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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. As we near the end of this very busy term the children are performing well in their productions. This week Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 have shared their Christmas production with parents and have all sang and performed so beautifully. On Monday Year 1 will be performing their Christmas Choir 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.

God Bless you all.

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.

Santa's Grotto and Christmas Stalls



We were delighted to see so many parents, children and visitors at the Friends of OLOP's Santa's Grotto and Stalls last Friday.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event such a success and for all the visitors who attended on the day. We are very grateful for everyone's support.

The total raised was £654.41 which will go towards buying interactive white boards. Thank you for your generosity.

The event was organised and run by the Friends of OLOP to raise money for the school which will benefit all children. In order to continue to hold similar events and activities the group are looking for additional volunteers to help support them.

Volunteers can help in many different ways including baking for cake sales, providing company contacts for raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets and helping at events.

If you can help in any way please email your details to friends@olopprimary.co.uk Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 had their Christmas dinner. The excitement in the room at these times was infectious with laughter and good spirits, enjoyed by all. 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. KS1 will have their Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18th December.....something to look forward to!



Governor Hamper Raffle Tickets

Your child will have come home on Wednesday with an envelope of raffle tickets for the Governor's Christmas Hamper. There are some fantastic prizes to win which include:

- 1st prize Euro Star Tickets
- 2nd Prize Governor Hamper
- 3rd Bottle of Vodka

We would be grateful if you could help us to sell as many as possible and return all monies and any unsold tickets to the school office by **Monday 17th December 2018**. The cost is 50p per individual ticket.

Please complete your contact details on each of the tickets you send into school and to keep the duplicate ticket for yourself.

Our apologies to those parents who have more than one child in the school, as you will have received multiple raffle tickets, please try and sell what you can, and return those that you don't need. If you require any more tickets please let the main reception know.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Governing Body of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 St Ethelbert to Church

On Tuesday 11th December Year 5 St Ethelbert went to morning Mass at OLOP Church. The parishioners' commented on how well the children behaved and joined in with the Mass. As always the children are a credit to their family and school.

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.

Slough Local Police

Please see attached poster from Slough Local Police.

Reminder: 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 (Governor)

Year 4 Christmas Assembly

Year 4 performed the Xmas assembly called Christmas around the world to the school and parents on Monday 10th December. Thank you to all the parents who attended, the children performed beautifully and the Christmas assembly was enjoyed by all.



KS2 Assembly

This morning KS2 enjoyed a very eventful assembly where all staff participated in the singing of twelve days of Christmas led by Year 3 children.



Christmas Drawing Competition for Year 1 children

The Frost Partnership ran a Christmas Drawing Competition for Year 1 children. Three of our pupils who entered the competition were shortlisted, Karin, Victoria were both runners up with their super designs. Frost partnership were also impressed with the entry from Marley and this is what they wrote:

We realise you must all be extremely busy at this time of the year and I thank you for encouraging the children in Year 1 to take part in the drawing competition. We had a great response and we all thought Karin, Victoria and Marley's pictures were fantastic—they are all on display in our window in Burnham High Street.

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!

Stations of the Cross Appeal.

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for us to develop our Prayer Garden in the environmental area with a special focus on the Stations of the Cross. We are looking for talented parents who would like a project and have time on their hands to make the stations for the school in wood or other durable materials for outside. If you are able to support us in any other way, it would be greatly appreciated. This could be through donations of the following: specialist labour, materials, design, planning, etc. Please contact the Main Office if you are able to help in any way. Thank you.

Welly Throw Update

The current money raised for the welly throw so far is a grand total of £1905.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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/>

Positive of the Week

Year 5 St Ethelbert were a credit to the school when they walked to Church this week.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ Church Bulletin
- ⇒ Slough Local Police
- ⇒ Cleaner Advert
- ⇒ Outdoor Learning Assistant Advert

“Seek peace and pursue it.”

Psalms: 34:14

Governor of the Month

Father Andy: Foundation Governor

I grew up in Luton and was a Chemical Engineer before I sensed the Lord's call to the priesthood. Following six years of formation at Oscott Seminary in Birmingham, I was ordained in 2008, and spent the first four years of my priestly ministry in Kettering. In 2012 I became parish priest of Our Lady of Peace and have been a Foundation Governor at the school throughout that time. My main role is to help promote and develop the Catholic life of the school and I seek to do this with fellow governors and staff in our meetings, through the celebration of liturgies in school and by welcoming classes to Mass at church on Tuesday mornings. I also pop into school on most Friday afternoons to visit individual classes, and this is an opportunity to touch base with the staff as well as to see the children and for them to get to know me. I tend to open these sessions up to questions and answers, and the children and teachers can ask me anything they want to. Questions range from deeply philosophical and theological issues such as who made God and why is there evil, to the more down to earth such as what football team do I support, what colour is my house, and do I have a six pack? (If you're wondering, the answer to the latter was "Not on me, but there could be one in my fridge!")

I'm proud of our school and thank God for the blessing it is to our parish and for the good relationship that we enjoy. If you haven't been to church for a while, please think about bringing your child to one of our Christmas Masses (6pm on Christmas Eve is the Children's Mass where the children can come dressed as Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings, stars, animals, etc.) or to one of our regular Sunday Masses (9.45am at Our Lady of Peace has many young families attending). All are welcome. God bless, Fr Andy.



KS2 Pupil of the Week

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| 3MP St Clare | The Whole Class | For their hard work and dedication and performance in the Carol Concert |
| 3RB St Peter | The Whole Class | For a spectacular Carol Concert performance. |
| 3CK St John Bosco | The Whole Class | For an excellent performance at the Carol Concert. |
| 4RS St Columba | The Whole Class | For an amazing Christmas play, learning all their lines, entering and exiting on and off stage and fantastic singing. |
| 4BS St Blaise | The | For an amazing Christmas play, learning all their lines entering and exiting on and off stage along with fantastic singing. |
| 4KS St Paul | The Whole Class | For all their hard work and performance in the Christmas play. |
| 5RR St Maximilian | Dylan P | For your valuable contributions to our Maths lessons and demonstrating understanding and reasoning skills when finding the area and perimeter of composite shapes. |
| 5KD St Ethelbert | Oliwier W | For trying extremely hard to improve his handwriting and putting effort into his RE work. |
| 5SS St Dunstan | Jessica A | For always working hard and for her valuable contributions to class discussions. |
| 6TH St Joseph | Ethan F | For his hard work, enthusiasm and helpfulness. |
| 6SP St Brigid | Esha B | For taking on board teachers comments and producing fantastic, detailed pieces of writing on a regular basis. |
| 6JOK St Cuthbert | Alistair E | For working well in all lessons and for being a good role model this week. |

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

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| 1EH St Bernadette | Hibba R | For always trying her hardest in all that she does. |
| 1OS St Jude | Ana P | For working hard to be a good role model for the rest of the class while on the carpet. |
| 1MB St Teresa | Ruby P | For always working very hard and taking an active part in all class activities. |
| 2CW St Christopher | Tiannah Marie I | For growing in confidence and beginning to share her ideas with the class. |
| 2KS St Thomas-Moore | Nicole C | For always being a kind and caring member of the class and being very polite to other children. |
| 2LC St Mary-Magdalene | Aysiri N | For always trying her best and growing in confidence. |

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

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| 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—2018/2019



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| 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 |
| 3/01/19 | Lenten (Spring) Term begins |
| 10/01/19 | KS2 Mass—Feast of the Epiphany at 10.45am |
| 11/01/19 | KS1 Mass—Feast of the Epiphany at 10.45am |
| 11/01/19 | Mufti Day/Funky Socks |
| 15/01/19 | Year 4 St Paul to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am |
| 16/01/19 | Year 5 to Gunnersbury Park—Victorian Classroom |
| 18/01/19 | Year 5 to Gunnersbury Park—Victorian Classroom |
| 18/01/18 | Year 2 St Thomas Moore Class Assembly at 2.30pm |
| 21/01/18 | Year 4 St Blaise to OLOP Church |
| 25/01/18 | Year 6 St Cuthbert and Year 1 St Bernadette Class Assemblies at 2.30pm |
| 29/01/19 | Year 4 St Columba to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am |

Attendance of the Week—(10th December —14th December 2018)



| <u>Year band</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
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| Nursery | 90.3% |
| Reception | 93.2% |
| Year 1 | 95.0% |
| Year 2 | 93.0% |
| Year 3 | 97.0% |
| Year 4 | 97.2% |
| Year 5 | 93.0% |
| Year 6 | 97.8% |



Well Done Year 6
Whole School 95.43%

KS1 Class of the Week is 2KS

99.31%

KS2 Class of the Week is 3MP

100%

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.