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School starts at 8:55am
 (Nursery 8.45am and 12.15pm),
 gates will be shut promptly.
 Please ensure children are in
 class in plenty of time. Please
 pick your child up promptly at
 the end of the day at 3.10pm
 (KS1) or 3:15pm (KS2)

Children **should not** be on the
 school grounds before 8:30am
 under any circumstances.
 The school does not take re-
 sponsibility for children who
 are on the school grounds be-
 fore 8:30am.

*Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary
 and Nursery School has a commit-
 ment to safeguarding and promoting
 the welfare of children.*



*Whole School Mass
 Friday 25th May 2018*

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School
'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been celebrating Catholic schools week. On Thursday we celebrated the KS1 opening Mass with Father Joseph. The children enjoyed the first celebration of Mass with Father Joseph, and sang beautifully. Thank you to all parents who attended.

Today I was privileged to attend St Mary's Catholic Church to celebrate a special Mass led by Bishop Peter. It was a wonderful occasion where all of the schools in the Diocese of Northamptonshire came together as a family of Catholic Schools. Thank you to the Faith Ambassadors who represented our school, they were amazing.

I would like to invite all children to attend the 9:45am Mass on **Sunday 13th October** at Our Lady of Peace Church in their full school uniform to celebrate the importance of Catholic schools. It would be fantastic if as many parents/children can join us. The school choir are invited to join the Bethlehem Choir on the day.

Year 3MP St Clare and Year 2SS St Mary-Magdalene celebrated their class assemblies today. They have been practising very hard, I am sure their parents were very proud. Look out for more information in next week's newsletter.

God bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe

6TH St Cuthbert Assembly—Friday 4th October

Last Friday, Mr Head's class had their assembly. The pupils shared with their parents everything they had learned this term. In RE, they have been learning about God's unconditional love for us all and how we can show forgiveness to others when they do wrong. In History, they have been learning about the Battle of Britain and how it was a turning point during World War Two. The assembly also covered the pupils' work from their Science, English and Art lessons. All pupils spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, showing great maturity. Well done to all in 6TH!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020



If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2020 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion programme.

The first enrolment date will be on **Tuesday, 8th October** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm, the second enrolment date will be **Tuesday, 15th October** between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. They will both be held in the Sacristy at **Our Lady of Peace Church**. The First Holy Communion classes will begin in **February 2020** and will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday mornings.

Parents will need to complete an enrolment form which will be available at the enrolment meeting. The maximum amount of children we can take is 88. If we reach that number by Sunday, 10th November which will be the deadline date for any enrolments, then any latecomers will have to wait until 2021. If your child was Baptised in another Parish, you will need to bring with you a copy of the child's Baptism certificate: if you cannot find it, you will need to contact the Parish where your child was Baptised and obtain it before the enrolment meeting. **This information can also be found on our website, under parent information, First Holy Communion 2020.**

Solemnity of All Saints

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on **Friday 8th November** and ask that your children come into school dressed as Saints. We would be grateful for a £1 donation which will go towards replacing the RE artefacts in the classrooms. Thank you.



Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Teaching Assistant, Lunchtime Controllers and an Out of School Manager. Please see attached adverts for more information.

Defibrillator

We are very pleased to announce that our defibrillator has arrived and has been installed in the main reception. The purchase of the defibrillator was made possible from contributions supporting a non-uniform day, bags to school and a doughnut sale. We would like to thank pupils, parents and staff for their generosity.



Swimming Crash Courses

Please see attached to this newsletter information from The Centre and Langley Leisure Centre on their swimming crash courses. Thank you.



Mental Health First Aider

We are pleased to inform you that there will be an opportunity for you to talk to a MHFA (Mental Health First Aider) about any concerns you may have about your child regarding mental health. Mrs Sidhu has attended the MHFA training and is able to meet parents to discuss any concerns and provide advice. The sessions will be held after half term on a fortnightly basis on a Friday from 2-45-3.30pm. If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please feel free to make an appointment with the school office.

Positive of the Week

Parishioners and parents commented on how beautifully the children sang at their opening Mass on Thursday. Well done KS1.

We welcome your positive comments.....Thank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Advert—Teaching Assistant**
- ⇒ **Advert—Lunchtime Controllers**
- ⇒ **Advert—Out of School Manager**
- ⇒ **The Centre Swimming Crash Course Leaflet**
- ⇒ **Langley Leisure Centre Swimming Crash Course Leaflet**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me”.

Psalms 51:10

KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Nicole C	For growing in confidence in the classroom, for always working hard and trying to improve in every lesson.
3JOK St Peter	Szymon Z	For applying himself in lessons and trying to be a good role model.
3CK St John Bosco	Aapti V	For listening carefully, working very hard and always ready to answer questions.
4RS St Columba	Oliwia C	For working hard in Maths and trying her best to calculate the answers independently.
4RL St Blaise	Tegan M	For always giving 100% in all lessons and making good contributions to class discussions.
4OS St Paul	Abigail S	For consistently being a good friend and role model to the class.
5JR St Maximilian	Alanna C	For working extremely hard in Maths this week.
5KD St Ethelbert	Chloe M	For all the effort you put into your Maths corrections.
5SS St Dunstan	Wiktor S	For working really hard in Maths this week and solving some very tricky problems.
6RG St Joseph	Elijah A	For all your hard work and effort, always participating in lessons which clearly demonstrates your greater depth and understanding.
6SP St Brigid	Shahmeen A	For producing an excellent piece of written work this week, always being on task and trying her best to improve and succeed.
6TH St Cuthbert	Gabriela W	For working extremely hard this week and showing great enthusiasm and commitment in every lesson.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

1KB St Francis	Jennina R	For being a wonderful role model to others.
1EH St Bernadette	Jeremiah K	For his great enthusiasm in all areas of learning.
1MB St Jude	Alicia F	For her enthusiasm towards learning and being a great role model for her peers.
2HL St Christopher	Skyla A	For all her hard work in maths this week. Keep up the good work!
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Alexej B	For being an excellent role model to children in his class, and always producing great work he can be proud of.
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	The Whole Class	For their thoughtful writing and performing an excellent class assembly.

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD	Saturday – 5:30pm Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm
Our Lady of Peace The Presbytery	Lower Britwell Road, Slough, SL2 2NL	Saturday – 6pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday – 9:45am
St Andrew's Shared Church	Washington Drive, Slough, SL1 5RE	Sunday – 11.30am
St Anthony's RC Church	Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AE	Saturday – 6pm Sunday – 10:30am
St Ethelbert's Catholic Church	Wellington Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XU	Saturday – 9.30am Sunday – 9am, 11am and 6:30pm

Useful Dates for Your Diary—2019



13/10/19	Catholic Schools Week—Mass at OLOP Church—9:45am Children to wear their School Uniform.
17/10/19	KS2 Opening Mass at 10:45am—All parents welcome
23/10/19	School Nurses Flu Vaccination—Reception to Year 6
24/10/19	End of Term
25/10/19	INSET DAY
28/10/19	St Jude Feast Day
28/10/19	Half Term
04/11/19	Start of New Term
04/11/19 to 07/11/19	Year 6 Bikeability
04/11/19	Pupil Individual Photographs
08/11/19	All Saints Day—Children to come into school dressed up as Saints— We would be grateful for a £1 donation which will go towards replacing the Crucifix in some classrooms. Thank you.

Attendance of the Week—(7th October—11th October 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	95.1%
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	95.3%



Well Done Year 2!
Yearly Whole School—95.9%

KS1 Class of the Week is
2SS
98.3%

KS2 Class of the Week is
6TH
99.1%

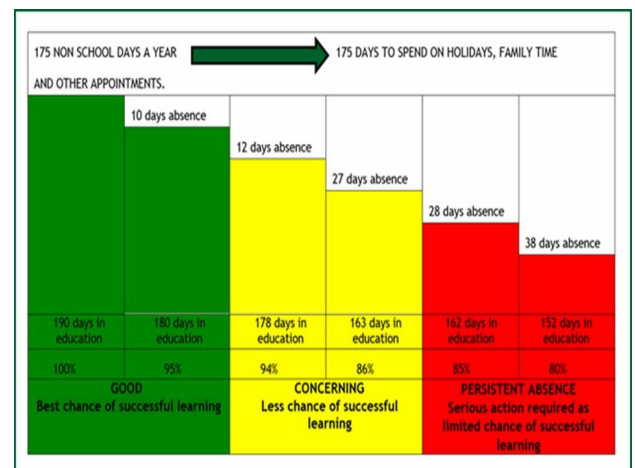
If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.

Holiday during Term Time

May we remind you that **NO** holiday will be authorised at any time during term time and 5 days of absence or more will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

Any absences attached to a School holiday will need to be backed up with medical evidence, i.e. either an appointment card from the Doctor's surgery to say your child has been seen and please make sure this is dated for the day of absence or proof provided of any prescribed medication. This can be brought to the School Office on your child's return. Without this, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised and again, if your child is away for 5 days or more (including either side of a School holiday), this could incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days



The whole school attendance should be 95% or higher on a regular week. All children should aim for an attendance of 98-100% though as a school we do recognise that children may become unwell so will be absent from school.