

# WEEKLY NEWS ISSUE 16

## 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016



### Good Morning

This week we will be saying Good Morning in Dutch. We say 'Goedemorgen'.



### Attendance

Class attendance figures for this week:

Robin – 94.1%	Wren – 84.3%
Sparrow – 92.2%	Starling – 94.9%
Chaffinch – 91.7%	Goldfinch – 90.6%
Kingfisher – 98.7%	Woodpecker – 93.8%
Magpie – 93.8%	Owl – 99.1%
Heron – 97.3%	Raven – 89.4%
Eagle – 93.7%	Hawk – 92.2%



Well done to Starling who won the Attendance Penguin and Owl who both won the Attendance Cup.



### Attendance Update

Please remember that the DfE have issued new information about who they deem as Persistent Absentees, which result in fines and/or an Attendance Order. The threshold was formerly 85% attendance, it is now 90%. We will be writing to parents where attendance over the term may have been low and alerting you and offering support if required. Remember holidays cannot be taken in term-time.



### Christmas Charity

Christmas was indeed a time for giving at Oasis Academy Ryelands! A huge thank you to the parents, carers, staff and children who raised: £269.26 for Macmillan Cancer Support, Make-A-Wish UK and Save the Children (Text Santa) by wearing Christmas jumpers. £198.09 for St. Luke's Church and Oasis Zimbabwe from collections after the Christmas concerts.



### Gavin Barwell's Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Roxana in Kingfisher Class who was runner up in Gavin Barwell's Christmas Card Competition this Christmas. Her lovely picture of a winter landscape was featured on the back of his Christmas cards. We have also given Roxana a £5 Boots Gift Voucher as this was a fantastic achievement. Well done Roxana!



### Golden Ticket Winners

Our Golden Ticket Winners last week were:

Michelle - Sparrow	Leah - Woodpecker
Kimmy - Eagle	Brandon - Owl
Ana-Michelle - Magpie	Christopher - Chaffinch
Kaydee - Sparrow	Malachi - Raven
Robbie - Heron	Jemima - Wren



### Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week last week were:

Robin – Rio	Wren – Sharnayha
Starling – Jorge	Sparrow – Michelle
Goldfinch – Dior	Chaffinch – Carlos
Woodpecker – Abigail	Kingfisher – Samann
Magpie – Rico	Owl – Alvin
Heron – Teddy	Raven – Alper
Eagle – Tyrese	Hawk – Paige



### English Open Morning - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Staff would like to invite parents/carers into school to see how English is taught throughout the school. The morning will begin with a 30 minute presentation which will be presented by Mrs Francis, our English Leader at 9am. Mrs Francis will talk through how you can support your child and this will also be an opportunity for questions. Parents/carers will then be welcomed into classes to see spelling, reading and writing activities between 9.30 and 10.15am.



### PE Kits

All children are required to have a **named PE kit** in school at all times.



### Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please check with the school office if you are in receipt of Child Tax Credits, Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance. If you receive Working Tax Credits and your household annual income is less than £16,000 per year, you are still entitled. Our school receives extra money for free school meals.



### Reminder: Year 3-6 pupils who are not entitled to Free School Meals

Please ensure your child's account is in credit before your child requests a school dinner. When your account remains in deficit, the school still has to pay the caterers invoices. This has an impact on the school resources, therefore affecting the education of all the school's pupils. If your account is in arrears, please clear without delay. Should you have any queries, kindly refer to the school's debt policy, available from the Office. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Head Lice

Please check your child's hair from time to time to ensure that there are no head lice present. Please be aware that it has nothing to do with personal hygiene or having dirty hair etc. For further information on either see your pharmacist or visit [www.onceaweektakeapeek.com](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com).

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### Admissions to Primary School 2016/17

If your child was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, you must apply by 15th January 2016 for a Primary place. Complete and submit your application online at [www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions).



### Class Assemblies on Thursdays at 9am

Please come and join our assembly when it is your child's turn to celebrate what they have been doing in class. Please could you enter the school via the school office and there will be seating at the back of the main hall.

21 <sup>st</sup> January	Sparrow
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Robin
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Wren
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Hawk
3 <sup>th</sup> March	Raven
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Maggie
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Chaffinch



### Yesterday was the Official Launch Day for Sport Relief 2016

Get ready to walk, run, swim or cycle yourself proud, because the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Games are back, from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th March 2016.

The website is now live for **'The Croydon Mile' on March 20th 2016 at The Croydon Sports Arena**

**WE HAVE ALREADY HAD LOADS OF PEOPLE REGISTERING WHICH IS GREAT!!!!!!**

Please feel free to glance over our bespoke Mile page. You can do that by following this link:

<http://www.sportrelief.com/> and inputting the venues postcode **SE25 4QL** to search for our event.

Discounts! There have already been a great response to the Games with people taking advantage of great discount offers and signing up in their 1000s. Participants can get a whopping 50% off entry until end-December, then going down to 25% off entry until mid-January. Please feel free to use that to encourage early sign ups! Furthermore Fitbit are offering a healthy 20% off their Activity Trackers to those who sign up before December 1st.

Looking to make next year's event the best we have had... so far we have raised over **£15,000** from the previous events in 2012 & 2014.

Please spread the word to family, friends and colleagues. There will be regular updates right up until the day.



### Winter

Just a reminder that it is important to remember to send your child with a coat, gloves and a hat during these cold days. The wind blows across the open playground and although the children do run about it is essential that they are wrapped up warm.



### School Census Day

Thursday, 21st January 2016 is School Census Day. Different aspects of Census Day contribute toward the funding which the school receives. One of those calculations is the number of children having school dinner on the 21st January! Can we please encourage everyone to opt for a school dinner on that Thursday? Thank you for your support.

As an added incentive we will be running a "Lucky Tray" competition with winners being selected from a raffle ticket placed under two of the meal trays.

We will also be inviting the children to bring their favourite cuddly toy to school and bring them to lunch to celebrate National Hug Day.



### Luke Temple Author Visit

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Author Luke Temple will be visiting the school.

**KS2 Presentation:** Luke takes Years 3-6 on a journey to discover how stories are created. With plenty of action-packed drama, audience participation, video sequences and laugh-out loud fun, this is guaranteed to get children fired up about reading and writing.

**KS1 Presentation:** A presentation for Years 1 and 2, based on Luke's book, *Albert and the Blubber Monster*. This fully interactive presentation is perfect for getting children excited about stories.

Luke Temple will be returning on 29<sup>th</sup> January for a book signing. KS2 books will be available to purchase at £5.99 (usually £6.99). KS1 books will be available to purchase at £4.99 per copy (usually £5.99).

You can view his website by following this link: <http://www.luketemple.co.uk>.

**Thank you for all the ways that you continue to support the school. We look forward to another happy and successful term!**

## Key Dates – Spring Term

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan – Young Ambassadors – visiting Y6

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – No Swimming

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Luke Temple (author) visiting school  
– Y6 Theatre Trip: Goodnight Mister Tom

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Reception Height and Weight checks

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Y3 trip to The British Museum

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Valentine Concert Hub Event

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Quiz Night

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – English Open Morning 9-10.30am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Shakespeare Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - 'Our' World Book Day

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Spelling Bee competition

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - 1:30pm finish

# January's School Value: Patience

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