



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 1 PUPILS TRANSFERING TO YEAR 2 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:

<b><u>CURRENT CLASS TEACHER – YEAR 1</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS TEACHER 2020 – 2021 – YEAR 2</u></b>
MRS BORSUK	<b>Please refer to table under transition heading for information as to your child's class teacher.</b>
MRS HODGES	
MRS BOTHA/ MISS LAW	

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 2**



**2 St Mary-Magdalene's Class**  
Class Teacher: Mrs Saab



**2 St Christopher's Class**  
Class Teacher: Mrs Laurie



**2 St Thomas-More's Class**  
Class Teacher: Miss Hartland

### **Main objectives for your children this year**

- ❖ To work independently
- ❖ Remember and keep the Golden rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Ready
- ❖ Developing academic skills, including extended pieces of writing and solving Maths reasoning questions.

### **The school day**

In the mornings the children will enter the school building via the KS1 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 3:10pm. 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 and English**

Children in Year 2 have Maths and English every morning.

We learn to write in different genres throughout the year, children are taught neat, cursive, handwriting skills.

Within Maths we explore and learn different concepts for the 4 key operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 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. Children will need

to know number bonds to 10, 20 and 100, practicing these facts with your child will support their learning and fluency in Maths.

### **Reading**

Reading is a vital skill, in Year 2 children will be given a reading book, progressing through the reading scheme. Please find time to hear your child read daily.

### **Phonics**

Phonic development is a key stage of your child's learning. Phonics provides children with the means of developing their reading and writing. Children will continue to learn new grapheme-phoneme correspondences, revising and consolidating those learnt in Year 1. Using this knowledge to decode words into known sounds while reading, likewise using these sounds to encode words in their writing.

### **Homework**

Schools across the nation have been reviewing their homework policies, and evaluating the impact homework has on pupil progress. The national research proves that homework does not have an impact on academic progress at primary school level and that schools should be focussing their time on providing first class teaching and learning during the school day. The research also comments that pupils between the ages of 5 - 11 could be using home time to practise social skills and take part in extracurricular activities. School homework can provide opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning.

Homework booklets are given to every child to bring home each half term, these booklets give details of:

- Weekly spelling words, children are encouraged to practice the weekly word lists at home, finding ways to use these in their writing at school and home. These word lists will be used in weekly spellings tests.
- A Brain Builder project will also be set for children to complete by the end of each half term. Children are encouraged to share these projects with classmates on completion.
- Reminders and links to online learning resources.

Further details about our homework policy is available on the school website.

### **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**

Please ensure all clothing, footwear and bags are clearly labelled with your child's name. According to the school uniform policy 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 children must be able to remove earrings independently. When possible please ensure your child changes their uniform every day. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and long hair should be tied up. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat.

**What your children will be learning:**

	<b>Topic work</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>RE</b>
<b>Advent Term Autumn</b>	Capital Cities The Queen	Healthy Me Materials	Beginnings Signs and Symbols Preparation
<b>Lenten Term Spring</b>	Sensational Safari's Travel and Transport	Animals including Humans Plants	Books Thanksgiving Lent/Easter
<b>Pentecost Term Summer</b>	The Great fire of London Seaside	Forces Little Masterchef	Spread the Word Rules Treasures

**Contacting us**

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the school 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 [year2@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:year2@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 2<sup>nd</sup> until September 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. All pupils will return to full time school with effect from Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

<u>Mrs Laurie</u>	<u>Miss Hartland</u>	<u>Mrs Saab</u>
<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>
Amelsona S	Gabrielle A	Hollie T
Logan D	Manpreet B	Sakina J
Karolina	Ethan D	David C
Roxi B	Julien J	Joseph L
Jake K	Zaiden R	Kendra B N
Nathanael S O	Lucas S	Jack
Dilraaj J	Maria	Tallulah C
Ibrahim A		Alexander B
<b>GROUP A - 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP B - 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP B - 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
Tia M	Venba J	Michaela F
Aahana	Jeremiah K	Jacob C
Aleksander B	Joshua M	John D
Aaban M	Raphaella N	Kieran
Kyra P	Devan S	Molly E
	Ethan O	Albert W
<b>GROUP C – 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP C - 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP C - 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Joel K	Oscar W	Atara P
Aubree S	Natan	Ava R
Justyna B	Zeena	Mohammad
Skylar	Jennina	Olivia W
Marki	Melody S	Ashmika V
Natalia	Alicia I	Alexander O
Oliver W	Ernest S	Mawuli D - MJ
Muhammad H	Haamail Z	
	Teddy P	