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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 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. On Tuesday of this week the school choir represented OLOP at a Carol Concert at St Peter's Church in Burnham. The children performed beautifully. It was a wonderful start to the Christmas festives and a great community spirit. The Nursery children presented their Christmas concert to parents, they were a real delight and the performance was enjoyed by parents and staff. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas stalls this evening..... I am the Christmas Elf!

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.

### Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Today the eve of The Immaculate Conception, Year 5 and 6 children held a service with Father Andy in the environmental area. The children enjoyed this occasion and were all very thoughtful and respectful in the service. A big thank you to Father Andy for celebrating this with us.



## KS1 Maths Presentation

On Tuesday 4th December we held a Maths presentation for parents about the KS1 curriculum for Maths and how parents can support their child at home. This meeting was held for parents who missed the previous Maths workshop which was held on Tuesday 20th November. The presentation can also be found on the school website at [www.olopprimary.co.uk](http://www.olopprimary.co.uk), **Parent Info, Parent Workshop**.

## Reminder: Parents/Carers of Children in Year Reception to Year 5

If your child missed out on the nasal flu vaccination at school, please contact us on **01753 636759** to book an appointment to attend our clinic at one of the above locations. In addition, as the clinic is a promotional event, families are very welcome/invited to pop down on the day to find out more about the flu vaccine. Finally, families may also qualify for a safe and well visit from the fire service who will be there on the day to discuss this.



The Berkshire Immunisation Team are holding a catch up clinic for the flu vaccination from a Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Vehicle on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018** in conjunction with Slough Borough Council at the following locations/times:

- **10am – 12pm, Montem Leisure Centre (We will be located in the Ice Arena Car Park, SL1 2QG)**
- **12.30 – 2.30pm, Asda Superstore, Cippenham Lane (We will be located in the Car Park, SL1 9LA)**

Please see attached information.

## Lost Scooter

A black and red scooter, with Christmas decorations has gone missing from the KS1 bike rack. If this has been picked up in error, we would be grateful if it could be returned to the KS1 bike rack. Thank you.

## Welly Throw

Money raised so far is a grand total of £1669.15, thank you for all your generosity. We will update you further once all monies received.

## Nursery Carol Concert

On Wednesday 5th December the Nursery children performed their Christmas concert to parents. Thank you to all that attended. It was delightful to see so many familiar faces turn up to watch their Christmas Concert. The children worked very hard to prepare by designing their own Christmas crown and making their own salt dough decorations to hang on our class tree. We are very proud of all the children's efforts and we hope you are too.



### Reminder: Parking

Our relationship with our neighbours is very important. There has been occasions where parents cars have blocked drives and parked in allocated bays. Please be mindful of your parking arrangements. We have been in contact with the traffic police who will be patrolling the area.

### Reminder: Breakfast Club Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for staff at the Breakfast Club. If you are interested in applying, please phone the business Office for further details. Please be aware there is no automatic entitlement for a child to go into the club as we are fully subscribed. Thank you.

### Cleaner Vacancy

Please see attached Cleaner Advert. Thank you.

### Outdoor Learning Assistant

Please see attached information regarding vacancy for Outdoor Learning Assistant.

### Reminder: Bikes and Scooters

May we ask that all children dismount their bikes and scooters when entering the school gates. This includes ALL children who attend OLOP and their siblings. Thank you for your cooperation, we would really appreciate your support in encouraging your children to get off their scooter/bike and walk on school property.

### Carol Concert

On Tuesday 4th December Our Lady of Peace Choir were invited to sing in the Carol Concert at St Peter's Church Burnham. The children sang beautifully and the organiser of the event Mr Jones, expressed how impressed he was that their singing was achieved without musical support, which didn't detract but added to their performance. Thanks also go to Miss Arampatzi and Miss Smith who supported the children at this busy time of year.



## KS2 Christmas Meal

For your information:-

**Wednesday 12th December**, lower school (Yrs 3&4) have their Christmas dinner on this day. Years 5&6 will need to bring a packed lunch from home as there will be NO school meals available except for FSM children.

**Thursday 13th December** upper school (Yrs 5&6) have their Christmas dinner. On this day Years 3&4 will need to bring a packed lunch from home as there will also be NO school meals available except for FSM children.

**KS2** This will be the same for upper and lower school on the **18th December** when **KS1** have their Christmas dinner. Please ensure on these dates that unless your child is FSM they must bring a packed lunch from home. FSM menu options for these 3 dates are Ham or Cheese sandwich.

### **KS1**

Please be advised that due to the Christmas lunch at KS2 on the 13th December there will be a change to the menu instead of jacket potato on this day it will be tomato and basil pasta bake.

### **KS1 and KS2**

**On the 19th December** the menu will be cheese and tomato pizza or jacket potato with cheese or tuna or beans instead of the planned roast. Thank you for your continued support.

## Parent representatives

For approximately 2 years now, we have had some parents who have volunteered for the position of parent representatives.

This group meets once per term with a Governor, to raise and discuss any items that they as parents have received from other parents in their child's year. The timings are 09.15 for approx. 1 - 1.5 hours.

There are now gaps for the following year groups:

Reception

Year 2

Year 4

Year 5

If you would like to participate in this group, please email Marcel Devereux

[mdevereux@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:mdevereux@olopprimary.co.uk) (Governor)

## Consultation for Dorney School Admission Arrangements 2020-2021

A copy of the admission arrangements can be found on the school website:

<https://dorney-school.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/>

## **Free School Meals**

### ***Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals***

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

### **FAMILIES ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS COULD SAVE MORE THAN £400 PER CHILD PER YEAR**

Income Support

Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)

Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))

Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00.

Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)

Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400.

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Boroughs Councils online [free school meals form](#). Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

### **Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?**

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can [apply online](#) or pick up a registration form from your child's school.





# Governor of the Month

## Prithi Mascarenhas: Foundation Governor

This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Foundation Governor and I now serve as Chair of the Leadership and Management committee, which oversees Finance, Staffing, Premises, Health & Safety.

As part of my governor role this term, I attended mass at the school in October and it was a pleasure to be part of the celebration in honour of Our Lady of Peace and accompanied by beautiful singing from the children. It was lovely to watch them listen and participate so actively in the mass and observe first-hand the Catholic ethos of the school.

My first year as governor was daunting as I do not have an educational background, but with support from the team, I have learned many new things about how the school is run and all the work it takes behind the scenes. It is a rewarding role, as you get to input into the work that is already being done to continuously improve and develop the school.

I am one of the Link Governors for Health & Safety and this term, I completed a visit to review the H&S arrangements at the school. I learnt that everyone has a role to play in ensuring H & S is well managed including promptly reporting any safety hazards as soon as these are detected.

A range of different maintenance jobs were carried out this year to ensure the premises are kept in good condition, all this completed with limited budget and funding. On a separate note, the Governing body is organising a Christmas raffle and tickets will be available to purchase. The funds raised from the raffle will be spent on a Staff wellbeing initiative in the New Year, in support and recognition of their hard work. Tickets cost £1, there are some great prizes to be won including 2 x standard returns on the Eurostar to Paris & a Christmas hamper in time for the Holidays! Tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag next week.



### Positive of the Week

The Choir and Nursery children performed exceptionally in their concerts, they were both magical and uplifting.

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

### Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Flu Leaflet**
- ⇒ **Cleaner Advert**
- ⇒ **Outdoor Learning Assistant Advert**
- ⇒ **Upset Tummy poster**



*“In the Lord, put I my trust.”*

***Psalm: 11:1***



# KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Avani S	For being an exemplary student in class this week, for working hard, trying her best in every lesson and doing well in her assessments.
3RB St Peter	Charlotte C	For being a positive role model and making continued progress in every subject.
3CK St John Bosco	Sanjana P	For working constantly hard. Her behaviour and attitude to learning is always positive and makes a great effort to be supportive to others.
4RS St Columba	The Whole Class	For working extremely hard on their class assembly.
4BS St Blaise	Seanna R	For working hard in all lessons and making good improvements in her work.
4KS St Paul	Julia R	For working hard to learn her lines for the Christmas assembly.
5RR St Maximilian	Asha N	For always giving her best and making excellent all-round progress.
5KD St Ethelbert	Tomas D	For trying very hard this week to stay focussed in lessons and producing high quality work.
5SS St Dunstan	Giselle G	For always working hard in every lesson and for some fantastic work in English this week.
6TH St Joseph	Ellie S	For being a pleasure to teach, setting herself high standards and approaches every lesson with enthusiasm and dedication
6SP St Brigid	Alexander L	For working extremely hard to overcome challenges in his learning and for being more pro-active in class discussion.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Harrison Q	For making good progress in maths and contributing well to class discussions.

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



# KS1 Star of the Week

<b>1EH St Bernadette</b>	<b>George H</b>	<b>For learning his spellings carefully each week and trying to use these words in his writing.</b>
<b>1OS St Jude</b>	<b>Kyrell R</b>	<b>For making huge progress in his attitude to learning and being kind to others.</b>
<b>1MB St Teresa</b>	<b>Matei F</b>	<b>For being a great role model for his peers during the rehearsals for our Christmas Carols.</b>
<b>2CW St Christopher</b>	<b>Amelia J</b>	<b>For improving her focus and concentration during learning time and making excellent contributions in class.</b>
<b>2KS St Thomas-Moore</b>	<b>Barbara A</b>	<b>For being very brave in class PSHE games, as well as really working hard to improve her writing.</b>
<b>2LC St Mary-Magdalene</b>	<b>Dana T</b>	<b>For having the confidence to speak in school and showing excellent behaviour.</b>

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

## 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	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**



10/12/18	Year 4 Christmas Production to parents—Pictures of a Christmas World at 2pm
10/12/18	SEN Parents Consultation Meeting at 3.30pm to 5pm
11/12/18	Year 5 St Ethelbert's to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am
11/12/18	Year 3 Christmas Carols to parents at 2pm
12/12/18	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Lunch
13/12/18	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Lunch
14/12/18	Christmas Hat/Jumper Day
14/12/18	Reception Nativity to parents at 2.15pm to 3pm
14/12/18	Panto at Windsor Theatre (Evening Event)
17/12/18	Year 1 Christmas Choir for parents at 2.30 to 3pm
18/12/18	KS1 Christmas lunch
18/12/18	End of Term for Nursery Children
19/12/18	End of Term—School Closes at 1.15pm

**Attendance of the Week—(3rd December —7th December 2018)**



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	86.3%
Reception	93.0%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	95.8%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	95.0%



**Well Done Year 4!**  
**Whole School 94.8%**

**KS1 Class of the Week is 10S**  
**96.7%**

**KS2 Class of the Week is xxx**  
**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 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.*