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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*

*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



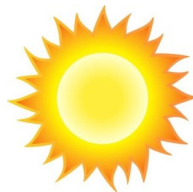
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The new term has started very well and the children have all settled back to school nicely and look refreshed ready to start this term. I hope you all had a great Easter Break, the sun shone very bright for us all, long may it continue.

I look forward to working with you all this term and thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.

### Sun Awareness Week



Sun Awareness Week starts 6-12th May. The awareness week is to encourage people to regularly self-examine for skin cancer and to teach people about the dangers of sunburn and excessive tanning, and to discourage people from using sunbeds. In light of the associated risks of skin cancer and as the weather starts getting hotter please ensure your child comes into school wearing sun cream and a hat.

The school Sun Safe letter will be attached to this newsletter. Thank you.

### Mufti Day

Today we held a mufti day in support of our project to raise funds towards a much needed defibrillator for the school. A defibrillator is an essential piece of equipment which restarts the heart if it suddenly stops working. Through generous donations from parents, children and staff, the money raised so far is £617. Thank you all for supporting such a worthy cause.



### Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Thank you to parents who have returned their permission form for the Year 6 PGL trip. If you have not yet returned the form, I would be grateful if you would do so as soon as possible.

All outstanding balances must be paid in full as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs O'Sullivan if you wish to discuss any difficulties.

### Absence

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.

May we also 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.

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

### Positive of the Week


Many parents have sent in their congratulations on our Ofsted report. Many thanks, it is much appreciated.

**We welcome your positive comment .....Thank you!**

### Please find attached the following communications and information

⇒ **Church Bulletin**

⇒ **Sun Safe Letter**



*"I will strengthen thee and I will help thee."*

**Isaiah 41:10**



## Governor of the Month

### Lisa Nash: Parent Governor

I hope you and your families had a restful Easter holidays. Last term was very busy for both the children and staff, so it was a much-needed break for everyone. It was wonderful to end the term on such a positive note, with the publication of the school's Ofsted report, and I was very pleased to read the wonderful comments that the inspectors made about our school – particularly with regard to the caring Catholic ethos, the high quality teaching, and the positive behaviour of the children.

One of my favourite aspects of the governor role is visiting the school - seeing it in action, and talking to the staff and children. I have also had the opportunity to take part in several school trips, which is always great fun, and last term, I had the pleasure of joining the Year 5 children on a visit to Gunnersbury Museum, which involved a lesson in a Victorian classroom. This was a fascinating experience for the children, and gave them a real insight into how different school was in Victorian times.

I recently took over the role of link governor for special education needs (SEN) provision in the school, so I have spent the last few months developing my knowledge in this area, meeting with staff from the SEN team, and attending training run by the local council. It was useful to find out about the range of support that is in place in the school, and I look forward to working closely with the school this term to monitor the progress of pupils, and ensure that everyone is achieving to their full potential.



# KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Kaja W	Kaja has tried her best in every lesson this week, particularly in terms of the presentation of her work and the exemplary behaviour that she has displayed in class. Well done!
3NG St Peter	Amariah K	For showing improved concentration in lessons. Well done!
3CK St John Bosco	Musa D	Musa has grown in confidence and is a positive role model for his classmates. He has made a great effort to achieve the goals set. Keep up the great work!
4RS St Columba	Mihai P	For working very hard on his art project, where he had to make a mythical creature. Well done!
4BS St Blaise	Amara G	For always being ready to work, trying your hardest in every subject and being an excellent role model for the rest of the class.
4JR St Paul	Immanuel Q	For setting a good example for behaviour.
5RR St Maximilian	Oliver M	Well done Oliver for your hard work in English. You have always shown a determined effort to make progress in all subjects and you have done so well. Keep up the good work. I am so proud of you.
5KD St Ethelbert	Kinga K	For always working very hard and never failing to use your manners in class and on the playground. Keep it up!
5SS St Dunstan	Costas F	For a great improvement in Maths and English. Well done!
6TH St Joseph	Alfie P	I have been extremely impressed with Alfie's concentration and enthusiasm during lessons recently. His attendance has also improved greatly. Keep up the good work Alfie!
6SP St Brigid	Charlie H	Starting the new term with the correct attitude, working more independently and producing a lovely piece of English writing
6JOK St Cuthbert	Alistair E	For contributing more in class discussions and for continuing to try his best in every lesson.

***Well done to you all!***

# KS1 Star of the Week

<b>RLC St John</b>	<b>Izunna</b>	<b>For his good listening skills at carpet time. Keep on listening!</b>
	<b>Julien</b>	<b>For his hard work in literacy this week.</b>
<b>RHA St Francis</b>	<b>Skyla B</b>	<b>For her hard work in reading, writing and phonics</b>
<b>RKB St Valentine</b>	<b>Tia</b>	<b>For her increased confidence in independent writing.</b>
<b>1EH St Bernadette</b>	<b>Denam M</b>	<b>For his great effort with his handwriting.</b>
<b>1OS St Jude</b>	<b>Harry S</b>	<b>For persevering in his work and improving his presentation by not crossing out.</b>
<b>1MB St Teresa</b>	<b>Lucas D-A-D</b>	<b>For his great improvement in Maths and English.</b>
<b>2CW St Christopher</b>	<b>Jayden F</b>	<b>For paying more attention in class and beginning to take an active part in class discussions. Keep up the good work!</b>
<b>2KS St Thomas-Moore</b>	<b>Conor K-G</b>	<b>For impressing Mrs Smith with his good behaviour and Maths skills. Keep it up!</b>
<b>2RC St Mary-Magdalene</b>	<b>Nicole M</b>	<b>For your positive attitude and contribution during whole class discussions.</b>

***Well done to you all!***

## Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough,	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Avenue,	Saturday – 5:30pm Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am
Our Lady of Peace The Presbytery	Lower Britwell Road,	Saturday – 6pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday – 9:45am
St Andrew's Shared Church	Washington Drive, Slough,	Sunday – 11.30am
St Anthony's RC Church	Farnham Road, Slough,	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**



<b>29/04/19</b>	<b>School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing</b>
<b>30/04/19</b>	<b>School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing</b>
<b>02/05/19</b>	<b>Class and Leavers Photographs</b>
<b>03/05/19</b>	<b>Year 3 Verulamium Museum St Alban's</b>
<b>03/05/19</b>	<b>Year 5 St Maximillian and Reception St Francis Class Assembly at 2.30pm</b>
<b>08/05/19</b>	<b>Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court</b>
<b>17/05/19</b>	<b>Year 4 St Blaise Class Assembly</b>
<b>22/05/19</b>	<b>BAGS2SCHOOL –More information to follow</b>
<b>23/05/19</b>	<b>Year 1 trip to Look out Discovery Centre, Bracknell</b>
<b>24/05/19</b>	<b>Whole School Mass with refreshments to follow at 10am. Everyone welcome.</b>

**Attendance of the Week—(23rd April—26th April 2019)**



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	95.8%
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	92.60%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	94.0%



**Well Done Year 1 !**

**Whole School - 95.3%**

**KS1 Class of the Week is**

**10S St Jude**

**100%**

**KS2 Class of the Week is**

**5KD St Ethlebert**

**100%**

**If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on [attendance@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto: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**

*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.*