



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

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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 8:3am.

*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 24th May 2019



**Headteacher’s Message**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Preparations are in full flow for our Christmas celebrations in school next week. Key Stage 2 had their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and Thursday and all the children enjoyed their dinners which was evident from the empty plates!

Have a great weekend. God bless you all.

**Mrs JR O’Keeffe**

**Christmas Lunch**

On Wednesday and Thursday 5th December KS2 had their Christmas dinner. The excitement in the room at these times was infectious with laughter and good spirits, enjoyed by all.

The food was wonderful, thank you to our hardworking catering staff. Members of staff joined in to serve the children and they also enjoyed these festive occasions. KS1 will have their Christmas dinner on Thursday 12th December!



**Year 3 and 4 Christmas Dinner**



**Year 5 and 6 Christmas Dinner**



## Christmas Fair

As Father Christmas climbed into his sleigh and headed back to the North Pole, and the snowflakes settled in the Snow Globe, the OLOP Elves breathed a sigh of relief... the fair was over for another year! All the months of planning, arranging and organising came together successfully due to the dedication of the Friends Of OLOP , teachers, staff, and volunteers. Many thanks to everyone who came along on the day.



*The amount raised was an amazing £1,611.25!*



The winner of the Governors' raffle was Vicky Wapling. Congratulations!



## Year 4 Science Workshop

On Tuesday, the year 4 children attended a science workshop based on 'states of matter'. The children learnt about the particles in solids, liquids and gases and saw some experiments which helped them to understand this. They watched dry ice and liquid nitrogen change states, and even got to hold balloons that had been frozen which they could feel turning back into its original form. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very excited to share their learning with others.



## Photos at School Events

Throughout the year, there are a number of special occasions when we invite you into school to share special moments with the children. On these occasions you are welcome to take photographs for the family album. However, I would like to stress that the photos or videos you take are purely for personal use and should not be shared on social media or any website without the direct authorisation from the parents of the children in the photograph. Thank you for your understanding.

## Talk for Writing

We have been really looking forward to sharing some of our children's amazing writing with you. As you are aware we are using 'Talk for Writing' approach in English and this had a huge impact on the children's engagement and the quality of their writing.

Year 6 have been learning to write mystery stories over the past three weeks and they have produced some excellent stories full of suspense, intrigue and mystery! Please find attached a story from Asha in 6RG.

## Use of Social Media by Pupils

Please find attached a letter from Mr Head with regards to the use of Social Media.

### Late Photography Orders

Please find attached a flyer from Frasier Portraits.

If you have missed the deadline for the return of photos, you are still able to place an order with Frasier Portraits, and have the photos back in time for Christmas!

### Chess

The weekly chess club is run by Mr Brown and he would like to suggest that if your child is interested in Chess there is a fantastic free website [www.sparkchess.com](http://www.sparkchess.com) which helps the children's learning and enjoyment.

### REMINDER—Afterschool club

There are available spaces at Breakfast club on Mondays, Tuesday and Fridays as well as spaces in the Afterschool Club on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please contact Mrs Brown by email [asc@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:asc@olopprimary.co.uk) if you are interested.

All information regarding times and costs of the Afterschool and Breakfast Club are available on the school website.

### Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for an Out of School Manager.

### School Trips/Visits

Please see the website for planned offsite school visit and school visits. For 2019/20. The link is as follows:

[http://www.olopprimary.co.uk/parent info/trips offsite activities/](http://www.olopprimary.co.uk/parent%20info/trips%20offsite%20activities/)

### Change of Menu—Wednesday only

Due to KS1 having Christmas Lunch next Thursday 12th December there will be a change to the menu on Wednesday 11th December, the option on this day will be pasta bolognese or jacket potato with beans or cheese or tuna .

Also just to remind you that all KS2 children will have to bring a packed lunch into school on Thursday 12th December unless you qualify for Free School meals.

### Reminder: PGL

Just a gentle reminder that the Year 6 PGL trip instalment for November is now due.

### Positive of the Week

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

### Please find attached the following communications and information

⇒Church Bulletin

⇒Frasier Portraits Flyer

⇒The Mystery of the Museum (Asha 6RG)

⇒Use of Social Media by Pupils

“In the Lord, I put my trust.”

**Psalm: 11:1**

## Mental Health First Aid

Over the past 20 years the importance of improving the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people has been a strong theme of successive government policy.

Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the help given to a young person experiencing a mental health issue before professional help is obtained. The aims of the Youth MHFA are to:

- Preserve life where a young person may be a danger to themselves or others
- Provide help to prevent the emotional or mental health issue developing into a more serious state
- Promote the recovery of good mental health
- Provide comfort to a young person experiencing a mental health issue
- Raise awareness of mental health issues in the community
- Reduce stigma and discrimination

Youth MHFA does not teach people to be therapists. However, it does teach people to:

- Recognise the symptoms of mental health issues
- Provide initial health support
- Enable a young person to access appropriate professional help

Mrs Sidhu is the School's Registered Mental Health First Aider, however, if you would like any further information relating to mental health or are concerned about a young person with mental health issues, please contact Mrs Hadaway, via the School Office, in the first instance.



## Festive Sports Camp

We wanted to get in touch and let you know that Our Sports Camp will be returning during the Festive break. However due the school being closed over this period we have found a different venue to host it this time. Great news though we will be back at OLOP in Feb 2020!

Venue for the Christmas Sport Camp only:

Dorney School

Harcourt Close,

Dorney Reach,

Maidenhead SL6 0DY

As always we will be running a variety of sports and activities including: *Football, Dance, Gymnastics, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby, Basketball and more*

Camp will run on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December and the price will be £17 per day for 10am to 4pm and we also have a 9am drop off and 5pm pick up available for just £3 per extra hour. The camp is open to children from 4.5 years to 12 years of age.

To book a place on our Christmas Camp please email [gareth@getsportsinspired.org.uk](mailto:gareth@getsportsinspired.org.uk) with the following details: *Child's Name, Child's Age, Emergency Contact Name, Relationship to child, Emergency Contact Number and a note of any medical conditions*

It may be worth noting that we also run community-based sessions during the evenings and weekends including: Indoor Football (4 to 16 year olds) in Langley on a Thursday, Friday's Outdoor Football (5years to 12 years) Burnham Grammar, Cricket (7 years to 16 years) Saturday morning's in Wexham and also Sports Parties



**Get sports**

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**[getsportsinspired.org.uk](http://getsportsinspired.org.uk)**

# KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Riley	Riley is such a hard-working, ambitious and kind student who embodies all of the golden rules in the classroom. He is a joy to teach and had a brilliant first term in year three.
3JOK St Peter	Zain	For working very hard on his handwriting and for focussing well in all lessons.
3CK St John Bosco	Swetha	Swetha is a delightful hardworking, friendly member of 3 Saint Bosco class. She listened carefully, works very hard and is always ready to answer questions. Sweetha makes a great effort to apply her knowledge accurately. She is an excellent role model for her peers and is very patient when assisting them. Swetha is a pleasure to teach!
4RS St Columba	Freddie	For always trying his best in all that he does. Freddie has been working very hard to learn his lines for the Christmas play.
4RL St Blaise	Marta	Marta has been working very hard and has now acquired a pen licence. Keep up the good work!
4OS St Paul	Chloe	For being a very sensible role model for the class and listening attentively during our science workshop. Well done Chloe!
5JR St Maximilian	Hanna	For contributing and listening well in our group writing sessions. Well done!
5KD St Ethelbert	Martyna	For writing some fantastic character and setting descriptions in our English lessons and being an all round pleasure too teach.
5SS St Dunstan	Immanuel	For always behaving well and for great work in English this week. Well done!
6RG St Joseph	Urim	Well done Urim for your consistent hard work and effort. You always participate in lessons which clearly demonstrates your greater depth understanding. I am particularly proud of the outstanding progress you are making in Maths. Keep up the great work. I am so very proud of you.
6SP St Brigid	Mishon	For listening to suggestions and working on these to improve in all aspects of school life.
6TH St Cuthbert	Julia	Julia shows great kindness and politeness to both pupils and staff. She has a superb work ethic and always produces work that she can be proud of. Well done, Julia!

***Well done to you all!***

# KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Jayden	In recognition of making good choices this week. I am very proud of you Jayden!
RHA St Francis	Niamh	For being a great role model, always being polite and hard working.
RKB St Valentine	Suzanne	For being kind and thoughtful.
1KB St Francis	Kieran	For being resilient and always trying his best in lessons. Keep it up Kieran!
1EH St Bernadette	Ethan	For the great improvement with his writing this week. Keep up the good work!
1MB St Jude	Justyna	In recognition of great improvement in her writing and being able to complete all her work during the lessons.
2HL St Christopher	Zak	For always being a polite, happy and enthusiastic member of St Christopher class! Keep it up!
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Reece	In recognition of really trying hard to listen more carefully in Maths and putting his hand up more. Keep it up!
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Dayan	For always maintaining the Golden Rules and always ready to learn. Dayan has worked especially well in Maths, working out money problems and finding the change. I am very proud of you!

## Local Parishes Mass Times

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	Sunday – 9:30 am
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



09/12/19	SEN Parents Consultation Meeting—3.30pm to 5pm
10/12/19	Year 3 Christmas Production to parents at 2pm Year 5 St Ethelbert (5KD) to Mass
12/12/19	Nursery Christmas Concert - AM Nursery 11.00am and PM Nursery 2.30pm. Parents welcome
12/12/19	Reception and KS1 Christmas Lunch
13/12/19	<b>Christmas Hat/Jumper Day</b> Reception Nativity to parents - 2:15pm
16/12/19	Year 1 Christmas Choir to Parents at 2:30pm
17/12/19	Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 2:15pm
20/12/19	End of Term—School finishes at 1:15pm
07/01/20	Children to return to school
07/01/20- 04/02/20	4RS Saint Columba—swimming lessons at The Centre
09/01/20 - 06/02/20	4RL Saint Blaise—swimming lessons at The Centre
25/02/20 - 24/03/20	4OS Saint Paul—swimming lessons at The Centre

## Attendance of the Week—(2nd December to 6th December 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	90.34%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.7%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>97.7%</b>
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	96.8%



**Well Done Year 4 !**

**Whole School Attendance— 96.5%**

**KS1 Class of the Week is:**

**2KS**

**97.61%**

**KS2 Class of the Week is:**

**4RS**

**98.66%**

If your child is absent from school for any reason please email [attendance@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@olopprimary.co.uk) or leave a telephone message selecting option 2.

**Can we please remind you that all planned medical and dental appointments, should be made for after school or during school holidays. Taking children to appointments during learning time, can have a huge impact on the class, teacher and school office in facilitating these appointments. The school understands that this isn't always possible, however, pupils should attend school prior to or following a medical or dental appointment and avoid a full day's absence.**

### **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.

**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.**