



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

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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 responsibility for children who are on the school grounds before 8:3am.

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



Whole School Mass Friday 25th May 2018

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week, Year 6 enjoyed their cycle training programme 'Bikeability' which helped them to gain practical skills and understanding on how to cycle on today's roads. Bikeability gives skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. Today Year 6 St Brigid shared their class assembly which was enjoyed by parents and staff. Well done St Brigid!

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless.



Reminder to parents of children starting Reception September 2019

Online applications for children who are starting Reception in September 2019 opened on the **Saturday 1st September 2018** and will close on **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Thank you.

Reminder to parents of children starting Secondary School September 2019

Online applications for children who are starting Secondary school in September 2019 opened on the **Saturday 1st September 2018** and will close on **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Thank you.

Education Sunday

Our Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated during 8 – 14 October 2018. We may thank God that we have so many good people within our schools. They all contribute so much to the work and mission of Bishop Peter and the Diocese. Our Catholic Schools' Week is a celebration of all that we do. Please see attached leaflets.

On Sunday 14th October 2018 we would like to invite all families to the 9.45am Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church to celebrate and give thanks for the Education they receive. They will have the opportunity to sing a hymn together at the altar at the end of Mass. Some children will be chosen to read at the Mass. **We ask that all children come to Mass wearing full school uniform.** We look forward to seeing many of you there on the day.

Homework Booklets

Homework booklets can be found on the school website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, Our Curriculum, Homework. Thank you

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for attending the Travelling Book Fair last week, we now have rewards to purchase books up to a value of £185.00, your generosity has been much appreciated. Thank you.

Reminder: Holy Communion 2019



If your child is in Year 3, and you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2019 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion programme. The First Holy Communion classes will begin in January 2019 and will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday mornings. The first enrolment date will be on **Wednesday**, **10**th **October** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm, the second enrolment date will be **Tuesday**, **16**th **October** between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. They will both be held in the Sacristy at **Our Lady of Peace Church**. Parents will need to complete an enrolment form which will be available on

the enrolment date. The maximum amount of children we can take is 88, if we reach that number by Sunday, 11th November which will be the deadline date for any enrolments, then any latecomers will have to wait until 2020. If your child was Baptised in another Parish, you will need to bring with you a copy of the child's Baptism certificate: if you cannot find it, you will need to contact the Parish where your child was Baptised and obtain it before the enrolment meeting. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you all for your tremendous generosity, we have raised a total of £371.60 which will go to the Macmillan Charity. Thank you.

Bikeability

A group of year 6 children have spent three days this week learning to become proficient on bicycles on today's roads. We have been blessed with the weather and the children have had great fun while learning the skills needed to be a safe road user on a bicycle.









Year 6 PGL Residential Trip - June 2019

Just a gentle reminder to inform you that the first installment of £50 was due on the 28^{th} September. Please would you bring your payment to the school office to secure your child's place by Monday 8th October 2018. Thank you.

The next installment is due on Friday 2nd November 2018.

Climbing Frame

Our climbing frame in the KS1 playground is unsafe and is cordoned off with red and white tape, may we ask that your children kindly refrain from using this climbing frame. Thank you.

Bikes and Scooters

May we ask that all children dismount their bikes and scooters when entering the school gates. This is inclusive of all children who attend Our Lady of Peace and small siblings. Thank you for your cooperation.

KS1 Mass

On **Thursday 11th October 2018** we have an opening Mass for KS1 at **10:45am - 11:45am**. All parents welcome.

Fraiser Portraits

Fraiser Portraits will be coming into school on Monday 29th October, please see attached flyer.

Values for Life Poster

Please see attached to this Newsletter our Values for Life Poster for October, which is Equality.

Flu Vaccinations

We would like to remind you that Flu Vaccinations will be taking place on **Friday 12th October 2018** for Reception to Year 5 children.

The Eve of All Saints Day

On Wednesday 31st October we will be celebrating the Eve of All Saints Day! Please look out for more information in next weeks newsletter.

Reception 'First Days' Supplement

The Slough Observer visited school to take a picture of the reception classes to go in the newspaper. The publication date is Friday 12th October, the school have purchased the papers for all of the reception children to keep as a memento. They will be distributed to the children as soon as they arrive.

Positive of the Week

The children were very well behaved and enjoyed 'Bikeability' this week. **We welcome your positive commentThank you!**

Please find attached the following communications and information

- **⇒ Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ Values for Life Poster October 2018
- **⇒ Fraiser Portraits Flyer**
- ⇒ Parish Leaflet and Parent/Carer Leaflet for Education Week



"I have hidden your word in my heart that I may not sin against you."

Psalm: 119:11



KS2 Pupil of the Week

| 3MP St Clare | Jakub P | For working exceptionally well throughout the week and being a great example of how to behave in the classroom. | |
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| 3RB St Peter | Lilly-Mae G | For significantly improving her cursive handwriting, enabling her to improve in English. | |
| 3CK St John Bosco | Falak N | For making a great effort to listen carefully and to do her best in each subject. | |
| 4RS St Columba | Christopher J | For always trying his best in all that he does, his behaviour is always of a high standard. | |
| 4BS St Blaise | Logan H | For great improvement in his learning, behaviour and for working hard and helping others. | |
| 4KS St Paul | Lucas P | For always completing his work to a high standard and for always being well mannered and sensible in class. | |
| 5RR St Maximilian | Asha N | For being such an avid reader and for completing 3 reading books on Bug Club. | |
| 5KD St Ethelbert | Luca M | For excellent listening skills and a positive attitude towards his learning. | |
| 5SS St Dunstan | Kieran C | For having a better attitude towards his learning and making an effort in his work. | |
| 6TH St Joseph | Joshua V | For his attitude to learning, perceptive contributions to class discussions and producing some excellent pieces of written work. | |
| 6SP St Brigid | Aedan S | For always showing enthusiasm towards his learning, positive contributions to class discussion and trying his best across the curriculum. | |
| 6JOK St Cuthbert | Samuel C | For always showing impeccable manners and for continuing to impress in his English work. | |

KS1 Star of the Week

| 1EH St Bernadette | Amelie J | For always being a brilliant role model for her peers and working hard in all areas of learning. | |
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| 10S St Jude | Madelyn R | For always listening carefully on the carpet and being kind and helpful to others. | |
| 1MB St Teresa | Ethan B | For taking a very active part in class activities and discussions. | |
| 2CW St Christopher | Amelia T | For being a good role model and always trying her best with independent learning. | |
| 2KS St Thomas-Moore | Jessica G | For listening really carefully on the carpet and as a result giving some really impressive answers in maths. | |
| 2RS St Mary-Magdalene | Wiktor B | For constantly working hard and always being willing to help when asked. | |

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

| Holy Redeemer Parish | Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR | Sunday – 9am and 11am |
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| 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—2018



| KS1 Opening Mass at 10.45am—Parents Welcome | |
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| Reception to Year 5 Flu Vaccinations | |
| Year 3 St Clare & Year 2 St Mary Magdalene Class Assembly | |
| Education Sunday—Families invited to 9.45am Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church | |
| KS2 Maths Information Evening for Parents | |
| KS2 Opening Mass at 10.45am—Parents Welcome | |
| INSET DAY—School Closed to Pupils | |
| Halt Term | |
| Start of New Term | |
| School Photographs | |
| KS1 Phonics Workshop | |
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Attendance of the Week—(1st October—5th October 2018)



| Year band | Percentage |
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| Nursery | 84.6% |
| Reception | 97.0% |
| Year 1 | 96.8% |
| Year 2 | 96.5% |
| Year 3 | 98.6% |
| Year 4 | 97.4% |
| Year 5 | 97.0% |
| Year 6 | 95.0% |



Well Done Year 3!

Whole 96.2%

KS1 Class of the Week is RLC 99.3%

KS2 Class of the Week is 3MP

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.