



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

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School starts at 9am (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)

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



Dear Parents/Carer,

### Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning to raise money for our Link school in South Africa on Tuesday 25th April at 8:45am - 10am in the KS2 hall.

If you are able to donate cakes or biscuits we would be very grateful.  
We look forward to seeing you at the coffee morning.

### Keep Safe on Bikes and Scooters Posters

The children have been asked to complete posters for the outside area along the fencing as you walk up the drive. The theme is scooters and bikes and keeping safe *e.g. dismount on school grounds, take care of others when riding to school*. Please could you encourage your child to make a poster to promote the safety of bikes and scooters. The posters are to be made at home. Please bring all completed posters to the school office.

### Non Uniform Day

We would like to remind you that there is a non-uniform day on Friday 28th April. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation. All proceeds will go towards Science resources.

### Summer Uniform

The children should have returned to school in their Summer uniform. Please attached uniform list.

### Values for Life

See attached poster for our Values for Life.

### RE Audit Report

We recently had a RE Audit and we have now received the report back. The report is a true reflection of where the school is currently and shows that the children were highly engaged during their RE learning which was evident when walking around the school and also in the children's books. **'Pupil behaviour across the school is outstanding. During the learning walk all pupils were highly engaged in their learning. RE is regarded as a core subject and the quality and quantity of work in pupils' books reflects this'**. The report also highlighted that the relationship between staff and children were a strength of the school. **'A great strength of the school is the quality of the relationships between staff and pupils. There is a strong sense of belonging where the children are nurtured'**.

### RE letter to parents

Please see attached the RE Summer Term 2017 Come and See at Home programme..

*"Peace be within your walls and security within  
your towers"*

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**Church Bulletin**

Please see the attachment for this week's Church Bulletin.

**Burnham's Annual Parish Meeting and County Council Election**

Please see attached the minutes and agenda from the Burnham Annual parish meeting and the notice for the County Council Elections.

**House Points Update**

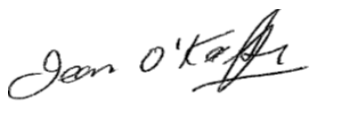
Well done to all of the children who have been working hard this year to earn so many house points. The children have engaged with the new house teams incredibly well and appear to be enjoying the incentive.

Back in the Advent term St Patrick's house were our winners however Lenten term saw a change in victors with St David's taking over! Lets see if St Andrew's or St George's can gain the cup for the Pentecost term winners.

We are also totalling the number of house points earned over the entire year. The up to date totals can be viewed on our school website at the top of the homepage.

**Wellbeing Evening**

The Wellbeing Evening has now been postponed and will now be at a later date.



**Mrs J O'Keeffe**  
**Headteacher**

## **Attendance**

Students **must** arrive at school by 8.55am.

Late students should sign in at Reception before going to their lessons.

If students are unable to attend school for any reason then parents need to telephone the school reception on **(01753) 661886** on the first day of absence by **9.00am**. Each absence needs to be covered by a letter from home even if a telephone call has been made. If your child is absent from school you must telephone the school to give a reason why. The school has an absence line where you can record your child's name, class and the reason for your child's absence and when they are likely to return. If the Attendance Officer is concerned about the frequency of absence, parents or the EWO will be contacted to share concerns.

Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day unless it is an emergency. If students need to leave school to attend an emergency appointment then they will not be allowed to leave school unless collected by a parent or an authorised adult over the age of 18 years.

Dentist/doctors appointment times must be communicated to the school office as early as possible to avoid parents coming early to collect children from school with no advance warning. All appointments should be made for afterschool or at weekends, unless it's an emergency. If your child does have an appointment that is an emergency or if they have a hospital appointment, we will need to see proof of the appointment letter.

Early departures/late arrivals will also be monitored and recorded in the office to enable us to monitor the frequency or any patterns emerging in this.

No holidays are authorised in term time.

### ***Holiday leave***

Legislation now makes it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteacher's no longer have the discretion to allow any time for a family holiday or to agree to extended leave for parents to visit their country of origin. While we appreciate that it can be more expensive to go away in the holiday periods, this ultimately means losing valuable school time. If your child is absent from school due to a holiday which has not been agreed, this will be classified as an unauthorised absence, and you may be fined or legal action taken against you.

## **Attendance Facts**

- The Local Authority regards 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary School.
- 90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks.
- Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence
- 80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week
- Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. BUT 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in primary schools.
- If you take a two week holiday in term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95% and this is without sickness.

***The greater the attendance, the greater the achievement***



**Attendance of the Week( w/e 20th April 2017)**

<b><u>Year band</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage</u></b>
Nursery	92.0%
Reception	94.0%
Year 1	93.2 %
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	95.5%

**Useful Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 25th April	Coffee Morning with Parents from 8:45am (more details soon)
Friday 28th April	Non Uniform for KS1 and KS2
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Sat 13th and Sun 14th May	Bishop Peter's Visit to OLOP Church—OLOP children to attend if possible in school uniform
Thursday 18th May	OLOP British Bake Off Competition and Cake Sale after school
w/c 25th May	Book Fair for KS1 and KS2
Friday 26th May	R St John Assembly at 2:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> May–2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Pentecost Half Term
Monday 5th June	INSET day
Wednesday 28th June	Year 6 Production
Thursday 29th June	Year 6 Production
Friday 30th June	Sponsored Spelling Bee
Thursday 20th July	Celebration of Mass—Year 6 parents invited
Friday 21st July	End of Term—Finish at 1:15pm

**Special Days**

23rd April	St George's—Patron of England
4th June	Pentecost Sunday
11th June	Holy Trinity
18th June	Corpus Christi
18th June	Father's Day
23rd June	Scared Heart of Jesus
29th June	Saints Peter and Paul

**KS2 Pupil Of the Week —w/e 20th April 2017**

St Clare	Lucy Jenkins	For working hard last term and making a great start in the new term in all subjects. A delight to teach. Keep up the good work.
St Peter	Erin Hunt Lexi-lou Keeley	For showing very good manners and politeness! Keep it up!  For trying very hard in maths and giving everything a go. You have worked hard and continued to persevere with something you find tricky. Well done!
St John Bosco	Sofia Petseski	For coming back enthusiastically after the Easter break and working really hard, well done!
St Columba	Aiden Twomey	For working really hard to make excellent progress in maths! Keep up the good work.
St Blaise	Peter Godhino	For demonstrating great teamwork and kindness in P.E.
St Paul	Harry Carter	For trying his best in Maths and English. Well done Harry, keep up the good work
St Maximilian	Annabelle Clarke	Well done Annabelle ! You have worked consistently hard in Maths and English and stayed focused at all times. You always have a positive outlook.
St Ethelbert	Rhion Isabelle	For working hard in all subjects and inspiring others with his art and stories.
St Dunstan	Grace Hall-O'Rourke	For a consistently high level of work and for beginning to show a more mature attitude in a classroom environment. Well done!
St Joseph	Jay Babu	Jay always tries his best in every lesson and has contributed enthusiastically to class discussions on a regular basis. Great work, Jay!
St Brigid	Olivia Scott	For great improvement in English. You always work hard in lessons. Well done!
St Cuthbert	Kian Hosking	For being one of the first to start work after break, lunch and P.E lessons. Kian has a fantastic attitude to his work and has made a really pleasing progress. Well done!