

**NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

<b>Habit:</b>	Considerate
<b>Curriculum Theme:</b>	Inclusive World

*A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry*



Dear families,

It was so lovely to welcome you all back from what felt to me like a really long time off. I hope you all had a relaxing, enjoyable break. I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my family, which included swimming and a trip to the farm.

It has been busy at school this week with all the children starting their new topics based on inclusivity, Reception 2024 offers being sent to families and a football tournament. We have lots happening this half term including our SATs for Year 6 in four weeks' time, various trip and visits and Garden Events in our Early Years.

Please do keep an eye out for the key dates below so there are no surprises.  
Have a great 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 quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

**Breakfast Club:** It is with regret we write to inform you that due to the price increase of breakfast items; we will be increasing our Breakfast club fee from £4 to £5 from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

For parents in receipt of FSM (Free School Meals) you will now be charged £2.50.

We ask that you please keep your account up to date or in credit.



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.



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.

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

This week's winners are Ethan -Olive Class, Nina -Cherry Class, Taraji -Mulberry Class, Frieda -Ash Class, Isla -Hawthorn Class, Elisa -Rowan Class, Larnell -Alder Class and Ayah -Oak Class.

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

## Hummingbird Colour Day

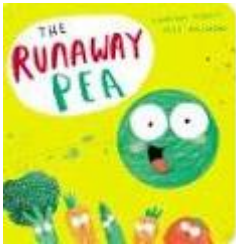


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As a result of gaining lots of dojo points for following our Oasis habits We are very happy to announce that Hummingbird house has gained enough points that Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, will be a Hummingbird (Green) Colour Day. On this day, as well as their school uniform, every child in Hummingbird 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!

On Monday 22 April, we will celebrate the life and legacy of Stephen Lawrence. Stephen had his life cut short simply because of the colour of his skin. Like any other young person, he had dreams and aspirations – but his were denied. The impact of his death has been significant in this country; laws have been changed. It led to profound cultural changes in attitudes towards racism, to the law and to police practice. It also paved the way for a greater understanding of hate crime, discrimination of all forms and new equalities legislation.

We want all children at Shirley Park to feel inspired, be confident and have hope in their future. We are building hope, but there is more to do. The lessons of fairness and respect must start early



if we are to have a truly fair and civilised society, free from discrimination, where we all play our part as active citizens. We believe that these values are strongest when anchored and embedded into a school's culture and explicitly taught through the curriculum.

Stephen Lawrence Day is a day dedicated to Stephen's memory. It provides the opportunity for us all to reflect upon the part we all play in creating a society in which everyone can flourish. There are still too many young people who do not have a sense of hope, who just do not get the chance to live their dreams.

Through activities provided by next week it is our hope is that all pupils will value cultural diversity and develop the skills and confidence to challenge racism and discrimination and to embrace inclusion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tk-Tc2g5hSc>

We are pleased to let you know that on the last day of term we raised £356.49 for World Autism Week. Thank you to all of those that donated to a wonderful cause.

## Nursery News

We hope you had a restful half term. Next week, we will be reading the story of **The Runaway Pea**. The Runaway Pea is pesky pea who has decided to ping himself off the plate in search of a party! The rogue pea shoots, flings, and bounces across the kitchen as he embarks on his perilous adventure - but will he find the fun he is looking for or is the kitchen a scarier place than he thought? In Numeracy, we will continue to practice ordering numbers one to ten. We will begin to practice adding small amounts together using real life objects to solve simple real-life problems.

### Other notices:

**Show & Tell:** We are excited to announce 'Little Acorns' Show and Tell' week is finally here! The children have been allowed to bring their comfort toys / items since the beginning of this academic year. Now, it is time for them to introduce and talk about their favourite toy or item to their friends. 'Show and Tell' is a simple speaking and listening activity that we encourage all children to take part in. Children can bring in an item from home that they would like to show to the group and tell us about. This could be an interesting object, some artwork, a souvenir from a trip, an award or even a photograph. **We do ask that all items brought into school are named.** Please also ensure that any items that are precious or irreplaceable are **not** brought into school, unless this has been discussed with a member of the Nursery team.

If your child gets an invitation for 'Show and Tell' but they feel shy or do not want to do it, please ensure that you let us know so we can support you and your child if needed.

### Key dates:

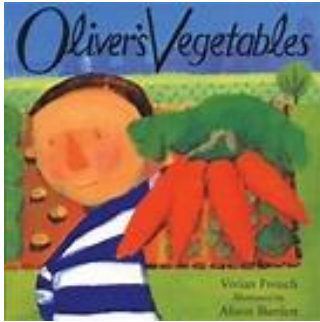
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If you need to contact the Nursery, please message us via email the address below: [spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org](mailto:spa.nursery-stf@oasisshirleypark.org)



## Reception News

It has been a lovely week back after the Easter holidays, the children have been very settled coming back. In phonics we will be the sounds 'ar', 'oa', and both the long and short 'oo' sounds.

In topic will be learning about the human body. We will be learning about the role of our hearts, skeletons and our digestive systems. In drawing club, we will using the story Mr Benn Zookeeper to spark our imaginations. In maths we will be finding the difference between numbers and portioning numbers between 6 and 10. In literacy we will be looking at the book 'Oliver's vegetables' by Vivian French.

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

**Reading Books** go home on a Friday. Please could we ask that they be returned the following Wednesday.

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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 had a lovely Easter break. The children have settled back into the routines extremely well – we are proud of them all! Next week, in English, we will be continuing to read our new book 'On Sudden Hill' and describing the feelings of the main character. In maths, we will be sorting numbers into equal groups, and in our science lesson, we will be learning about the different functions of each part of a plant. In history, we will be learning about gender equality in sport, and in geography, we will be using the words north, south, east and west to give directions.

### 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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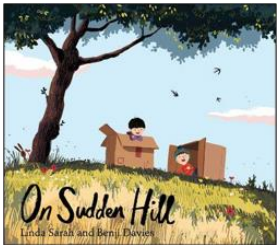
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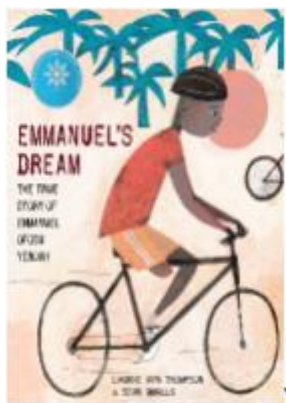
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## Year 2

We are so proud to say that our outstanding pupils have had an excellent first week back. It has been wonderful watching them proudly upholding their Oasis habits while learning and having fun. In English pupils will be writing a diary entry to explore a character's viewpoint. In maths, pupils will be to using four operations with length and height. During our history lesson pupils





will be asking questions and discovering answers to questions related to past events of the Olympics by using evidence. In science pupils will be learning about plants which grow from bulbs. During our indoors PE sessions pupils will be exploring cardiovascular endurance, and our outdoors sessions will be exploring different ways to throw an object powerfully. This will include throwing from overhead as well as using a 'spin' to launch an object a long way. In poetry pupils will reciting the poem, Billy McCool.

**Weather:** As weather conditions continue to be unpredictable, 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:**

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Apr: RSE meeting 3:30-4:00

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## Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter. The children have settled back into the school routines well this week and have been working very hard. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the history of the Paralympics.

Next week, we will be reading more of our story 'Into the Forest' and taking a closer look at the illustrations to see how they help tell us more about the characters and their emotions. In maths, we will be finding fractions of amounts before learning about equivalent fractions and in science, we will be learning about the parts and functions of a flower. In history, we will be looking at various sources of information that will tell us more about the history of the Paralympics and in MFL, we will be learning how to discuss our views on different sports in Spanish.

**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.

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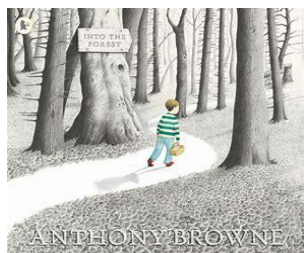
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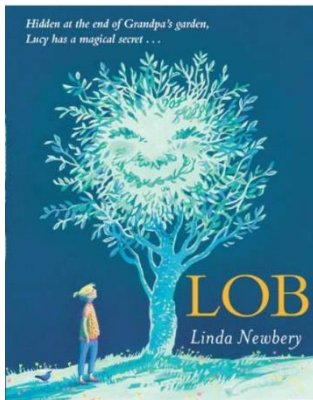
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## Year 4

We hope you have had a restful Easter Holiday. It was so nice to see the children return and enthused to do their learning. Last term, we had our animal encounters visit linked to our topic of David Attenborough. There are still some payments outstanding. If you have not done so, please can you make sure that you've paid £6.50 on MCAS. Class teachers will be in contact with any families that still have payments outstanding. 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 not be able to provide further experiences for your child.

This week in English, the children started doing their writing based on the book called 'Lob' by Linda Newberry. Next week, the children will continue learning about the story of Lob, focusing on writing character descriptions.

In Maths, the children will be learning how to multiply and divide decimal numbers.

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.

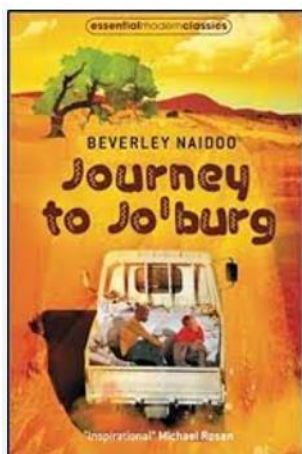
Please ensure that the children come into school with the correct kit. PE kit is: *Black shorts or joggers; Plain white t-shirt; Purple school jumper; Plain white t-shirt; trainers.*

### **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

This week we began our new book 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverly Naidoo. We will be using this book to complete our writing over the next couple of weeks. We began the week by learning about the context in which the book is set and the author grew up under a system of apartheid in Africa. The children have been quite curious on this subject and are showing great amount of respect towards its content and its serious nature. In maths, we have started our topic of shapes with a focus on angles. The children have been learning how to measure and estimate angles.

In science, Year 5 are starting their new topic of 'Animals including Humans' and they will be learning about the human life cycle this week. In RE, we are continuing to learn about Hinduism. The children will be learning in detail about the place of worship in Hinduism. In PE, Year 5's topics are fitness and cricket, and we will be starting them this week. The skills we are learning in cricket are high and low catches.

### **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)

### **REMINDERS:**

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

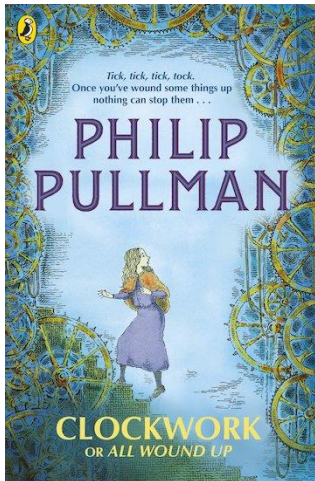
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## Year 6

We do hope you are well and enjoyed the wonderful Easter break.

The children have settled in very well this week and have immersed themselves in revision in preparation for their upcoming SATS in 4 weeks.

In addition to this, we have started our new text in Literacy - Clockwork by Phillip Pullman and will write a narrative based on this. In Maths, we have been studying geometry, identifying the features of various polygons, and applying simple formulas to solve reasoning problems. In Science, our new topic is Practical skills. We will learn how scientists solve investigations and apply this knowledge to solve our own investigation. In art, we shall be creating sculptures inspired by the Spanish architect Gaudi. If you have any clean recycling at home, please could you send this for us to use to create our sculptures.

We would just like to add that a letter shall be sent home shortly for permission to attend the SATS breakfast club from 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May. This is a great opportunity to settle the children in before their tests even if they do not want the breakfast. Please complete and send this letter back to school so that we can make adequate preparation.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

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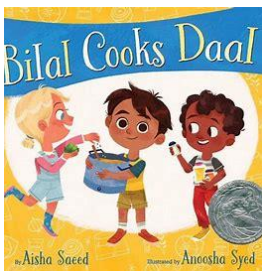
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**May 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> SATS Week**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential Kingswood**

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## The Orchard

Next week's book is **Bilal Cooks Daal**, by Aisha Saeed, the story of a 6-year-old, Bilal, that introduces his friends to his favourite dish, daal! It is an inviting picture book that displays the values of patience, teamwork, community, and sharing. In maths, we will be introducing the concept of **fractions**. In science, The Orchard will continue to explore the topic **Plants**. This term's P.E. focus is **Fitness and Athletics**.

**PE lessons:**

Willow – Monday

Sycamore - Wednesday

Olive – Friday

**Swimming at South Norwood Pool:**

Olive and Sycamore – 24.04.2024

**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.

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

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