



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

<u>Headteacher's Message</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome to this weeks newsletter. The children are all adapting well to the start of the new term and working hard. Our new reception children have now started all day and have settled in very well. Our first fundraising event this academic year is the Macmillan Coffee morning, you will find more information in the body of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.

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Mrs JR O'Keeffe

Message from Bishop Peter of Northampton regarding Missio

Thank you very much for supporting **Missio** during this past year both with your prayers and practical help. **Mission Together**, as part of **Missio**, is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for world mission. Through this worldwide charity, children everywhere pray for, and share with one another, in a unique exchange of faith and friendship. I would like to invite you to continue to support **Mission Together** in two ways.

1.The Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM)

Pope Francis has called on the Catholic Church around the world to celebrate an Extraordinary Month of Mission this October. The aim is to encourage all members of our Catholic community to recognise themselves as missionary disciples, working and praying together to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.

2. Together in South Africa

Each year **Mission Together** focuses on a child supported by one of its many children's projects overseas. As part of our Diocesan Year of Missio, the month of September is focussed on the **Together in South Africa** campaign which looks at the life of eleven-year-old Johannes, a resident at St John's Care Centre, a home for children affected by HIV.

Mission Together is asking children in England and Wales to help the children at St John's, so that they, and children like them who live in poverty overseas, are given the love, care and protection they deserve.

As a fundraising event for Our Lady of Peace we will be asking children to give money to this worthy cause. Each class has a red Missio box which they can donate their monies. All monies raised will be presented at the Dunstable Mass in October. Please watch out for more information.

Start of the School Day

Please be reminded that school starts at 8:55am and the main doors including year 1 classroom doors will be closed promptly at this time. Assemblies take place in both halls and start promptly at 9am. The children are required to walk across the playgrounds in each key stage and it is therefore of paramount importance that the doors are closed to ensure the safety of all of our children. The sites therefore need to be clear before 9.00am.

As you are aware the main doors are open from 8.45am - 8.55am. If you arrive at school after 8:55am please report to Main Reception on the Key Stage 2 site. Thank you for your co - operation.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please join us on Friday 27th September as we join in with one of the worlds biggest coffee morning. We would be grateful of any donations of cakes or biscuits in support of this worthy cause. Please drop in any donations to Main Reception. Thank you in advance. Please do attend and bring your friends and family along.

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Well Done!

This week we were excited to learn that three of our students donated their hair to charity last week. The charity was "Little Princess Trust". Please join us in celebrating with them in donating their hair to such a worthy cause. Well done to them all.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.



Relationship with neighbouring community



Our relationship with our neighbours is very important to us. Please can you ensure that you park safely and with care ensuring that your child is reminded of the importance of Road Safety. We would also be grateful if any litter can be disposed of in the correct manner. Thank you for your continued support.

<u>School Nurse</u>



The school nurse will be in school on Friday 20th September between 8:30am and 9:300am for parents of Reception and Year 6 children who require support with the height and weights health questionnaire. Please see attached flyer. The questionnaires will be handed out next week.

School Uniform

In Autumn:

Children are required to wear their winter uniform as of their first day back in September. During the Winter months wellies / boots may be worn to school, but changed for school shoes when the pupils arrive at school.

Please may we ask that the following are adhered to:

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small plain gold or silver studs in pierced ears, small discreet watches and small objects of religious significance. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with 'micro pore' in line with our PE/Health and Safety policies, to prevent them from causing injury. Pupils should not wear ear-rings if they are attending swimming lessons.

Extreme haircuts

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts eg. Completely shaved heads; shaved designs; Mohawk cuts. Pupils hair should not be cut shorter than a 'grade 1' cut. Hair accessories such as hairbands, should be discreet and in school colours, children should be discouraged for wearing **large fancy hair bands**. Long hair should be tied up.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons, pupils must wear flat, closed toe footwear that is dark in colour. Boots should not be worn as they can present a health and safety risk.

Make up and Nail Varnish

Make up and nail varnish is not permitted.

PE

Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. In KS1 pupils need to have plimsolls in school and in KS2, trainers are worn for PE lessons. Sometimes pupils require tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. These must be black. All pupils need to ensure that their PE kit is in school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from Lunchtime Manager

Now that we are entering the winter months please would you ensure that your child/ren bring a coat to school with them. May I also ask that if your child has a packed lunch from home that you ensure it contains a drink.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Herschel Grammar Open Evening



Please see attached to this newsletter an invite to Herschel Grammars Open Evening.

St Joseph's Open Evening

Please see attached to this newsletter an invite to St Joseph's Open Evening.



Our Catholic Schools' Week commences on the 7th –13th October. Please find attached information booklet for Parents and Carers.

Positive of the Week

Our New Reception children have enjoyed their new experience of lunchtimes this week.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- \Rightarrow Church Bulletin
- \Rightarrow Herschel Grammar Open Evening
- \Rightarrow St Joseph's Open Evening
- ⇒ Our Catholic Schools' Week
- \Rightarrow Beechwood Open Evening

"If God be for us, who can be against us?."

Romans 8:31



3MP St Clare	Rocky C	For his exemplary behaviour, hard work and following instructions.
3JOK St Peter	Julia D	For being an excellent role model.
3CK St John Bosco	Lillyanne H	For listening well, working hard and always ready to answer questions.
4RS St Columba	Chloe J	For working hard and always trying her best.
4RL St Blaise	Sirien J	For being a very polite well mannered member of the class who is an excellent example to your classmates.
4OS St Paul	Daniel K	For his wonderful vocabulary in his writing this week.
5JR St Maximilian	Darsh G	For his excellent attitude to learning.
5KD St Ethelbert	Darrael T	For working very hard, participating in lessons and trying his best.
5SS St Dunstan	Milena S	For working hard and always putting your hand up in lessons.
6RG St Joseph	Jake D	For his valuable contribution to the class and always keen and eager to learn in lessons.
6SP St Brigid	Dylan A	For his excellent attitude and always participating in class and trying his best.
6TH St Cuthbert	Maisie H	For her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication.

Well done to you all!



1KB St Francis	Mark J	For his enthusiastic start to learning in Year 1.
1EH St Bernadette	Stefania M	For settling into Year 1 so well and for being an ex- cellent role model in her class.
1MB St Jude	Aaban M	For becoming a confident class member and putting his hand up more often.
2HL St Christopher	Victoria G	For her exemplary attitude to learning and for al- ways being a good role model to her peers.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Sebastian D	For setting an excellent example of behaviour for others to follow.
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Millie F	For keeping the Golden Rule of Being Ready, coming into school every day ready to work, learn and help.

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, 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—2019



26/09/19		Legoland Workshop Year One children
27/09/19		Macmillan Coffee Morning in KS1, please enter via the hall door. 8:45am to 9:45am
01/10/19		St Teresa Feast Day
04/10/19		St Francis Feast Day
04/10/19		Year 6TH St Cuthbert's Class Assembly at 2:45pm
10/10/19		KS1 Opening Mass at 10:45am—All parents welcome
11/10/19		Year 3MP St Clare and Year 2SS St Mary Magdalene Class Assemblies at 2:45pm
17/10/19		KS2 Opening Mass at 10:45am—All parents welcome
23/10/19		School Nurses Flu Vaccination—Reception to Year 6
24/10/19		End of Term
25/10/19		INSET DAY
28/10/19		St Jude Feast Day
28/10/19		Half Term
04/11/19		Start of New Term
04/11/19 07/11/19	to	Year 6 Bikeability
04/11/19		Pupil Individual Photographs

Attendance of the Week—(9th September—13th September 2019)



Year band	Percentage
Nursery	96.5%
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	99.6 %
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	96.3%



Well Done Year 2! Yearly Whole School—97.65%

Weekly Whole School Attendance - xxxx%

KS1 Class of the Week is 2KS & 2SS

KS2 Class of the Week is

99.7%

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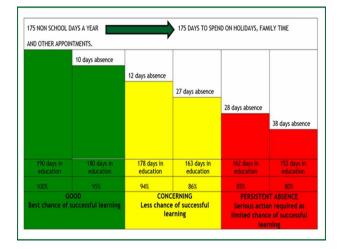
If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on <u>attendance@olopprimary.co.uk</u> or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.

Holiday during Term Time

May we remind you that <u>NO</u> 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.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days



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.