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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 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,

We have come to the end of a very busy term and the staff and children are ready for their well deserved break. On behalf of the staff may we wish you all a very happy and restful half term with your families.

God bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe

St Jude Feast Day

On Monday 28th October is the Feast Day of St Jude. St Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope. Class 1MB will be celebrating St Jude who is their class Patron Saint on Friday 8th November in their class assembly.

Pyjama Day in Year 1

On Tuesday, Year 1 had their English lesson whilst dressed in their pyjamas. They entered the classrooms to discover that there was a bed in the middle of the floor, the curtains were closed and they could hear owls hooting. Whilst cuddling their teddies they then watched a short clip about a monster under a bed before deciding what had happened in their classes and what they thought could be under the bed. Suggestions included some sweets, a cat, smelly socks and before deciding that it could be a monster! After this the children then drew a picture of what they thought the monster looked like.

A great time was had by all and the children couldn't wait to tell their friends what had happened in their classes that morning. Mrs Hodges didn't want the lesson to end!



Christmas Card Competition.

The PTA are delighted to announce the launch of their Christmas card competition. They are encouraging all pupils to get creative and come up with a Christmas Card design. The competition has been split into four categories with four different themes as follows:

- **Nursery and Reception:** Please design a card around a snowman theme.
- **Year One and Year Two:** Please design a card around a Santa Claus theme.
- **Year Three and Year Four:** Please design a card around a Christmas tree theme.
- **Year Five and Year Six:** Please design a card around a nativity theme.

To take part all you have to do is check which theme corresponds with your child's year group and then get them drawing on a piece of paper no larger than A4. The children can use pencils, paint and other materials. Please can you ensure the child's full name and class is on the **BACK** of the sheet of paper.

One winning design will be chosen from each category and these will be turned into the school's official Christmas cards which you will be able to send out to your friends and family.

So get busy over half-term and give your completed drawing to your class teacher no later than the morning of **Wednesday 6th November**.

Good Luck!

Friends of OLOP



Year 5 Planetarium Experience

On Wednesday the Year 5 children had an opportunity to visit space in an interactive learning dome. They took a tour around the solar system to look more closely at the different planets and also the constellations in the night sky. It was lovely to see the children so engaged and fascinated in their learning experience.



Solemnity of All Saints



All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember *all* martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on **Friday 8th November** and ask that your children come into school dressed as Saints. We would be grateful for a £1 donation which will go towards replacing the RE artefacts in the classrooms. Thank you.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 4th November to undertake individual photographs of all the children. **No siblings will be photographed during the day.** There will be a drop in session for siblings **before** school from **8:15am** in the **KS1 Hall**. This will be on a first served basis. Please see attached flyer.

CURRENT YEAR 6 CHILDREN—IMPORTANT NOTICE

Re: Secondary Transfer 2020

Please may we remind you that the closing date to apply for your child's Secondary Transfer is **Thursday 31st October 2019**.

For parents who have not yet applied for their child to attend secondary school in September 2020 can do so by applying online at www.slough.gov.uk/school admissions.

School Lunches

The school lunch winter menu's for KS1 and KS2 can be found on our website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, **parent info, School lunches**.



Foster Carers change lives

We all want the best for children which is why Slough Children's Services Trust is proud to have an amazing collection of foster carers providing safe and loving homes to vulnerable children who, for various reasons, are unable to live with their own family. However, the Trust urgently needs more carers so could you open up your home to a child in need? As a foster carer with the Trust, you will receive: excellent training, 24/7 support and generous payments. If you're worried about the impact it might have on your own children, as one of the Trust's existing carers said: "I can honestly say that being part of a fostering family makes my kids the amazing little people they are." Feeling inspired? Text FOSTER to 60066 to find out more. Please see attached flyer. Information can also be found on our school website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, Parent Information, Foster Carers Change Lives.

Vacancies

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



Swimming Crash Courses

Please see attached to this newsletter information from The Centre and Langley Leisure Centre on their swimming crash courses. Thank you.

Date Changes

We have made some changes to the diary dates for 2020 as below. All amendments have been updated in the online school calendar. Thank you.

Year 6 Production to parents – Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 6pm.

Year 6 Production to parents – Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 1.30pm

Year 6 Production to parents – Thursday 9th July 2020 at 6pm

Year 2 Play to parents – Thursday 9th July 2020 at 2.30pm

Positive of the Week

“The school main reception area is always very welcoming and the staff are all very nice and helpful”

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

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Advert—Out of School Manager**
- ⇒ **The Centre Swimming Crash Course Leaflet**
- ⇒ **Langley Leisure Centre Swimming Crash Course Leaflet**
- ⇒ **Theatre Workshop Half Term Flyer**
- ⇒ **NSPCC Parent Information**



“Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created. Your regulations remain true to this day”.

Psalm 119:49



Local Parishes Mass

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Avenue, Langleigh, 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



28/10/19	St Jude Feast Day
28/10/19	Half Term
02/11/19	All Souls Day of Devotion
04/11/19	Start of New Term
04/11/19 to 07/11/19	Year 6 Bikeability
04/11/19	Pupil Individual Photographs
08/11/19	All Saints Day—Children to come into school dressed up as Saints—We would be grateful for a £1 donation which will go towards replacing RE resources in the classrooms. Thank you.
08/11/19	Year 5SS St Dunstan and Year 1MB St Jude Class Assemblies at 2:45pm.
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 6 Heights & Weights
12/11/19	Parent Consultation Evening—3.30pm to 6.30pm—EYFS/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

Attendance of the Week—(21st October—24th October 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	89%
Reception	91.5%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	96.1%



Well Done Year 5!
Yearly Whole School—96.4%

KS1 Class of the Week is

1MB
98.2%

KS2 Class of the Week is

5SS
99.1%

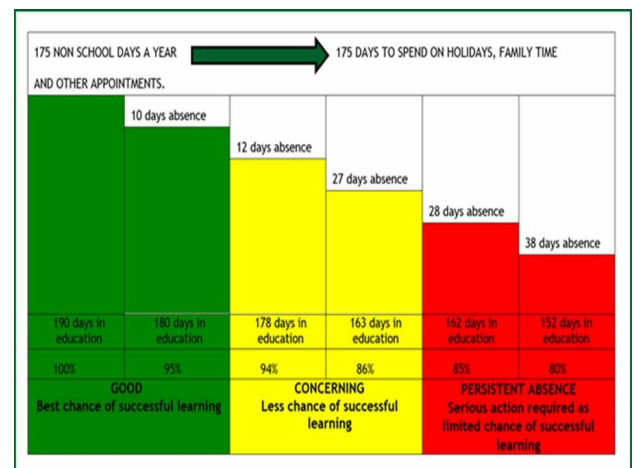
If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.

Holiday during Term Time

May we remind you that **NO** 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.