

NEWSLETTER 24th May 2024

Habit: Self-Control
 Curriculum Theme: Inclusive World

A Message from our Principal: Ms Evry



Dear families,

As we approach the much-needed half-term break, I hope you all find time to rest and recharge. This well-deserved pause is crucial as we prepare for the final stretch of the academic year. I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of the academic year. Next half term is always a busy one and we prepare for our next year but also take the time to reflect on this year and all the progress and achievements that have been made.

Please do all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June.

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.

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| Kookaburra House (Yellow) | Beech, Elm, Pear, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Hazel, Chestnut |
| Skylark House (Blue) | Cypress, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Oak, Pine, Damson, Ash, Alder |
| Firecrest House (Red) | Rowan, Apple, Birch, Olive, Sycamore, Willow, Acer, Apricot, Cedar, Maple |
| Hummingbird House (Green) | 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. We find that this is a quicker and more efficient way to get through to us especially during our busy periods.

Reminder Breakfast Club Fees:

We write to remind you that due to the price increase of breakfast items; we will be increasing our Breakfast club fee from £4 to £5 from 1st 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.



Great News

A student of ours has been working hard at Cheer Leading for three years and she has been selected to be on the travel team at her club, with the opportunity to compete in Barcelona this June. It is with immense pride and honour that she will get represent her team and hometown. It would be a dream come true and create lifelong memories. Your generous contribution, regardless of size would be deeply appreciated. Your help will help with the cost of travel, accommodation, competition fees, and training. Please help her get to Barcelona and compete with her cheer team at Future Cheer Competition in June 2024.

<https://gofund.me/e736c932>

Tourette's Awareness Month 2024

It's Tourette's Syndrome Awareness month!

Tourette's Syndrome Awareness month runs from 15th May to 15th June each year.

National Tourette's Day is 7th June.

Tourette Syndrome is often misunderstood and stigmatised; Tourette's Awareness Month is an opportunity to highlight the challenges that those living with TS may experience. While Tourette Syndrome (TS) is characterised by involuntary movements and vocalisations known as tics, its impact extends far beyond these. Awareness month serves to educate the public about the complexities of living with TS. It is estimated that there are 300,000 individuals in the UK living with tic disorders, however, there remains disparity in access to diagnosis, treatment, and support. Individuals with TS often face misconceptions, discrimination, and social challenges due to the visible nature of their tics. These misunderstandings can lead to feelings of isolation, low self-esteem, and limited opportunities.

By raising awareness, we can foster a more inclusive and empathic society. It's an opportunity to promote acceptance, understanding, and support for those living with TS and their families. Through education and advocacy, we can work towards creating a society where individuals with TS are valued for their abilities and contributions, rather than judged for their differences. Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month is not just about spreading knowledge; it's about building a more compassionate and inclusive community for everyone.

For further information, click on the following links:

[Tourettes Action \(tourettes-action.org.uk\)](https://tourettes-action.org.uk)

[Tourette's Awareness Month 2024 - ADHD Foundation : ADHD Foundation](#)



Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm

Weekends: 10am-3pm

Email the team

on info@prisonersfamilies.org

Or fill in a contact form and request a call back at 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.



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

This week's winners are Michaela - Sycamore Class, Ayesha - Pear Class, Poyraz - Apricot Class, David - Holly Class, Logan - Pine Class, Elisa - Rowan Class, Olivia - Lilac Class and Charles - 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.

Own Clothes Day



Friday 7th June will be an own clothes day. On this day we are asking for donations of £1 per child for those who choose to participate. We will be collecting donations on the gate before and after school. All money raised will be used to purchase replacement playground equipment in our school for the children to enjoy during breaktime and lunchtime. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

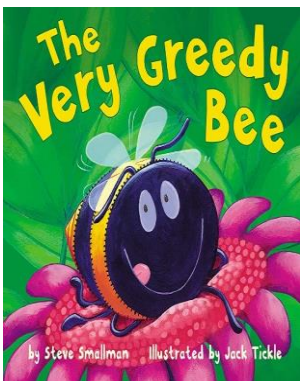


We are sad to advise you that Billy our iRock bandleader leaves us this week.

We thank him for all the hard work and amazing experiences he has given our children during his time with us.

We wish him well with his new ventures. iRock will continue with a new bandleader after half term.

Nursery News



This term, the children have enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of minibeasts. As we move into the new term, we will continue to discuss the importance of our Oasis habits such as self-control, perseverance, and being considerate. Our leading question next term will be *'I've learnt about how I can look after myself, how can I look after the environment.'*

Our story of the week will be **The Very Greedy Beeb** by Steve Smallman and Jack Tickle. In this tale, the very greedy bee refuses to share his nectar, spending his days guzzling pollen. We are all very excited to see where this journey will take us! In maths, we will practice counting items in two groups to find the total, using terms like "altogether" and "total." The children will also search for missing numbers in the classroom and participate in many other exciting numeracy challenges that we have planned.

'Sound of the Week' is 'y': yawn, yellow, yolk, yogurt

Other notices:

Ashburton Library Visit

Ashburton Library Visit Thursday, June 6th: We invite those interested in volunteering to please reach out to us via ClassDojo, email, or by informing one of the Nursery staff members by Friday, May 17th. For parents whose children are in the all-day and wish to volunteer, please kindly confirm your child's time with their class teacher. Thank you for your support.

If you are volunteering on the day, please remember to check your ClassDojo messages to confirm your child's timetable of the day.

Ashburton Library Visit timetable:

Morning: 10.00am / 11.00am

Afternoon: 13.45pm / 14.45 pm Key dates:

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Mon 3rd June: School reopens at the normal time

Fri 7th June: Own Clothes Day

Fri 21st June: INSET Day school closed to students

Fri 19th July: Last day of term (normal finish time)

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

Reception News

I can't believe we have already come to the half term break and will be entering our last half term with our lovely classes! After the break in phonics, we will be continuing to recap our digraph sounds and look at the phase 4 tricky words.

Our school will be celebrating aspirations week on our return. We will be thinking about what jobs we might like to do when we are older. Our first topic after half term will be oral health. We will be learning about what dentists do and how to keep our teeth and mouths healthy. In drawing club, we will be using the traditional tale of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We will be thinking about the witch, what pets she might have and what her sweet house might look like. In maths we will be looking at time. We will be looking at things we do throughout the day, the days of the week and months of the year and introducing analogue and digital clocks. In literacy we will be exploring the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts to introduce our theme of 'Our Planet'.

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.

Key Dates:

Mon 3rd June: School reopens at the normal time

Fri 14th June: Apple Class Assembly (9am)

Fri 21st June: INSET Day school closed to students

Fri 28th June: Cherry Class Assembly (9am)

Fri 5th July: Pear Class Assembly (9am)

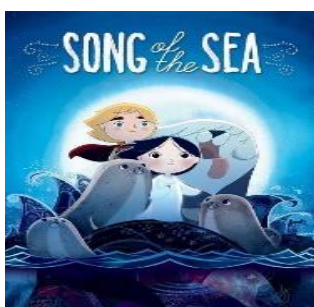
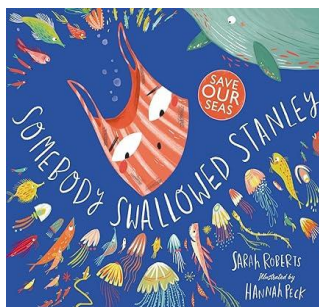
Fri 19th July: Last day of term (normal finish time)

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

Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1

It's been a brilliant final week of half term. The children really enjoyed their trips to the library and were incredibly well behaved. They made us so proud! Thank you so much to all the parents who helped on the day. We couldn't have done it without you. After half term, in English, we will be watching a story called 'Song of the Sea' and writing sentences to describe the magical journey the main character goes on. In maths, we will be working with numbers from 50-100 and learning how to count forwards, backwards and group them into tens and ones. The first week back is Career's Week, so the children will be discussing the different jobs they could do and discuss why somebody may pick a particular career based on their interests and strengths.



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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Fri 7th June: Own Clothes Day

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Year 2

The year 2 team have had a fantastic term watching the children's faces light up as we celebrate their outstanding achievements together. We are extremely proud of them all. During our first week back, in English pupils will be introduced to a new book called *The Tear Thief* by Carol Ann Duffy. Pupils will be exploring an author and relating to themselves as writers. In maths, pupils will be developing their time skills. During our first week back, we will be celebrating 'Careers Week' and pupils will have the opportunity to explore different career paths. In science, pupils will be discovering if something is living, dead or never lived. During our indoors PE sessions pupils will explore how to move and respond to music, and in our outdoors sessions pupils will be exploring rolling and throwing a ball with accuracy. In poetry pupils will be reciting the poem, The Seagulls.

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:

Mon 3rd June: School reopens at the normal time

Tue 11th June: Athlete Visit (whole school)

Fri 21st June: INSET Day school closed to students

Fri 19th July: Last day of term (normal finish time)



Year 3

The children have had a brilliant term in Year 3! They have particularly enjoyed DT and science sessions where they have made a model of a tree using wire and clay and plant some sunflower seeds and have been watching them grow. We were very impressed with their work! After half term, in our writing sessions we will be introducing the children to a short film, 'The Blue Umbrella' which will be used as a stimulus for our story writing this half term. In maths, we will be starting our new topic on shape and measure and in history, we will be beginning our new topic on the Tudors where we will learn about the Battle of Bosworth.

The first week back is also Careers Week at the school so we will be spending time thinking about the jobs we would like in the future and how the core subjects will help us achieve this one day. We are also looking to have visitors into the school to talk to the children about their jobs.

We are beginning our weekly visits to the Middle School from the second week back. On these days, you should drop off and pick up your children from the Middle School. Please see the letter that has been handed out earlier in this term for more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Year 3-4 Transitions Day at Middle School

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| Monday | Hawthorn |
| Wednesday | Pine |
| Thursday | Chestnut |
| Friday | Birch |

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. **Please ensure your children only have *water* in their bottles. No juices or flavoured water is allowed.** Thank you in advance.

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Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Thank you for your continued support this half-term. The children deserve a rest next week. Whilst it is important to rest, please can you ask the children to please practice their times tables in preparation for their Year 4 Multiplication test on the week commencing Monday 3rd June 2024. The children have all worked hard in preparing for their test and we hope they get the best results to reflect this.

Thank you to all the families that have paid for the workshop this week, if you have not done so-please ensure you have otherwise this will affect future enrichment activities for the year group. Payments should be made via MCAS, if you need support accessing this-please contact the main office.

After half-term, the children will be reading the story called Flood by Alvaro F. Villa , focusing on how to write a formal letter. This week, we will focus on identifying the features of a formal letter
In Maths, the children will be moving onto shape, focusing on how to find angles.

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.

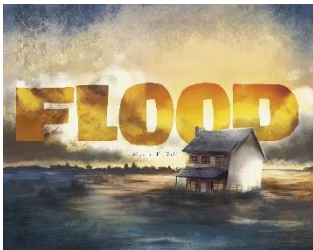
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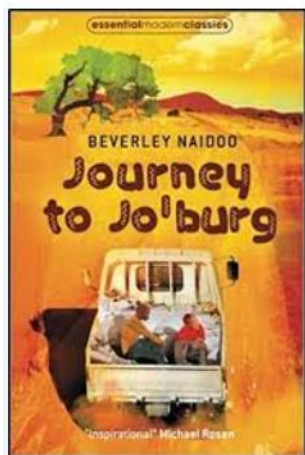
Fri 7th June: Own Clothes Day

Fri 7th June: Year 4 Ukulele Workshop

Fri 21st June: INSET Day school closed to students



Wed 3rd July: Class Assembly: Hazel Class at 2.15pm
Thu 4th July: Class Assembly: Rowan Class at 2.30pm
Thu 11th July: Class Assembly: Laurel Class at 2.15pm
Fri 12th July: Class Assembly: Cypress class at 2.15pm
Fri 19th July: Last day of term (normal finish time)



Year 5

This week we completed our work on journey to Joburg. We have been looking at the feature of a letter. We wrote a letter from the perspective of the children the story before writing our own letters about a trip we have been on ourselves. In Maths, we have continued our work on decimals looking at adding and subtracting whilst crossing zero. Please ensure your children are practice their place value and timetables over the half term break. Linking with our science this week we looked at RSE and have discussed the changes our bodies will go through during puberty including inter and external changes as well as monthly cycles. In RE, we are continuing to learn about Hinduism. We have been discussing the festival of Vaisakh and how it is celebrated. In PE, Year 5's topics are fitness and cricket, we have been practicing protecting the wicket as a part of our skills progression. In History and Geography, the children are continuing to learn about the Suffragettes around the World. We will be learning some anthems and march songs as well as continuing to make our protest boards and bonnets.

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

What a week it has been! The year 6 children on the residential trip have been having an amazing time. Especially enjoying a disco, lots of active challenges and even some free time to hang out in their dorms. The year children at school have also been enjoying themselves with lots of fun activities; art, Pokémon challenges and even being challenged to keep an egg safe for a whole day! This week has been a great end to a half term of hard work and dedication. We could not be prouder of the year 6s and finally their hard work is paying off. We hope you have a lovely half term and enjoy a restful break.

PE Days

Redwood & Beech - Tuesday, Thursday

Acer & Oak - Monday, Wednesday

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

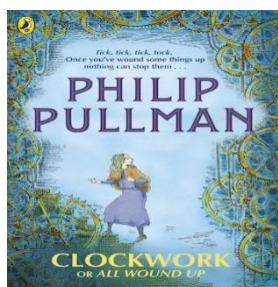
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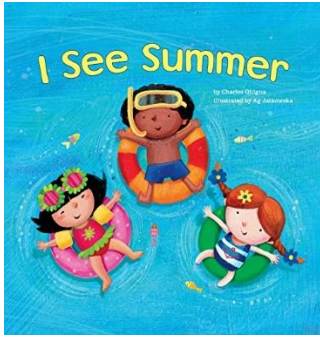
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The Orchard

During the first week back, after the half term, we will work on the book: **I see Summer** by Charles Ghigna. Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text show what makes summer special, from sunshine and sailboats to ice cream and picnics. During the last term, in **maths**, we will revise fractions, time and measurement. In **Science** we will be focusing on living things and habitats.

PE lessons:

Willow – Monday
Sycamore - Wednesday
Olive – Friday

Swimming at South Norwood Pool:

Willow and Sycamore – 05.06.2024

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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