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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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have come to the end of a very busy term and both the children and staff are looking forward to their well deserved break. May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and wish you a very happy, healthy and restful break.

God Bless you all.

Stations of the Cross



We would like to invite parents to the Stations of the Cross which will be led by Year 6 Faith Ambassadors in the environmental area on Thursday 28th March from 2pm to 2.30pm. Light refreshments will follow in KS1.

Maths Information for parents

The calculation policy can be found on the school website alongside other useful information. www.olopprimary.co.uk, under our curriculum, mathematics.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2019 is World Book Day, your child will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. Please can we ask that children bring along the accompanying book for their book day character.

We have also booked an exciting story based workshop 'Bringing Books to Life' for children in Year 1 and 2 which will be held on Tuesday 5th March. Bringing books to life dance workshops give children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories. Each workshop concludes with a performance moment, where the children perform aspects of their work to themselves and to their teacher.

During the dance workshop a choreographer will work with each class, developing responses to some of our most beloved children's books through language, movement and dance.



Friday 8th March - Author visit KS2 (Book Week)

As one of our World Book day activities , we have invited a children's author --(Leysa Henderson) to deliver an assembly on the theme of her book *Lost Lives*: *Lost Lives* is a children's eco-adventure book that has many environmental and social themes running through it. Predominantly, the message is highlighting the plight of orangutans and the loss of their habitat to make way for palm oil plantations. The book has a two-fold purpose, firstly, to raise awareness of the effects of deforestation and secondly, to raise money for charities affected by palm oil exploitation. A signed copy of the book can be bought on the day (letters have already been sent out to parents).

Reminder: Breakfast Club Staff Vacancies



We have vacancies for staff at the Breakfast Club. Please see attached advert. Thank you.

Reminder: Football Inter house Champion League



We are running Inter house 'Champion's League' competitions on the school field at lunchtimes, week commencing 26th February 2019. This will be open to all children from Yr3 to Yr6. Letters have been already sent out. There are limited spaces available and spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you.

Reminder: Parents of children with Special Educational Needs

We will be holding our next SEN Parents Consultation Evening on **Monday 25th March from 3.30-5.10pm** - please keep this date free in your diaries. Parents will be able to book a 20 minute slot with their child's class teacher. In this time, your child's current Individual Provision Map (IPM) will be reviewed and your child's new IPM for the Summer term will be discussed. Please ensure you sign up using our online booking system. This booking system will be active from **Friday 1st March**.

Cake Sale



Thank you to everybody who supported the Friends of OLOP doughnut sale yesterday. It was lovely to see such a big turnout and more than £200 was raised for the school.

To find out more about Friends of OLOP and how you can get involved contact Friends@olopprimary.co.uk

Fujau Kickboxing Academy

The Fujau academy will be holding two free sessions for OLOP pupils on Tuesday 19th February and Thursday 21st February from 5pm to 5.45pm in KS1 Hall. The entrance into the club will be through the Nursery playground. Please see attached notice.

Reminder: VEG AD 'FIRST'

UK's first TV ad promoting the health benefits of vegetables have been aired during the commercial breaks. Britain's biggest supermarkets have come together to fund the Veg Power ads with ITV. The Food Foundation and ITV are on a quest to get children to eat more vegetables. The health of our children is extremely important and Taylor Shaw our catering company are excited to be supporting this campaign to empower the children they cater for to eat more vegetables!

For 10 weeks Taylor Shaw will feature a different vegetable of the week, please see below chosen vegetables for the campaign.

04/02/19	Carrots
11/02/19	Sweetcorn
18/02/19	Broccoli
25/02/19	Peas
04/03/19	Cauliflower
11/03/19	Butternut Squash
18/03/19	Cabbage
25/03/19	Peppers
01/4/19	Tomatoes
08/04/19	Cucumber



Reminder: Spare underwear and tights for Foundation Age Children

We would like to appeal for any underwear/tights for children aged between four and five years old. If you have any unwanted underwear or tights which are no longer required we would be grateful for your kind donation. Thank you.

Reminder: School Uniform

As a school we have high expectations of the children's presentation as well as their academic standards. It is important that the correct uniform is being worn by all children across the school. It is imperative that all children (with the exception of Nursery) wear a white shirt/blouse and **NOT** a polo shirt. As a school we are here to support parents in all aspects of school life, therefore, please let the school know if there are exceptional circumstances why your child is not wearing the correct uniform. You can contact the school in confidence and we will do our best to resolve or help you with this situation. Thank you.

Attendance Procedure

As a School that we must adhere to the following attendance procedure.

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.

After 10 sessions (5 days) of absence:

The Attendance Officer will write to the parent/guardian informing them that their child has had 5 days of absence. This includes any type of absence, regardless of whether you have called your child in sick or are on unauthorised holiday.

After 20 sessions (10 days) of absence:

The Attendance Officer will refer the absence to the Attendance Improvement Officer at Slough Borough Council. Upon acceptance of the referral, the Attendance Improvement Officer will write to the parent/guardian confirming that a referral has been accepted. The letter will outline targets that the parent/guardian will need to meet regarding their child's absence and may request a meeting with you. Please note that once your child has reached this stage, **ALL absences** will be marked unauthorised unless proof is provided by your child's Doctor or Hospital.

After 30 sessions (15 days) of absence:

The Attendance Improvement Officer from Slough Borough Council will write to the parent/guardian asking them to attend an Attendance Panel meeting. The meeting will be held at the local Authority with the parent/guardian, the Attendance Improvement Officer from Slough Borough Council and the School's Attendance Officer may be invited to attend.

After 38 sessions (19 days) of absence:

Your child is now identified by the Government as a '**Persistent Absentee**'

The parent/guardian will be invited to an attendance panel meeting. The attendance panel will be held at Slough Borough Council, St Martin's Place, Bath Road and will be chaired by the Attendance Team Manager. There will be no representative present from the School.

The parent/guardian will be invited to explain the reasons for the regular absence of their child. The meeting will give consideration as to whether immediate legal action should be considered. If a previous prosecution has been undertaken or a fixed penalty notice issued that has been unpaid, the parent/guardian will be invited to a pre-court panel interview. The pre-court meeting will be held at Slough Borough Council, St Martin's Place and chaired by the Attendance Team Manager. There will be no representative present from the School.

The interview will be conducted under caution in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1996 Section 444. Following this meeting a decision will be made by the Attendance Team Manager as to whether court action will be taken.

Please note that the number of unauthorised absences is not for a single period of time, but a total of the number of sessions absent **throughout the School year**

If your child is absent for a single period of 3 or more days at one time, then the School will require you to provide evidence from your Doctor or Hospital so that this may be held for Slough Borough Council.

As a parent/guardian it is your responsibility to ensure your child attends School on a regular basis.

Parents of Year 4 Children

Due to a curriculum change the Year 4 school trip has changed from Hampton Court to Upton Court, this will take place on Wednesday 8th May 2019. Letters will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

Easter Holiday Clubs

The following clubs will be running over the Easter holidays:

Code Camp – a computer programming club on the 8th – 10th April, for **Years 3-6 only**. See attached flyer. A separate communication will follow shortly. Please note the early bird offer of a reduced price.

Get Sports inspired – a sports club on the 8th – 12th April. See attached flyer

Positive of the Week

The Friends of OLOP thank you for all your support and contributions to the Valentine Doughnut sale.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Values Poster**
- ⇒ **Get Sports Inspired Leaflet**



*“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh
away the sin of the world.”*

St John 1:29



Governor of the Month

Kelly Robinson: Foundation Governor

My name is Kelly Robinson and I've been a foundation governor since last April. I took on the role as I have great interest in education, specifically Catholic education, and I wanted to get a front row seat to learn more about how a primary school in this country operates. As a trained secondary teacher from Canada, my background in these particular areas was limited. It is amazing to look back on how much I have learned over the last ten months, not only as a governor, but as a parent with a child in year one at this school.

School visits have opened my eyes to areas of OLOP that as just a parent I wouldn't have known much about. As the safeguarding governor, I have met with our school's attendance and administration officers to learn about the importance of their roles within our school community. I have also had the pleasure of being invited to attend the school council's first meeting back in the autumn. Thus far, I would say that this meeting was my favourite opportunity as a governor as I got to watch many of our students in action.

Overall, I am glad I have had the opportunity to be a governor at our school. Whether I'm attending a formal meeting, helping out with Friends of OLOP or just picking up my daughter at the end of the day, I am proud to be part of this community, and I truly hope that others feel the same.



KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Kayden G	For working tremendously hard and making a distinct effort in improving his handwriting and overall presentation.
3NG St Peter	Kacper D	For his independent work in maths and super effort with pictograms, bar charts and tables this week.
3CK St John Bosco	Oliver K	For making great effort to stay focused during all lessons.
4RS St Columba	Rajveer U	For working very hard on his hot task including fantastic use of vocabulary.
4BS St Blaise	Roxanne G	For always working to the best of her abilities and for being a role model pupil.
4KS St Paul	Jakob B	For improving his maths skills this week on fractions.
5RR St Maximilian	Benedichta N	For beautiful joined up handwriting and for her English books always being presented to a high standard.
5KD St Ethelbert	Ethan W	For showing a lot of resilience, especially in Maths and for continuing to seek different ways to overcome challenges.
5SS St Dunstan	Julia B	For great improvement in maths and for always being kind and helpful.
6TH St Joseph	Ashlyn M	For her hard work and enthusiasm this year and for achieving a high standard of work, particularly in maths.
6SP St Brigid	Oihana K	For always bringing a positive attitude into the classroom and striving to do her best.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Nikhil W	For coming into lessons with a positive attitude and for contributing more to lessons.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Harry C	For all his hard work in handwriting.
RHA St Francis	Mohammed and Natan	For all their hard work to improve their writing and also for being kind to others.
RKB St Valentine	Jacob C	For working hard to develop his blending skills and becoming a more confident reader.
1EH St Bernadette	Oliwier T	For his great perseverance with his handwriting.
1OS St Jude	Leon C	For working hard on his handwriting and presentation.
1MB St Teresa	Thomas Haire	For learning his spelling and writing all the words correctly during the spelling test. (apologies missed from last weeks newsletter)
1MB St Teresa	Vikhyath K	For his great improvement in his writing and being much more involved in class discussions.
2CW St Christopher	The Whole Class	For working together to successfully perform our class assembly.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Sanujan V	For always being a kind, caring friend to everyone and for being a wonderful classmate to children and teachers alike.
2RC St Mary-Magdalene	Olivia M	For her kindness towards other students.

Well done to you all!

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	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



25/02/18	Term Starts
25/02/19	Year 1 Zoolab (In school)
27/02/19	End of KS1 Assessment Parent Presentation at 5pm
04/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (AM), EYFS, KS1 & KS2 (Year 3 & 4) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
06/03/19	Beginning of Lent
07/03/19	World Book Day
07/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (AM) and KS2 (Year 5 & 6) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
08/03/19	Year 4 St Paul and Reception St John Class Assemblies at 2.30pm
11/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (PM) and KS2 (Year 5 & 6) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
14/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (PM), EYFS, KS1 & KS2 (Year 3 & 4) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
22/03/19	Year 3 St John Bosco and Year 1 St Teresa Class Assemblies at 2.30pm
25/03/19	Visiting Farm for Reception
25/03/18	SEN Parents Consultation Meetings at 3.30pm to 5.10pm
26/03/19	Year 5 Passion Play to Parents at 2pm

Attendance of the Week—(11th February—15th February 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	95%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	93.0%



Well Done Year Nursery & Year 4
Whole School 95.2%

**Low attendance due to unauthorised
leave and high level of sickness.**

KS1 Class of the Week is NAM

97.92%

KS2 Class of the Week is 3NG

99.29%

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.

Attendance Information

Children with poor attendance may fall behind with school work and will attract the attention of the Attendance Officer. Pupils with 90% or below attendance will be brought to the attention of the Attendance Officer and put on the monitoring list. Once on the monitoring list, any absence will require an appointment card or letter from the child's doctor confirming their illness, before an authorised mark is granted. In extreme cases parents can face prosecution and substantial fines for failing to ensure that their child(ren) attends school.

Please note if your child gets an unauthorised late mark this will affect their overall attendance. All children should be in class by 8.55.am. Lateness is detrimental to your child's learning as they miss the vital part of the lesson.

Please can we remind you that all holiday taken during term time will not be authorised. All medical appointments will need to be verified with an appointment letter/text or email. If the school does not receive this all leave will be unauthorised.

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.