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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

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School 'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

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### <u>Deputy Headteacher's Message</u>

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We have finally arrived at the end of the busy summer term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to their well deserved break. This week the children in Nursery have had lots of fun with a pirate day on Tuesday. On Thursday we celebrated the leavers Mass at OLOP Church. The Mass was dedicated to staff, governors and pupils who are leaving the school. This was a very memorable occasion. May I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the staff to thank all parents for all their lovely gifts and kind words.

Hope you all have a great Summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless.

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### <u>We say Farewell</u>

This term we say farewell to Mrs Merryweather, Mrs Mayler, Miss Kearley, Mr Balaquidan, Mrs Narh-Dorh, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Burton, Mrs Colaco, Mrs King and Mrs Saha. Thank you to them all for their hard work and support, may we take this opportunity to wish them well in their future endeavours.

### **Uniform Policy**

There have been some amendments to the uniform policy which is attached to this newsletter for your convenience. A copy can also be found on our website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, **Parents Info tab, Policies**. **In Autumn:** 

Children must wear their winter uniform as of their first day back in September; this is a change as of July 2018 and has been agreed by Governors.

During Winter months wellies / boots may be worn to school, but pupils must change into school shoes when they arrive at school. Thank you.

### **Reminder: Ballet Shoe**

Is your child missing a ballet shoe? We have one ballet shoe in KS1 reception. Thank you.

## <u>Year 6 Leavers Disco</u>

On Thursday the Year 6 children enjoyed their leavers disco, they had lots of fun, food and laughter. I am sure they will all take away this wonderful memory as they move on to their secondary schools. Take care year 6, we will miss you all!



## Reminder: Year 5 & 6 Summer Transition Activity Booklet

Please find attached to this newsletter Year 5 & 6 Summer Transition Activity Booklet for Mathematics Thank you.

### **Reminder: Summer Sports Camp at St Josephs**

St Joseph's Catholic High School are running a sports camp and would like as many pupils in year 6 from Our Lady of Peace school to attend. Please see attached letter and flyer. Thank you.

### Reminder: Message from Tim Howells, Public Health Programme Officer in Slough

Active Movement, the pioneering programme is designed to increase activity and reduce obesity, this will soon be seen in the majority of primary schools in Slough.

As part of the launch, a special Active Movement walk has been created at this year's Playday at Salt Hill Park on August 1st. The walk will take you through Salt Hill and Baylis park with a competition to win Decathlon walking trainers for 4 family members. The walk is open throughout the event from 12 till 3pm and will be attended by many of Slough's Active Movement schools. Best of all, it's your chance to see how **being active is just a walk in the park!** Please find poster attached to this newsletter. Thank you.

### <u> Pirate Day</u>

On Tuesday the nursery children enjoyed a fun day playing pirates, I'm not sure who had the most fun the teachers or the children!!!! The children were dressed in pirate clothes and some had faces painted. A great day was had by all



## Reminder: Message from Safety Education Co-ordinator—INCREASED RISK OF WILDFIRES

Due to the current dry, hot weather we are experiencing, we are at a heightened risk of wildfires.

To minimise the potential risk, we are asking all parents across Berkshire to disseminate our wildfire messages to their children before the end of term, to help keep young people and their families as safe as possible during the summer holidays. We would also ask that all young people are reminded of the dangers associated with fire and the consequences of playing with matches and lighters.



Thank you for your assistance.

### <u>Slough Children Services Trust</u>

On behalf of the Slough Children Services Trust, please see attached short break poster. Thank you.

Information from Family Information and Resource Support Team (FIRST)

Just to inform you that all summer holiday activities for 2018 are summarised on our website: <u>Slough</u> <u>Family Information Service website</u> ("What's on" section).

More direct access can be found through this link: https://www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk/kb5/sloughcst/directory/results.page?qt=%22summer+holiday s+2018%22&term=&sorttype=relevance

### Summer Holidays Activities Brochure

Please see attached brochure from Slough Family Information Service with all summer holiday activities for 2018.

**Children's Centres Summer Holiday Programme** 

Please see attached poster. Thank you.

### <u>Lost Scooter</u>

Please see the attachment to this newsletter regarding a lost scooter. Thank you.

### Year 2—The Bee Musical

Year 2's performance of 'The Bee Musical' was a buzzing success! We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to all staff and parents for their hard work and support, and most of all a huge well done to the Year 2 children.











### Message from Thames Valley Police

This year's Thames Valley Police Open Day will be taking place on **Saturday 18th August**, celebrating 50 years since the formation of the force.

The event will be taking place at TVP's Training Centre in Sulhamstead, Berkshire (post code RG7 4DX).

From 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm), stalls will be promoting the very best of what TVP has to offer and showcasing the work that the force has carried out for the past 50 years.

Some of the highlights include:

- Arena displays, including the public order team combined with the mounted section
- Children's fancy dress competition come dressed in a police themed costume to be in with the chance of winning a fabulous prize
- Pat and chat with the mounted section A chance to meet officers and their horses
- See the force helicopter and meet the pilots
- Learn about different departments
- Visit the police museum

This year there will be two entrances for visitors at South Drive and White Lodge.

Due to this, it is important that you follow the signs to the event. The roads will be busy and narrow country lanes can make it difficult to turn around if you go the wrong way.

Car parking is available on a first come, first served basis. Assistance dogs are permitted, other visitors with dogs will be turned away and dogs must not be left in vehicles.

On entry to the event bag searches will be taking place.

This is a free event.

Please see poster attached. Thank you

### House Point Results KS1 & KS2

Please find attached to this newsletter KS1 and KS2 house point results. Thank you.



# **Governor of the Month**

### **Amy Day: Foundation Governor**

I joined the board of Governor's in September 2017, just as my son started in reception at OLOP. I also have a daughter who will be joining the school nursery this coming September. I am a school counsellor at a secondary school in Windsor and I hope my experience will be beneficial to my role as a governor.

Having visited the school a couple of times to join the gardening club, I have seen the benefits for the children to join in this activity. It was great to see them getting involved with working in the garden and around the school and how much they enjoyed it. Speaking with them about how they feel about the gardening club, I found that they seemed to get a lot out of it which was lovely to hear.

Today I attended the KS2 assembly and it was great to see the children being awarded for all their hard work and it was evident how proud it made them feel. Seeing the competitive edge when it came to house points and the encouragement it gives them to achieve well was a great motivator to ensure this continues in our school.



### **Reminder: Request for Leave 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 (*including either side of a School holiday*) will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

Any absences attached to a School holiday will need to be evidenced by either an appointment card from the Doctor's surgery to say your child has been seen etc. Please ensure this evidence is dated for the day of absence or proof provided of any medication prescribed. Any medication can be brought to the School Office on your child's return. Failure to provided evidence will result in your child's absence being marked as unauthorised.

As a parent/guardian it is your responsibility to ensure your child attends School on a regular basis. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Positive of the Week

The most treasured heirlooms are the sweet memories of family.

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

### Please find attached the following communications and information

- $\Rightarrow$  Church Bulletin
- $\Rightarrow$  Year 5/6 Activity Booklet
- $\Rightarrow$  Uniform Policy
- ⇒ St Joseph's Summer Camp Letter & Flyer
- $\Rightarrow$  Be Active Poster
- $\Rightarrow$  Healthwatch Poster
- $\Rightarrow$  Short breaks information day poster
- ⇒ Summer Holidays Activities Brochure
- $\Rightarrow \ \ \text{Lost Scooter Poster}$
- $\Rightarrow \ \ \textbf{Open Day Poster}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Summer Holiday Programme
- $\Rightarrow$  KS1/KS2 House Point Results

"For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies."

**Psalm:** 57:10

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St Clare	The Whole Class	For working to improve all areas of the curriculum.
St Peter	The Whole Class	For working to improve all areas of the curriculum.
St John Bosco	The Whole Class	For all your hard work, trying your best and for your beautiful singing voices in class. Best of luck in Year 4.
St Columba	Zuzka Franover	For always trying her best, working consistently hard and has been extremely helpful.
St Blaise	The Whole Class	For having a fantastic year.
St Paul	Jake Dobson	For being a kind, helpful and supportive member of the class. You are always thoughtful, considerate and a good role model.
St Maximilian	The Whole Class	For being a great class.
St Ethelbert	The Whole Class	For their hard work, dedication and perseverance throughout the year. Best of luck in Year 6.
St Dunstan	The Whole Class	For being such a wonderful, hardworking class who have matured over the year.
St Joseph	The Whole Class	For working so hard throughout the year.
St Brigid	The Whole Class	For all the work they have achieved over the years, we wish you all the very best for the future.
St Cuthbert	The Whole Class	For working extremely hard and making great progress this year.
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# Well done to you all!



RNG St Valentine	The Whole Class	For finishing reception and being ready for Year 1. Your teachers are very proud of how much you have grown over the year and how much you have learnt.
RHM St John	Thomas Haire	For his continued positive attitude to learning and being at school.
REH St Francis	Ronel Augustine	For always being kind and friendly towards others.
1GK St Bernadette	The Whole Class	For growing in independence and taking ownership of their learning. Good luck in Year 2!
1CW St Jude	The Whole Class	For growing in independence and taking ownership of their learning. Good luck in Year 2!
1MB St Teresa	The Whole Class	For working very hard through the whole school year.
2JB St Christopher	Kacper Dziubinski	For growing in confidence and becoming an independent learner.
2KS St Thomas- Moore	Macee Richardson	For working very hard in year 2 and always setting a good example.
2DN St Mary-Magdalene	Evanie Sri Ganas	For being a kind and helpful member of the class.

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### **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**



01/09/18	Online Applications for Reception and Secondary School Admissions Open
05/09/2018	Start of New Term
05/09/18	Nursery Group Visits  - 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm (Full time Nursery Children only)
06/09/18	Nursery Group Visits—1pm to 3pm (PM children only)
07/09/18	Nursery Group Visits—9am to 11am (AM children only)
10/09/18	Start date for Nursery AM & PM
w/c 10/09/18	Nursery Full time children staggered start
09/09/18	Catholic Schools' Sunday
21/09/18	Mufti Day
24/09/18	SEN Parents Evening
w/c 24/09/18	Travelling Book Fair

# Attendance of the Week—(16th July—20th July 2018)



<u>Year band</u>	<b>Percentage</b>
Nursery	83.3%
Reception	88.8%
Year 1	91.5%
Year 2	91.2%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	92.45%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	95.4%



# Well Done Year 6! Whole School Attendance

94.8%%

### KS1 Classes of the Week 1CW

95%

KS2 Classes of the Week is 6TH

97.3%

### **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 arrive to school on time. Thank you.

> 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.