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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. It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break. They all seemed very well rested and ready to start the next term with great enthusiasm. On Monday Year One had a visit from Zoolab, which you will be able to find out more about in the body of this newsletter. Thank you to the parents who attended the End of KS1 Assessment parent workshop on Wednesday, it was very well attended.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.



Reminder: Stations of the Cross

We would like to invite parents to the Stations of the Cross which will be led by Year 6 Faith Ambassadors in the environmental area on Thursday 28th March from 2pm to 2.30pm. Light refreshments will follow in KS1.

Reminder: World Book Day



Thursday 7th March 2019 is World Book Day, your child will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. Please can we ask that children bring along the accompanying book for their book day character.

We have also booked an exciting story based workshop 'Bringing Books to Life' for children in Year 1 and 2 which will be held on Tuesday 5th March. Bringing books to life dance workshops give children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories. Each workshop concludes with a performance moment, where the children perform aspects of their work to themselves and to their teacher.

During the dance workshop a choreographer will work with each class, developing responses to some of our most beloved children's books through language, movement and dance.

Chess Club Thursday 7th March and Thursday 14th March

Chess Club on Thursday 7th March and Thursday 14th March is cancelled due to parents evening. The club will recommence on Thursday 21st March. Thank you.

Reminder: Friday 8th March - Author visit KS2 (Book Week)

As one of our World Book day activities , we have invited a children's author --(Leysa Henderson) to deliver an assembly on the theme of her book *Lost Lives*: *Lost Lives* is a children's eco-adventure book that has many environmental and social themes running through it. Predominantly, the message is highlighting the plight of orangutans and the loss of their habitat to make way for palm oil plantations. The book has a two-fold purpose, firstly, to raise awareness of the effects of deforestation and secondly, to raise money for charities affected by palm oil exploitation. A signed copy of the book can be bought on the day (letters have already been sent out to parents, if you require a copy, please ask at Main Reception).

Reminder: Breakfast Club Staff Vacancies



We have vacancies for staff at the Breakfast Club. Please see attached advert. Thank you.

Reminder: Parents of children with Special Educational Needs

We will be holding our next SEN Parents Consultation Evening on **Monday 25th March from 3.30-5.10pm** - please keep this date free in your diaries. Parents will be able to book a 20 minute slot with their child's class teacher. In this time, your child's current Individual Provision Map (IPM) will be reviewed and your child's new IPM for the Summer term will be discussed. Please ensure you sign up using our online booking system. This booking system will be active from **Friday 1st March**.

Reminder: Spare underwear and tights for Foundation Age Children

We would like to appeal for any underwear/tights for children aged between four and five years old. If you have any unwanted underwear or tights which are no longer required we would be grateful for your kind donation. Thank you.

Reminder: School Uniform

Thank you to all the children who do wear the correct uniform, not only do they look very smart, but they take pride in their appearance, building self respect and self-esteem. As a school we have high expectations of the children's presentation as well as their academic standards. It is important that the correct uniform is being worn by all children across the school. It is imperative that all children (with the exception of Nursery) wear a white shirt/blouse and **NOT** a polo shirt. As a school we are here to support parents in all aspects of school life, therefore, please let the school know if there are exceptional circumstances why your child is not wearing the correct uniform. You can contact the school in confidence and we will do our best to resolve or help you with this situation. Thank you for your continued support (Please see attached uniform policy).

Zoolab

On Monday Year 1 children had very special visitors-Zoolab with their rainforest animals. The children had a chance to learn about the Amazon Rainforest and its inhabitants. Gary from Zoolab brought with him a tiger snail, giant cockroaches, cornfield snake and a tarantula with an adorable name-Matilda. Everyone was very excited to stroke or hold the animals. The children learnt a lot during the day and had a wonderful first hand experience which they enjoyed.



Are you interested in becoming a teacher?

St Joseph's Catholic High School, as a centre for Teach SouthEast, will be holding a taster morning on 13 March from 8.30am - 1.00pm. Teach SouthEast provides Initial Teacher Training (ITT) across a range of secondary school subjects. The morning will cover a presentation of the different routes into teaching and how to prepare for an interview lesson as well as a tour of the school and the opportunity to observe two lessons (which will be very valuable both when completing your UCAS application and when preparing for interview). If you are interested in signing up for this half-day event, please email Joanne Hawkins on: jhawkins@salesian.surrey.sch.uk. In the meantime, further information about Teach SouthEast can be found on our website where you can download a prospectus in PDF format: www.teachsoutheast.co.uk.



The Great Daffodil Appeal -Marie Curie

The school are supporting 'The Great Daffodil Appeal' every penny we raise will help people living with a terminal illness, and their families, to make the most of the time they have left together. We will be selling daffodil flower pins in KS1 and KS2 Offices and we ask for a minimum donation of £1 per flower. Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Attendance Procedure

As a School that we must adhere to the following attendance procedure.

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.

After 10 sessions (5 days) of absence:

The Attendance Officer will write to the parent/guardian informing them that their child has had 5 days of absence. This includes any type of absence, regardless of whether you have called your child in sick or are on unauthorised holiday.

After 20 sessions (10 days) of absence:

The Attendance Officer will refer the absence to the Attendance Improvement Officer at Slough Borough Council. Upon acceptance of the referral, the Attendance Improvement Officer will write to the parent/guardian confirming that a referral has been accepted. The letter will outline targets that the parent/guardian will need to meet regarding their child's absence and may request a meeting with you. Please note that once your child has reached this stage, **ALL absences** will be marked unauthorised unless proof is provided by your child's Doctor or Hospital.

After 30 sessions (15 days) of absence:

The Attendance Improvement Officer from Slough Borough Council will write to the parent/guardian asking them to attend an Attendance Panel meeting. The meeting will be held at the local Authority with the parent/guardian, the Attendance Improvement Officer from Slough Borough Council and the School's Attendance Officer may be invited to attend.

After 38 sessions (19 days) of absence:

Your child is now identified by the Government as a '**Persistent Absentee**'

The parent/guardian will be invited to an attendance panel meeting. The attendance panel will be held at Slough Borough Council, St Martin's Place, Bath Road and will be chaired by the Attendance Team Manager. There will be no representative present from the School.

The parent/guardian will be invited to explain the reasons for the regular absence of their child. The meeting will give consideration as to whether immediate legal action should be considered. If a previous prosecution has been undertaken or a fixed penalty notice issued that has been unpaid, the parent/guardian will be invited to a pre-court panel interview. The pre-court meeting will be held at Slough Borough Council, St Martin's Place and chaired by the Attendance Team Manager. There will be no representative present from the School.

The interview will be conducted under caution in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1996 Section 444. Following this meeting a decision will be made by the Attendance Team Manager as to whether court action will be taken.

Please note that the number of unauthorised absences is not for a single period of time, but a total of the number of sessions absent **throughout the School year**

If your child is absent for a single period of 3 or more days at one time, then the School will require you to provide evidence from your Doctor or Hospital so that this may be held for Slough Borough Council.

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

Nut Free School



At Our Lady of Peace we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we have become a NUT AWARE SCHOOL. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches . We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Reminder: Easter Holiday Clubs

The following clubs will be running over the Easter holidays:

Code Camp – a computer programming club on the 8th – 10th April, for **Years 3-6 only**. See attached flyer. A separate communication will follow shortly. Please note the early bird offer of a reduced price.

Positive of the Week

The children have all settled in well after the half term.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Breakfast Club Assistant Advert**
- ⇒ **Code Camp Leaflet**
- ⇒ **Uniform Policy**
- ⇒ **Marking of Books Letter**

*“Trust the Lord! He is your helper and
your shield.”*

Psalms 115:9

KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Karanveer B	For working tremendously hard this week, especially with regard to his presentation.
3NG St Peter	Jeremy A	For excellent behaviour and being kind to others this week.
3CK St John Bosco	Amelia P	For a superb effort in improving her handwriting.
4RS St Columba	Abigail F	For always presenting her work in a neat and tidy manner and for trying very hard to include adventurous vocabulary in her writing.
4BS St Blaise	Lyla M	For showing great perseverance in her attitude to her work.
4KS St Paul	Safaa Y	For working hard in maths this week.
5RR St Maximilian	Kiera W	For writing such a beautiful 'Senses' poem for her cold task.
5KD St Ethelbert	Erin H	For making good progress across all subjects.
5SS St Dunstan	Adam G	For fantastic work in Maths and for helping others when they are stuck!
6TH St Joseph	Matt K	For working extremely hard all week and producing some excellent pieces of work.
6SP St Brigid	Bailey Mai P	For working hard across the curriculum.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Julia K	For contributing more in lessons and making good progress in her writing.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Vihaan P	For the ideas he has shared and the questions he has answered at carpet time!
RHA St Francis	Ernest S	For being sensible, kind and always working hard to improve his reading and writing skills.
RKB St Valentine	Jeremiah K Ava R Jennina R	For always being polite, kind and helpful towards other children. For always being happy, positive and enthusiastic.
1EH St Bernadette	Maya B	For being a good role model to her peers and having a positive attitude towards learning.
1OS St Jude	Mark E	For working hard to improve his work and becoming a good role model in lessons.
1MB St Teresa	Joshua H	For a significant improvement engaging in class activities.
2CW St Christopher	Amelia O	For growing in confidence in explaining her ideas in Maths.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Ekamjot B	For making great improvements to his handwriting by joining his letters beautifully.
2RC St Mary-Magdalene	Maja U	For her participation in group discussions.

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough,	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—2019



04/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (AM), EYFS, KS1 (KS1 Hall) & KS2 (Year 3 & 4) (KS2 Hall) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
06/03/19	Beginning of Lent
07/03/19	World Book Day
07/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (AM) and KS2 (Year 5 & 6) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm (KS2 Hall)
08/03/19	Year 4 St Paul and Reception St John Class Assemblies at 2.30pm
11/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (PM) and KS2 (Year 5 & 6) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm. (KS2 Hall)
14/03/19	Parent Consultations—Nursery (PM), EYFS, KS1 (KS1 Hall) & KS2 (Year 3 & 4) (KS2 Hall) - 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
22/03/19	Year 3 St John Bosco and Year 1 St Teresa Class Assemblies at 2.30pm
25/03/19	Visiting Farm for Reception
25/03/18	SEN Parents Consultation Meetings at 3.30pm to 5.10pm
26/03/19	Year 5 Passion Play to Parents at 2pm
28/03/18	Year 6 Stations of the Cross—Parents welcome—Refreshments in KS1 afterwards—2pm to 3pm
02/004/19	Year 6 Residential Trip Information Evening—6pm to 7pm
05/04/19	End of Term—School Finishes at 1.15pm
23/04/19	Pentecost Term Begins

Attendance of the Week—(25th February—1st March 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	95.7%
Reception	96.9%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	95.8%



Well Done Year 4
Whole School 96.4%

KS1 Class of the Week is 1EH

100%

KS2 Class of the Week is 3MP & 4BS

99%

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.