





School Newsletter No 8 Autumn Term 2 8th November 2019

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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 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,

It was lovely to see all the children back in school, all refreshed and eager to learn. This is a very busy term with lots of preparation for the Christmas celebrations. I had the pleasure to be asked to judge the Christmas Card competition; the entries were amazing, we have some budding artists in the making! It was very difficult to make the final judgements as the entries were of a very high standard and we had a lot of entries. I would like to thank all the children who took the time to enter. The winners will be announced next week.

Today we celebrated 'All Saints' Day', the children and staff all looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed the day. Thank you so much for making such an effort and for your generous contributions.

God bless you all.

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Mrs JR O'Keeffe



6SP to Mass

On Tuesday morning, 6SP attended morning Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church with Father Joseph. The children enjoyed the morning with the local congregation and were given gifts and prayers from one very kind lady.

Remembrance Sunday at Burnham Park



On Sunday the school will be presenting a wreath in remembrance of all those who gave their lives in battle for us. If you and your child would like to attend please meet at outside the memorial at **10.25am on Sunday 10th November**.

Please can children be in full school uniform. Thank you.

Solemnity of All Saints











School Christmas Fair

If you have not already saved the date then please note our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 30th November from 11am - 2pm in the KS2 hall and playground.

The free event will include our popular bottle tombola, new toys tombola, gifts and toiletries tombola. There will also be a selection of Christmas stalls including personalised decorations, candles, mulled wine, cake and food stalls plus face-painting for the children and mini manicures.

Father Christmas will also be making a visit and tickets to his grotto will go on sale from the school office from **9am on Wednesday 13th November**. Tickets, priced at £3 per child, include a visit inside his grotto, a small gift and an opportunity to write a letter to the big man himself and receive a reply. Tickets are limited and once sold out no additional tickets will be available at the fair. Father Christmas is a very busy man so sadly we can only have him for a limited time so book early to avoid disappointment.

This year we are also holding pre-bookable Christmas craft sessions for the children to enjoy throughout the fair, leaving parents free to browse the stalls uninterrupted. Details will be emailed out next week.

We hope you can all join us to help support our school and to enjoy this festive period.

We are still looking for donations so if any of you have any new/unopened toys, toiletries or cosmetic gifts we would be grateful if you would hand them into Main Reception.

May we take this opportunity to let you know we really appreciate all your help and generosity. We would not be able to run these events without your support.

Friends of OLOP

Chess Club

Please be advised that Chess club is cancelled on **Thursday 14**th **November** and **Thursday 21**st **November**, due to parents evening taking place.

Vacancies

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

Year 6 Bikeability

Bikeability was back this week giving 36 Year 6 children the opportunity to become confident and road proficient on their bikes. As always, this event is a great success with the children working hard, cycling on the local streets to become safer cyclists and preparing those who may be cycling to school in the near future. Well done to all the participants.







National League Trusts U11s Cup

Year 6 were delighted to attend this annual football competition at Arbor Park, home of Slough Town FC. The school was able to take a boys team and for the first time, a girls team to this six a side event. Both teams excelled, showing team spirit and fair play as they cheered each other on in their respective games. The boys team came second in their group, winning several games but marginally missing out on the final after sadly losing their last game.

The girls were absolutely fantastic considering they had only two training sessions prior to this competition and went on to draw 2 games before winning their last game 3-0! All the children loved the afternoon and were a credit to the school with many spectators commenting on their good behaviour and great enthusiasm for the event. All children were awarded with medals for their hard work at the end of the tournament.

























Slough Family Information Service (FIS)

Slough Family Information Service offers FREE impartial information and guidance on a wide range of services for children, young people and their families.

FIS provide information on:

- Support and advice for families with children and young people
- Childcare for children
- Financial support and help with childcare costs
- Free early learning for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
- Slough Children's Centres and Family Services
- Schools and school based services for families
- Activities for children, young people aged 0-19 and families
- Adult education and employment

The Local Offer including activities and services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) - www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/localoffer

Our Lady of Peace are fortunate in that a Representative from the Family Information Service will be available on the following Parents Evenings:

Tuesday 12th November (based in Key Stage One)

Monday 18th November (based in Key Stage One)

Please feel free to come and meet the Representative and find out more about the service and how it can offer support to your family. There will be information available to take away too.

For further information about the Family Information Service, please contact:

Telephone: 01753 476589 Email: <u>FIS@slough.gov.uk</u>

Parents Evening Eschools logins

The school has been in undated with calls from parents who have forgotten their passwords for eschools. Please find attached fact sheet on how to reset your passwords. If after following the instructions on the fact sheet you are still having trouble please email into post@olopprimary.co.uk and your query will be sorted as soon as possible. Thank you.

Positive of the Week

Cycle experience staff have commented on how well behaved and polite the Year 6 children were who attended their bikeability course this week. Well done!

We welcome your positive comments.....Thank you!

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- ⇒Church Bulletin
- ⇒Out of School Manager/Job Description
- ⇒Eschools Fact Sheet for eschools logins

 $\hbox{\it ``If your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal''}.$

Psalm 119:160

KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Michael G	For working very hard throughout the week and being focused in every lesson by completing his work independently.
3JOK St Peter	Sen R	For always setting a brilliant example to others and for producing super homework!
3CK St John Bosco	Matthew W	For being an enthusiastic, conscientious member of the class who is helpful and kind to everyone.
4RS St Columba	Lilly-Mae G	For trying her best in Maths and for working hard to ensure her spellings are correct.
4RL St Blaise	Sanjana P	For always working hard, being a very polite and well behaved member of her class.
40S St Paul	Annabel L	For consistently following the Golden Rules, having excellent manners and always being ready to learn.
5JR St Maximilian	Marcell E	For his positive attitude to learning and listening well in lessons this week.
5KD St Ethelbert	Abigail F	For being a very hard-working, responsible and respectful pupil, who always goes the extra mile in her work.
5SS St Dunstan	Mohammed K	For his great improvement and effort in class.
6RG St Joseph	Sree G	For her determined , consistent approach towards her learning. Always listening to instruction and willing to challenge herself in all areas of the curriculum.
6SP St Brigid	Zuzka F	For having an excellent attitude at all times, always striving to improve to do her best and for participating in class discussions.
6TH St Cuthbert	Esraa J	For working incredibly hard, having a fantastic attitude to school life and for being kind, helpful and polite.

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Paulina K	For her positive attitude to learning and excellent listening skills.
RHA St Francis	Eamonn G	For hard work and concentration when doing his handwriting.
RKB St Valentine	Damion D	For doing his best to learn .
1KB St Francis	Mohammed D	For being kind and thoughtful.
1EH St Bernadette	Joseph L	For his great independent work in Maths this week.
1MB St Jude	Tallulah C	For always showing great manners and being very kind and helpful to others.
2HL St Christopher	Ethan B	For his hard work in Maths this week, especially with anew tricky addition method.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Josephine B	For showing resilience by trying so hard with a tricky addition method and not giving up.
2SS St Mary- Magdalene	Elsie-Belle W	For always keeping the Golden Rules, being ready to learn and showing determination in Maths.

Local Parishes Mass Times

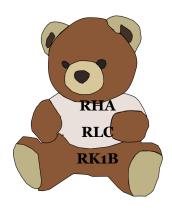
Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berk- shire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Ave- nue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD	Saturday – 5:30pm Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm
Our Lady of Peace The Presby- tery	Lower Britwell Road, Slough, SL2 2NL	Sunday – 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



11/11/19	School Nurses in School 9.30am to 2.30pm —Reception & Year 6 Heights & Weights
12/11/19	School Nurses in School 9.30am to 2.30pm —Reception Heights & Weights
12/11/19	Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm to 6.30pm—Reception/Nursery AM/KS1/Year 3 & 4
14/11/19	Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm to 6.30pm—KS2/Year 5 & 6/Nursery AM
15/11/19	Year 4RS St Columba Class Assembly at 2.45pm—Parents welcome
18/11/19	Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm to 6.30pm—Reception/KS1/Year 3 & 4
21/11/19	Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm to 6.30pm—Year 5&6/Nursery PM
22/11/19	Year 6RG (St Joseph) and Year 2KS (St Thomas Moore) Class Assemblies. Parents welcome.
28/11/19	Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
30/11/19	Christmas Fayre 11am to 1pm

Attendance of the Week—(4th November—8th November 2019)



Year band	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	98%
Reception	100%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%



Well Done Year Reception!

KS1 Class of the Week is RHA, RLC & RK1B 100%

KS2 Class of the Week is 4RL 100%

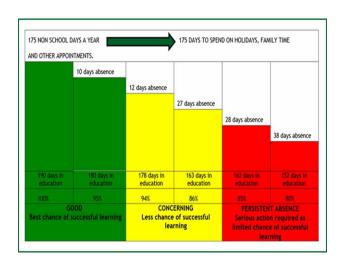
If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.

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.