holidays.

We've had an extremely busy week in Year 3! In our writing sessions, the children have been introduced to our new book 'The secret of black rock' for this half term and discovered the story behind the interesting author Joe Todd Stanton. We hope that they have learnt that whatever they read can inspire them and it can help them generate ideas to help them with their writing. In maths the children have been introduced to fractions and have learnt what a unit and non-unit



fraction is. In science they got to carry out an investigation on what is a non-contact force by simply dropping something on the floor. They were also given the opportunity to investigate on what happens when there is no force acting on an object by using some cubes, card, and a plastic cup.

Next week in our writing sessions, we will be reading the story and will begin to analyse each of the plot points by using specific language features such as an onomatopoeia and repetition. In maths they will learn how to represent fractions on a number line. In geography the children will learn what global goals are and begin to analyse how to build a sustainable 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

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

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

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: Chestnut class attends Horniman Museum**

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

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

Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

We hope you and your families have a restful break. It is nice that the children are reenergised and working hard on their learning. The children have had their first swimming lessons this week. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

Next week in English, the children will be continuing their writing around Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They will be focusing on writing a recount from the point of the view of the child who has encountered the Iron Man.

In Maths, the children will start learning about improper and mixed number fractions. They will also be learning how to convert a mixed fraction into an improper fraction.

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.

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

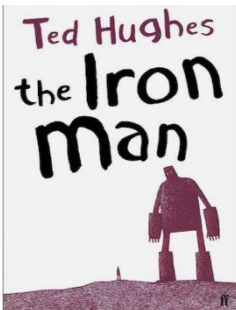
Cypress Class- Wednesday and Thursday

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 a wonderful first week back. We have loved reading our class book called 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 5 have enjoyed discovering our mysterious character alongside our main character Michael and cannot wait to find out more!

In Maths we've been learning about decimals in the tenths and hundreds positions, next week we will be learning how to find the perimeter and area of a rectangle.

In science we have begun our unit on forces with an experiment looking at how the mass of an object compares on earth and on the moon.

In DT we have begun the planning process for our Viking themed CAMS structure! We Hope to build a working model by the end of the half term!

### 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.

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**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Lilac class PE taster session at the Upper school

## Year 6

We do hope you had a restful half term. The children have settled back into school well and have become immersed in their new topics. The week we started our swimming lessons, which have been going well. Please ensure that all children bring their costumes, a towel, goggles and a swimming hat. Swimming is a fundamental part of the national curriculum, therefore all children must take part. In English, we have started reading 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', which will be the basis for our writing this half term. In maths, we have been looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and seeing how they are linked. We have started our new topic of global goals. Year 6 will focus on affordable and clean energy and climate action. They will learn about what the global goals are, activist like Greta Thunberg and plan a project to help. In science our new topic will be electricity which will be closely linked with our DT topic where we will be making motorised cars.

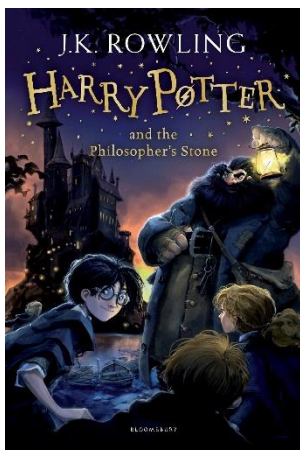
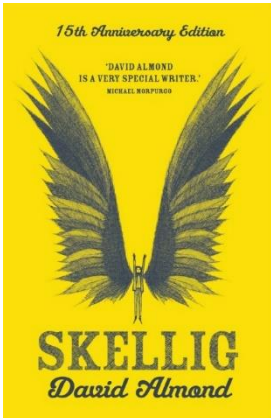
**Swimming Days:** Monday: Oak Tuesday: Beech Wednesday: Acer Thursday: Redwood

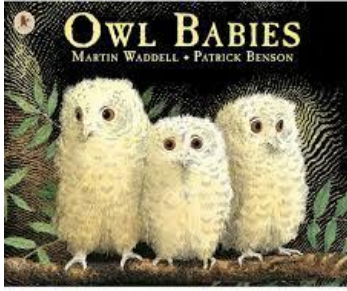
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## The Orchard

Next week's book is Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. The book follows the story of three baby owls: Sarah, Percy and Bill. They wake up one night in their hole in a tree to find that their mother has gone. In maths, we have been practicing multiplication and division, and in science we are still exploring the properties and uses of everyday materials.

### PE lessons:

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

### Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Sycamore and Olive – starting Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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.

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

**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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