



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

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Dear Parents / Carers

CURRENT YEAR 2 PUPILS TRANSFERING TO YEAR 3 WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2020.

We hope that you and your families are continuing to keep well. As we approach the end of the academic year, we are writing to advise you that your child's new teacher will be:

<u>CURRENT CLASS TEACHER – YEAR 2</u>	<u>CLASS TEACHER 2020 – 2021 – YEAR 3</u>
MRS SAAB	MRS KOEBERG
MRS SMITH	MR PIPER
MRS LAURIE	MISS ROBERTS MISS SIDHU MS PEKSHINA

The school has recently been advised that Miss Roberts is pregnant and therefore whilst she will return to the school in September 2020, she will at some point during the autumn term commence her maternity leave. In order to ensure that there is a rigorous and effective transition for the pupils in her class, Miss Sidhu and Ms Pekshina will be teaching alongside Miss Roberts until such time as she leaves. They will then continue to teach the class for the remainder of the year.

As you will be aware the school has carefully considered the transition of pupils on their return to school in September 2020. Please find additional information relating to this in the booklet below.

Thank you for your continued support.



Welcome to Year 3



3 St Peter's Class

Class Teacher: Miss Roberts,
Miss Sidhu & Ms Pekshina

3 St Clare's Class

Class Teacher: Mr Piper

3 St John-Bosco's Class

Class Teacher: Mrs Koeberg



Main objectives for your children for this year

- ⇒ Gaining increasing independence for their own personal organisation and learning
- ⇒ Developing high expectations for their own work and behaviour and always doing their very best
- ⇒ Building on/reinforcing basic skills, including number bonds, times table facts, spelling patterns, handwriting, basic punctuation

The school day

In the mornings the children will enter the school building via the KS2 playground between 8.45am-9.05am. If your child needs to be left earlier, we run a breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details.

In the afternoon, the children will be dismissed at 3:00pm from the KS2 playground. We will not dismiss your child until we see you, or someone you have authorised to collect your child. Please notify the school office if anyone other than yourself is collecting your child. If you are running late, children should be collected from the school office.

Maths

Maths and English is taught every morning.

Maths is taught in a whole-class environment, where pupils' differing needs are catered for through differentiated activities and effective questioning from the class teacher. Lessons will focus on the pupils' fluency in maths (rapid and accurate recall of number facts) as well as providing them with the opportunity to build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts by developing their skills in reasoning and problem-solving.

Reading

Children are grouped into guided reading groups based on their reading ability, working with the class teacher. Please do encourage your children to read regularly and note this in their reading record. We do enjoy reading comments from parents about their children's reading. Reading diaries will be checked on a weekly basis to ensure that all children, regardless of reading ability, are reading regularly. We encourage all children to have a reading book of their choice with them in school for when we have quiet reading time. All children will also have the opportunity to choose books from the library with the support of the class LSA once per week, on an allocated day.

Homework

As a result of the feedback from parents, pupils and staff and extensive reading of national research, we have now reviewed our homework procedures for September 2020. Moving forward our aim is that our school homework provides opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning as well as provide teachers the time to plan and deliver first class lessons every day.

As from September, homework will be split into two categories; Formal Homework and Informal Homework.

- 1) **Formal Homework** will come into school on the designated days as specified by the class teacher.

Pupils will be tested on their spellings weekly and will be provided with a spelling booklet half termly which will support them with their learning of the spellings. The spelling booklet does not need to come into school and we encourage our parents to check their child's spellings at home.

Multiplication tables will also be tested on a weekly basis.

Brain Builders project work will be marked by the class teacher.

- 2) **Informal Homework** is optional homework and does not need to come into school as this will be completed at home.

For further details about our new homework procedures, please look at the homework policy which is available on the school website.

Pencil Cases

It is always very exciting to bring a pencil case into school; however, these can often become a distraction during learning times. In Year 3, children are not required to bring a pencil case to school. Any equipment for lessons will be provided by the class teacher.

Water Bottles

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named clear sport's style water bottle (no screw caps) containing only water. We have drinking water facilities in every classroom to allow your child to refill their bottles.

PE Kits

The children have an indoors PE and outside Games lesson once a week. Children can wear their PE kit to school on the allocated day. The PE kit includes a sensible pair of trainers/plimsolls. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents.

Uniform

Make sure everything is named, we prefer no earrings, but if they are worn, they should be silver or gold studs. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, so they must be able to remove them without any adult help. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and children are expected to tie long hair back with a plain, school coloured hair tie. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat.

What your children will be learning:

	Key Topic Title/Question
Advent Term (Autumn Term)	<u>What was Britain like in 700BC?</u> This term the children will be focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will learn about these periods of history and what life was like in Britain.
Lenten Term (Spring Term)	<u>What did the Romans do for us?</u> The children will be learning about the Romans and the impact they had on Britain. The children will explore historical sources and will visit the Roman Verulamium to learn about this period of history. <u>What is fair about Fairtrade?</u> The children will be learning about Fairtrade and how it supports farmers around the world. The children will explore how we can support this organisation.
Pentecost Term (Summer Term)	<u>What is the United Kingdom like today?</u> In this topic the children will learn about the UK and the countries that make up the kingdom. They will look at the human and non-human geographical features of our nation. <u>Europe</u> The children will learn about our continent of Europe. They will learn to use atlases to explore the countries within this continent. The children will pick a country of their choice, research life in that country and complete a project.

Contacting us

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the office a call and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we are in class most of the day, so it will be either at lunchtime or after the school day.
- Sending an email to year3@olopprimary.co.uk
- Please give us a few dates/times when it is convenient to meet and we will arrange a time with you as soon as possible.

Transition

Each pupil has been allocated a specific day when they will attend from September 2nd until September 4th 2020. All pupils will return to full time school with effect from Monday September 7th 2020.

<u>Mrs Koeberg</u>	<u>Mr Piper</u>	<u>Miss Roberts</u> <u>Miss Sidhu</u> <u>Ms Pekshina</u>
GROUP A - 2ND September	GROUP A - 2ND September	GROUP A - 2ND September
Arham A	Zaheen A	Zakariya A.S
Leah B	Rosa D	Skyla A
Leon C	Ronel A	Harvin B
Mark E	Jack B	Ethan B
Mia F	Josephine B	Sofia C
Millie F	Alexej B	Lucas DAD
Karin J	Marley B	Matei F
	Maya	Chloe G
	Michal	Victoria G
	Alexander	Joshua H
GROUP A - 3rd September	GROUP B - 3rd September	GROUP B - 3rd September
Dayen K S	Lorcan D	Ruben H
Aleksandra K	Hibba R	Ethan H
Martyna K	Sebastian D	Ella J
Sejal P	Jasmine G	Kiera J
Lorena P	Zayn G	Vikhyath K
Anna Q	George H	Jessica K
Kyrell R	Lily-Mae H	Jakub L
Samuel H	Luella J	Michelle M
Isabella G	Rohan J	Camden M
	Mikolaj A	Noah S
GROUP C – 4th September	GROUP C - 4th September	GROUP C - 4th September
Madelyn R	Amelie J	Chimamanda O
Raavya S	Denam M	Ruby P
Jaanvi S	Reece M.K	Eve R
Harry S	Finley M	Shreya S
Ethan S	Aretha N.B	Shaniah S
Tyler T	Oliwier R	Leon S
Abisana U	Aoife S	Albert S
Elsie-Belle W	Darcey W	Benjamin V
Isaac I	Mollie W	Thomas H
Ana P		

