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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,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As we near the end of this very busy term the children are performing well in their productions. This week Nursery, Reception and Year 3 have shared their Christmas productions with parents and have all sang and performed so beautifully. Next week, Year 1 and Year 4 will be performing their Christmas performances to parents, which will be something to look forward to.

This will be the last newsletter of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, joyous and restful Christmas.

J O'Keeffe

God bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe



Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 12th December, Key Stage 1 had their Christmas dinner, all the children enjoyed their dinners which was evident from the empty plates!

The food was wonderful, thank you to our hardworking catering staff. Members of staff joined in to serve the children and they also enjoyed these festive occasions.

Key Stage One Christmas Dinner



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.

School Nativities and Productions

Thank you to all parents who came along to see their children perform in the various nativities, carol concerts and Christmas productions that were held over the past week. All the children and staff have worked very hard. What a lovely start to our Christmas Celebrations.

Year 3 Christmas Production



Nursery Christmas Concert



Reception Nativity





Christmas Jumper/Hat Day

Today staff and pupils all joined in with the festive spirit of either wearing a hat or jumper, some wore both, some were even flashing. It has been a fun day!



Christmas Drawing Competition for Year 1 children

The Frost Partnership ran a Christmas Drawing Competition for Year 1 children. We were fortunate to have two winners from Year one, who were Kyra and Maria. Well done to you both!

Photos at Events

Throughout the year, there are a number of special occasions when we invite you into school to share special moments with the children. On these occasions you are welcome to take photographs for the family album. However, I would like to stress that the photos or videos you take are purely for personal use and should not be shared on social media or any website without the direct authorisation from the parents of the children in the photograph. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Policy

At Our Lady of Peace, we feel it is important that children should take a pride in their appearance and come to school in the correct uniform at all times. We would ask parents' support in this.

We still have a few children in polo-shirts – please make sure that all children have a shirt with the top button done up and a tie.

Our uniform requirements can be found on our website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, **Parents Info tab, Uniform.**

Change in End of Term Dismissal Time

As agreed by the governors, the time in which the school will close at the end of each term from **April 2020** will now be 12:15, to be in line with other schools in our St Peters Partnership.

Vacancies

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

Positive of the Week

'The Year 3 singing was outstanding!'

Please find attached the following communications and information

⇒Church Bulletin

⇒Out of School Manager Job Description

End of Term

Please remember that school closes at 1:15pm on Friday 20th December. Please pick your child up promptly.

If you are unable to pick your child up or you may be late, can we please ask that you make alternative arrangements for your child to be picked as there will be no afterschool facilities available.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'

Isaiah 9:6



Norovirus

INFORMATION FROM SLOUGH BOUROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC HEALTH

We are now well and truly into the winter season. The cold weather is setting in and there have been several outbreaks of the "winter vomiting bug", also known as norovirus, within Slough. One of the best ways to protect against it is by practicing good hygiene. For more information on diarrhoea and vomiting please check this [NHS webpage](#).

Washing your hands is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from illnesses such as norovirus, food poisoning and flu. The NHS have created a helpful video to show children [how to wash their hands](#).

If parents would like advice on how to manage a minor illness such as diarrhoea and vomiting, they can consult a pharmacist. For urgent but non-life-threatening medical conditions, parents can contact NHS 111, either online for children over five years old and via phone for those under five.

It is easy to play your part in stopping the spread of norovirus this winter – simply **Think NORO**:

- N** No visits to hospitals, care homes and GP surgeries if you are suffering from symptoms of norovirus – send someone else to visit loved ones until you are better.
- O** Once you've been symptom-free for at least 48 hours, you're safe to return to work, school or visit hospitals and care homes.
- R** Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water, especially after using the toilet and before eating or preparing food.
- O** Only hand-washing will prevent spread of norovirus – alcohol hand gels **DON'T** kill the virus.

The government toolkit for schools and other childcare facilities can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>.





The God Who Speaks 2020

A Year of the Word

*Celebrating, living and
sharing God's Word*



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Year of The Word

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as '**The God Who Speaks**': A Year of the **Word** to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin.

A diocesan banner for the Year of the Word of God is pictured on the left .

It depicts the national logo and the image of Christ as the Word of God from the triptych in our Cathedral.

Both KS1 and KS2 have this banner on display to remind us how important the Word of God is especially at this time of year.

KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Markus	For your fabulous presentation of work this term.
3JOK St Peter	Joseph	For contributing well to the Year three Carol Concert and for making good progress in lessons.
3CK St John Bosco	Olivia	Olivia is a conscientious, enthusiastic member of our class. She is helpful and kind to everyone. She has impressed us with her great effort to apply her knowledge accurately and her neat presentation. Keep up the good work !
4RS St Columba	Olivia	For trying hard to learn her multiplication facts.
4RL St Blaise	Katerina	For always working very well in all your subjects and for beginning to make a greater contribution to class discussions. Keep it up!
4OS St Paul	Frederick	For working hard to improve his pace of writing this week. Well done Fredrick.
5JR St Maximilian	Darsh	For putting a lot of effort into his writing and working hard to get his pen licence. Well done!
5KD St Ethelbert	Freddy	For showing improvement and quality in all your work.
5SS St Dunstan	Julia	For always being well behaved and ready to learn in lessons. You have also had some great ideas in the English lessons. Well done!
6RG St Joseph	Whole Class	For their continued commitment to their learning this term. Keep it up!
6SP St Brigid	Oliwier	For his great attitude to work this week. You have shown a desire to improve, in your extra participation in class discussion.
6TH St Cuthbert	Oliver	Oliver is an enthusiastic and hardworking member of our class. He is always kind and polite to others and is a pleasure to teach. Well done Oliver!

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Nathan	In recognition of being a fabulous role model for the rest of the class!
RHA St Francis	Srideep	In recognition of being a valued member of the class who we will miss very much!
RKB St Valentine	Maria	For being kind and thoughtful and doing her best to learn .
1KB St Francis	Marki	For being an excellent role model during rehearsals and learning his lines promptly
1EH St Bernadette	Kendra	For working really hard with her phonics and handwriting this week. Keep up the great work!
1MB St Jude	Muhammad	For always learning his spelling and scoring high in his spelling tests.
2HL St Christopher	Benjamin	For his excellent writing about life in the Victorian times in history this week. Well done Benjamin!
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Zayn	In recognition of really working hard to improve his handwriting. It looks beautiful!
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Ana	For always keeping the Golden Rules, she is always ready to learn. Ana has been completing extra work at home, and sharing this with the class. Keep working well Ana, we are very proud of you!

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



16/12/19	Year 1 Christmas Choir to Parents at 2:30pm
17/12/19	Year 4 Christmas Production to Parents at 2:15pm
20/12/19	End of Term—School finishes at 1:15pm
06/01/2020	INSET DAY
07/01/20	Children to return to school
07/01/20- 04/02/20	<i>4RS Saint Columba—swimming lessons at The Centre</i>
09/01/20 - 06/02/20	<i>4RL Saint Blaise—swimming lessons at The Centre</i>
09/01/20	KS2 Mass—Feast of Epiphany @ 10:45
10/01/20	KS1 Mass—Feast of Epiphany @ 10:45
14/01/20	Year 4 St Paul (4OS) to Mass
15/01/20	Year 5 (5SS and 5JR) Victorian Day at Gunnersbury Park
16/01/20	Year 5 ((5KD) Victorian Day at Gunnersbury Park
25/02/20 - 24/03/20	<i>4OS Saint Paul—swimming lessons at The Centre</i>

Attendance of the Week—(9th December to 13th December 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	86.1%
Reception	90.5%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	94.9%



Well Done Year 4 !

Whole School Attendance— 96.4%

KS1 Class of the Week is:

2 HL

98.0%

KS2 Class of the Week is:

4 OS

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.

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.