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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 24th May 2019*

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



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

The teachers have been busy this week with parents evening, I hope you have all been delighted with your child/children's progress.

Year 6RG (St Joseph) and Year 2KS (St Thomas Moore) celebrated their assemblies today which you can look forward to reading about in next weeks newsletter.

God bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe

4RS Class Assembly

Class 4RS performed their class assembly on Friday 15th November 2019. Pupils have been learning about Anglo-Saxons and when they ruled over Britain. Children also shared what they had learnt in Science, English, French and R.E. All children performed extremely well and received a certificate last week for their hard work.



Thank you to everyone who came to watch and hope you enjoyed the performance.

Year 6 Visit to Church

On Tuesday, 6 St Cuthbert attended Mass at Our Lady of Peace church. Despite the very chilly weather, the children enjoyed their visit and were complimented by Father Joseph for their good behaviour and thoughtful contributions. Well done, 6 St Cuthbert!

SEN Parent Consultation Meeting

Appointments for the SEN Parent Consultation Meetings are now available to book via our online booking system on the website. The SEN Parents Meeting will take place on the 9th December 3:30pm to 5pm and will take place in your child's classroom.

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 if you are interested.

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

School Christmas Fair

We are busy preparing for this year's Christmas Fair where we hope to raise much needed funds for our school, as well as having a fun, festive event for everybody to enjoy. But we cannot do it without YOUR help so please support us in any way you can. If you can help run a stall, help with set up or clearing up please email friends@olopprimary.co.uk . Even an hour of your time will make a huge difference. Or perhaps you can help in donating items for us to sell.



Raid your cupboards

We are looking for any NEW, unwanted toys (no McDonalds toys please). So please have a rummage through your cupboards to see what you can find. There will be a box outside main reception so please drop off your donations as soon as possible.

Smelly stuff

We are looking for any NEW, unwanted toiletries, gift sets, candles or beauty products for our tombola. Again we will have a box outside main reception for you to drop off your donations.

Calling all bakers

The cake stall is one of our most profitable stalls but we need your help in donating home-baked or shop bought goodies for us to sell on the day. We welcome anything from brownies, cupcakes and cookies, to larger cakes and pies. But please remember **NO NUTS**. Cakes need to be handed to main reception on Friday 29th November.

Santa's Grotto

Unfortunately our Santa's grotto tickets have now all **sold out**.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 30th November so make sure the date is in your diary!

Thank you for your continued support.

Friends of OLOP

Christmas lunch

Our Christmas lunch for children in school will take place over three days this year.

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on Thursday 12th December (no payment required).
- KS2—Lower School, Year 3 and 4 will be on Wednesday 4th December.
- KS2—Upper School, Year 5 and 6 will be on Thursday 5th December.

The cost of the meal will be £3.00. A letter has been given to your child. Please return the reply slip which will require you to place your child's order and return to the school office. All reply slips need to be returned by **Monday 25th November**.



All menus are attached to this newsletter.

Christmas Drawing Competition for Year 1 children

The Frost Partnership have invited our Year 1 pupils to enter a drawing competition entitled 'My Ideal Christmas House'. The winning entries will be displayed in the shop window on the day of the Burnham Christmas Fayre on the 5th December. The overall winner will receive a £50 voucher. Good luck to all pupils who enter the competition.

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice within the school.

Every family needs to comb each member's hair daily, with the special combs, for at least a week so that we can clear the infestation. Advice may be obtained from your local chemist on what medication to use. Medication only needs to be used if there are actually live lice in the hair. If only eggs are found then wet combing is sufficient.

Reminder: Student absence from school

Please remember it is the parents/carers responsibility to contact the school by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent. Please call the school office or email attendance@olopprimary.co.uk **(Please do not use post@olopprimary.co.uk)**. On your child's return to school they must bring an absent note to go into their file.

Parenting Special Children Community Support Group

Please find attached the December Parenting Special Children Community Support Group leaflet. This is information for a support group for family members who have children/young with additional needs living in Slough.

Plea from the School Office

Please may we kindly request that when sending money into school, please ensure that the correct change is given in a named envelope. Thank you.

Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for an Out of School Manager. Please see attached advert for more information.

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

⇒Out of School Manager/Job Description

⇒Christmas Dinner menu

⇒Parenting Special Children Community Support group

⇒Christmas Fair poster

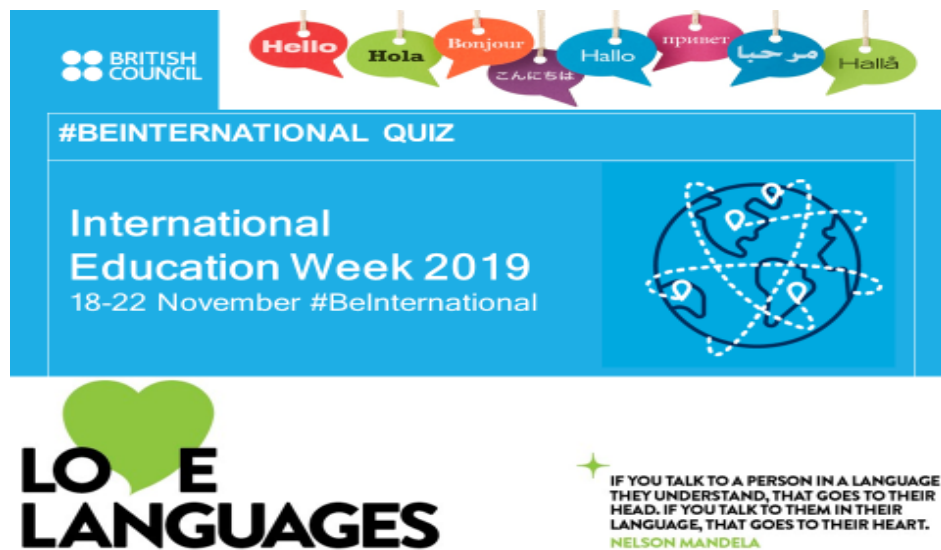


*“Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.”*

Psalm: 47:1



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2019



On Tuesday 19th November, all children attended an assembly about “**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**” led by Mme DHISSI.

We watched a short extract of a French documentary “*Sur le chemin de l’école*” (*On the way to School*) which tells the incredible story of 4 children (from Kenya, India, Morocco, Argentina) whose journey to school is extremely treacherous. These 4 children all strive to get an education to support their families.

The pupils were then challenged with questions about languages around the world only to find out that the most spoken language in the world is Chinese and not English!

We all eagerly listened to 6 schools around the world singing the same song “A million dreams” using the MAKATON sign language: a wonderful way to get together during International Education Week!

Last but not least, “15 million girls of primary education age will never have the opportunity to learn to read and write”, the final words were given to Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize recipient with her speech presented to the United Nations in support of girls’ education.

“One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution”





The parent app – easy access to important school information

We have a convenient way to share information with you about your child's school life. From 11th March 2019 you have been able to access our parent app and website.

You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What will you find in the SIMS Parent app:

- Access to update your contact details, telephone numbers, address, dietary needs or medical needs, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency

If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

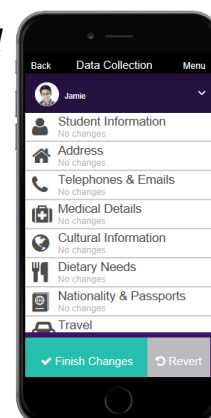
Getting started with the SIMS Parent app

We will send you an activation email, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent**. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

If you are unable to use the app or access the Parent App and need to update your details, please contact the office to arrange a time to collect a data collection sheet for you to update.

Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you require an additional login then please contact the school office.

Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact the school office if you require a replacement after this date.



Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ◆ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ◆ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00.
- ◆ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ◆ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Boroughs Councils online [free school meals form](#). Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can [apply online](#) or pick up a registration form from your child's school.

KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Zaina	Zaina is a consistently excellent role model in the classroom. She works hard, helps others and always gives her best. Well done!
3JOK St Peter	Marie	For earning her pen licence and for being focussed in class! Keep it up.
3CK St John Bosco	Nel	Nel is a conscientious, enthusiastic member of our class. She has impressed us with her great effort to apply her knowledge accurately and her neat presentation. Congratulations on your pen licence Nel, Keep up the great effort!
4RS St Columba	Muhammad	For trying his best with his handwriting and sharing a very caring attitude towards others.
4RL St Blaise	Aoife	For putting so much effort into writing a very descriptive Hot Task and for always behaving very well throughout every day. Keep it up!
4OS St Paul	Arjun	For being a good friend to others in the class, and working extremely hard in class this week. Well done Arjun, keep it up!
5JR St Maximilian	Adam	For his perseverance and hard work in maths this week. Well done. Keep it up!
5KD St Ethelbert	Rajveer	For improving the quality and presentation of your writing. You are also showing better listening in class, so keep it up!
5SS St Dunstan	Henri	For some fantastic writing in English. Well done!
6RG St Joseph	Dylan	Well done Dylan for your hard work and determination. You always try your best to achieve your personal goals and this week your outstanding progress has been clearly evident. I am really proud of how well you have expressed yourself when writing your innovated mystery story. Keep up the amazing effort.
6SP St Brigid	Tillie-Mai	For showing perseverance and a never give up attitude with a particularly tricky maths problem! Well done.
6TH St Cuthbert	Kinga	Kinga is a lovely, polite and hard-working pupil. She has made great progress in her writing this year and should feel proud of her achievements.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Harley	For being a great role model in Saint John Class, especially at carpet time. Well done!
RHA St Francis	Saanchi	For being a great class role model. Well done!
RKB St Valentine	Lucas	For being kind and thoughtful.
1KB St Francis	Natalia	For always trying her best to learn.
1EH St Bernadette	Albert	For his great independent work in Maths this week. Keep up the good work!
1MB St Jude	Michaela	For always taking an active part in class activities and discussions and always trying her best when working independently.
2HL St Christopher	Matei	For always contributing interesting ideas to whole class discussions.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Michal	For being a wonderfully kind friend to others, as well as impressing Mrs Smith with a fantastic story!
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Abisana	For always keeping the Golden Rules, she is always ready to learn. In English she has been writing lots of good ideas, using her best handwriting. Well done!

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



29/11/19	Year 5 Creative Learning Workshop
28/11/19	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle Nursery Fire Engine Visit
30/11/19	Christmas Fayre 11am to 1pm
03/12/19	Year 4 Science Dome in school Year 5 St Dunstan (5SS) to Mass
04/12/19	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch
05/12/19	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch
06/12/19	St Nicholas Feast Day
09/12/19	SEN Parents Consultation Meeting—3.30pm to 5pm
10/12/19	Year 3 Christmas Production at 2pm Year 5 St Ethelbert (5KD) to Mass
11/12/19	Year 4 Christmas Production to Key Stage 2 at 2:15pm
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	Christmas Hat/Jumper Day Reception Nativity - 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

Attendance of the Week—(18th November—22nd November 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	93.6%
Reception	97.6%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	98.2%



Well Done Year 4 !

Whole School Attendance— 96.5%

KS1 Class of the Week is:

**2SS
99.3%**

KS2 Class of the Week is:

**3JOK
100%**

If your child is absent from school for any reason please email 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.