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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. This week we have been busy with parents evenings on Monday and Tuesday. I hope you were pleased with the information you received and that your children are all studying well. Thank you to all the parents who completed our questionnaire, your views are very important to us.

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.

### Reminder: Parking

Our relationship with our neighbours is very important. There has been occasions this week 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.

### Message from the Friends of OLOP

#### **Calling all parents! Your child's school needs you!**

A small group of parents have set up, a PTA, called Friends of OLOP and we're looking for volunteers to help us fundraise to support the school in providing extra equipment and stimulating experiences which will benefit **ALL** of our children.

You do not need any special skills just lots of enthusiasm! Even if you do not want to attend regular meetings you can help in lots of different ways from baking, providing company contacts for raffle prizes to helping out at events.

To register your interest please email: [friends@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@olopprimary.co.uk)

### Student absence from school

Please remember it is the parents/carers responsibility to contact the school by 8.30am if your child is going to be absent. Please call the school office or email [attendance@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@olopprimary.co.uk) **(Please do not use [post@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:post@olopprimary.co.uk))** on your child's return to school they must bring an absent note to go into their file.

### Year 6 St Brigid

Year 6 Saint Brigid enjoyed a visit from Father Andy and Seminarian Andrew last Friday afternoon. The children asked them questions ranging from favourite football teams/film and pop bands to questions about their decisions in becoming priests, what the role entails and what they would do if they became Pope! The class followed this by attending Tuesday mornings Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church with the parish. The class were impeccably behaved and particularly enjoyed the homily which related to their previous days RE lesson.



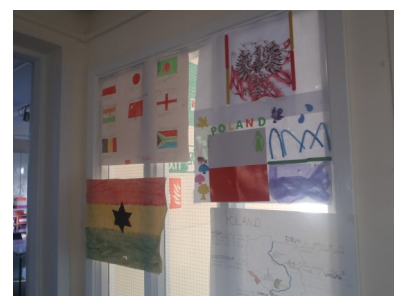
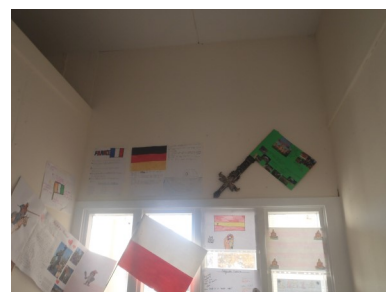
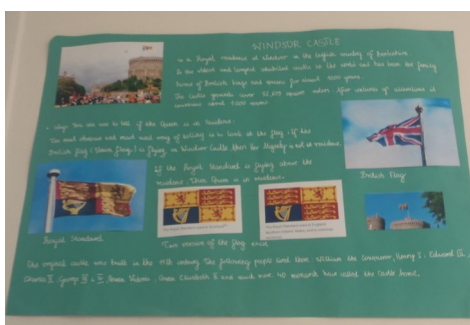
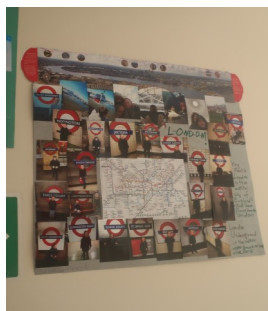
### School Photographs

The school photographer will be coming into school on the morning of Thursday 22nd November to do an additional session for all the children who were not in school on Monday 29th October when the original photographs were taken.

May we also ask that all photograph proofs are brought into Main Reception by Monday 19th November. Thank you.

## Year 2 Brain Builders Homework

As part of their Brain Builders homework, Year 2 children and their families worked very hard on researching places around the world and their flags. We asked them to be really creative, and make a flag that represents a place they know well or have visited. They also made interesting fact files about the places. The results were amazing! Well done for all your hard work! They were all shared in class and they have all been displayed in the Year 2 landings. They look wonderful! What great geographers we have in Year 2!



## Welly Throwing Competition



Our next annual Welly Throwing Competition is on Friday 23rd November. This is where the children show off their skills as to how far they can throw a welly. A letter and sponsor sheet will be sent out to you very shortly. If every child was to collect at least £10 sponsor money, the school would raise £6,500! It would be absolutely amazing if we could reach this goal. We are in need of wellington boots if you have any spare!

All monies raised will go to the Spelling Shed programme. The Spelling Shed helps children to practice spelling via a simple game. The game gives four different degrees of support in the form of difficulty modes; Easy, Medium, Hard and Extreme.

Higher levels allow a higher score to be achieved but children can practice as much as they like on lower levels before trying to gain high scores. Thank you for your support.

## PGL

Just a gentle reminder that the Year 6 PGL trip instalment for November is now due.

## Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is held in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations as a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts".

At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month people stay silent for two minutes to remember all service men and women. This is on a Sunday and as we are not in school that day, Our Lady of Peace had a two minute silence today. We showed our thanks by praying and reflecting in class. All children and staff wrote their names on a thank you card as a sign of thanks and respect, which will be displayed in the hall. We also have flags hanging near to Main Reception to mark this memorable occasion—100 years since the end of World War 1. Lets continue to pray for world peace.





### Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended this work shop on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The year 1 teachers gave information about the phonics screening test that takes place towards the end of the summer term. The team discussed how to help segment and blend words for reading, using real and “nonsense” words. (These are words that can be read phonetically but have no meaning.) By the end of year 1, children are expected to have reached the end of phase 5 phonics, having consolidated all the phonemes, high frequency words and tricky words (words that cannot be read phonetically.) For those that were unable to attend, hand-outs will be sent home with your child.

### Parent Helpers school library

Do you have some spare time on your hands? Would you be interested in helping to run the school library? If you have answered yes to any of these questions and would be interested in helping to run the school library, please contact Main Reception. Training will be provided. Thank you.

### Nursery

There is a new parent information board outside the Nursery gate on the wall. (By the OLOP sign) We would be grateful if nursery parents would look at this daily.

If your child has been given spare clothes from the nursery we would be grateful if you would kindly return them to nursery as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Reminder: Toys Needed

The EYFS team are looking for toys and would really appreciate it if anyone has any of the following to donate to the school, that your children have grown out of. Dolls and dolls clothes, brio train sets, cars and small world toys such as space, farm, zoo etc. If this is something you have we would be grateful if you could bring to the Main reception area. Thank you.

### Reminder: Lions Club of Burnham—Christmas Fayre

This year Our Lady of Peace will be taking part at the Christmas Fayre in Burnham High Street, the school will have a stall, so please do come and find us. This year there will also be a Children’s Parade and the theme is Prince and Princess, if your child would like to take part in the parade on the evening of Thursday 6th December, parents would need to accompany their child at all times.

### Reminder: Parents Consultation Evenings

**Monday 12th November 2018—3RB only– rescheduled appointment for parents who were already booked for Monday 5th November. Your original times will remain unchanged.**

**Tuesday 13th November 2018—EYFS/KS1/Years 3 & 4**

**Thursday 15th November 2018—Nursery and 2RS only and Years 5 & 6**

Please note the parents of children in Nursery and 2RS **only** have their consultation meetings on the same days as Years 5 & 6. This will be held in the KS2 hall. Thank you.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019**

If your child is in Year 3, and you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2019 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion programme. **THE FINAL DATE FOR ENROLMENTS WILL BE SUNDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**, any latecomers after the final date will have to wait until 2020. Please contact Yvonne in the office to arrange an appointment to enrol your child, telephone 01628 605764, email: [yvonnecaff@talktalk.net](mailto:yvonnecaff@talktalk.net) If your child was Baptised in another Parish, you will need to bring with you a copy of the child's Baptism certificate: if you cannot find it, you will need to contact the Parish where your child was Baptised and obtain it before the appointment. The First Holy Communion classes will begin in January 2019 and will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday mornings. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Positive of the Week**

The flags at the front of the school are a fantastic way to show our respect.

Many thanks for a very informative parents consultation, we appreciate all that the school does for our children.

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

### **Please find attached the following communications and information**

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Nursery/Reception Parent Planning**
- ⇒ **Cleaning Vacancy Advert**



“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord. ”

***Psalm: 27:14***



# KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Chloe W	For always showing great enthusiasm towards her work and for helping others.
3RB St Peter	Apolonia M	For consistently trying her best in every subject and a joy to have in class.
3CK St John Bosco	Nicola L	For consistently good effort in every subject.
4RS St Columba	Noah D	For trying his best to write a character description and improving his times tables.
4BS St Blaise	Amara G	For a fantastic attitude to learning, fantastic listening skills and a joy to have in the class.
4KS St Paul	Julian B	For working hard in maths and becoming more involved in class discussions.
5RR St Maximilian	Elijah A	For writing an interesting liturgy calling all people to love God.
5KD St Ethelbert	Essie D	For always being polite and well mannered towards adults and other children and trying really hard this week to produce more high quality work.
5SS St Dunstan	Teddy M	For improved focus and great writing in English.
6TH St Joseph	Matilda C	For being an absolute pleasure to teach and for being enthusiastic , inquisitive, hardworking and helpful.
6SP St Brigid	Aine C	For working hard across the curriculum and for always looking to improve and make progress.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Megan S	For making fantastic progress across all subjects and for having an excellent attitude to learning!

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

# KS1 Star of the Week

<b>1EH St Bernadette</b>	<b>Rohan J</b>	<b>For his improved attitude to learning.</b>
<b>1OS St Jude</b>	<b>Tyler T</b>	<b>For settling in really well and trying hard to make good choices.</b>
<b>1MB St Teresa</b>	<b>Jessica K</b>	<b>For making great improvements in writing and taking an active part in class activities.</b>
<b>2CW St Christopher</b>	<b>Matthew W</b>	<b>For growing in confidence and beginning to share his ideas with the class.</b>
<b>2KS St Thomas-Moore</b>	<b>Sanujan V</b>	<b>For being a very good friend, playing nicely, and welcoming others into his games.</b>
<b>2RS St Mary-Magdalene</b>	<b>Mika H</b>	<b>For trying his very best in maths.</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**



<b>12/11/18</b>	<b>Parents Consultation Evening 3 St Peter (3RB) ONLY</b>
<b>13/11/18</b>	<b>Year 6 St Joseph's to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am</b>
<b>13/11/18</b>	<b>Parents Consultation Evening—EYFS, KS1 &amp; KS2 Lower (Years 3 &amp; 4) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm</b>
<b>15/11/18</b>	<b>Parents Consultation Evening—KS2 Upper (Years 5 &amp; 6) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm</b> <b>Parents Consultation Evening—2RS St Mary Magdalene and Nursery only—3.30pm to 6.30pm</b>
<b>16/11/18</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle</b>
<b>20/11/18</b>	<b>Year 6 St Cuthbert's to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am</b>
<b>21/11/18</b>	<b>Maths Information Evening for Years 3 &amp; 4 at 6pm in KS2 Hall</b>
<b>22/11/18</b>	<b>Year 3 Fire Service Visit</b>
<b>23/11/18</b>	<b>Year 6 St Joseph's and Year 2 St Thomas-Moore Class Assemblies at 2.30pm</b>
<b>27/11/18</b>	<b>Year 5 St Maximillian to Mass at OLOP Church at 9.30am</b>
<b>30/11/18</b>	<b>Year 4 St Columba's Class Assembly at 2.30pm in KS2 Hall</b>

### Attendance of the Week—(05th November —9th November 2018)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	85.3%
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	94.1%



**Well Done Year 4!**  
**Whole School 94.7%**

**KS1 Class of the Week is 1EH**  
**99%**

**KS2 Class of the Week is 4BS**  
**99.3%**

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.*