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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,,

Today 6TH St Cuthbert's celebrated their class assembly, what a treat enjoyed by teachers, pupils and parents. Thank you to parents who attend-

God Bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe

Novena for the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman **on 13th October**

The Oratories of England are organizing a novena next month leading up to the canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman, in thanksgiving for his life and holiness and asking his intercession.

"This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven.

Please find attached booklet. Thank you.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic School Week begins next week from 7-13 October . We will be celebrating with some of the Faith Ambassadors attending St Marys Catholic Church in Dunstable with Mrs O'Keeffe on **Friday 11th October** where a special mass will be led by Bishop Peter. On **Sunday 13th October** we will also be inviting all children to attend the 9:45am Mass at Our Lady of Peace church in their full school uniform to celebrate the importance of Catholic schools. Some children will be invited to read, take up the offertory, and sing with the Bethlehem Band. It would be fantastic if as many parents/children can join us.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to parents who supported the Macmillan coffee morning last Friday (25th September) you all helped us raise a magnificent £132.70 to go to this worthy cause.

St Francis Feast Day

Year Reception/Year One Class KB



'This week the children in St. Francis class celebrated the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. Francis is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, he believed that all creatures and nature which surrounds us are a blessing under God. To celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi's the children went on an environmental walk and observed the natural beauty which surrounds our school grounds.'



Mission Together



The Missio charity has been supporting their mission since 1922. Missio is the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. They bring the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor.

Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and they train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place.

As a fundraising event for Our Lady of Peace, we will be asking children to give money to this worthy cause. Each class has a red Missio box which they can donate their monies. All monies raised will be presented at the Dunstable Mass on **Friday 11th October** by the children who are attending this Mass. Thank you for all your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020



If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion in June 2020 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion programme.

The first enrolment date will be on **Tuesday, 8th October** between 3.30pm and 5.00pm, the second enrolment date will be **Tuesday, 15th October** between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. They will both be held in the Sacristy at **Our Lady of Peace Church**. The First Holy Communion classes will begin in **February 2020** and will be held at St Andrew's on Saturday mornings.

Parents will need to complete an enrolment form which will be available at the enrolment meeting. The maximum amount of children we can take is 88, if we reach that number by Sunday, 10th November which will be the deadline date for any enrolments, then any latecomers will have to wait until 2021. 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 enrolment meeting. **This information can also be found on our website, under parent information, First Holy Communion 2020.**

PTA Doughnut Sale

The PTA will be holding a doughnut sale afterschool on **Thursday 10th October at 3pm** in the school car-park between KS1 and KS2. Don't be disappointed come early before they sell out. Thank you for your continued support.



Message from Dr Gillespie and Mrs Jill Watson

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will no doubt be aware that E-Act Burnham Park Academy closed at the end of last academic year due to the number of students entering Year 7 significantly decreasing over the last 4 or more years, making the school unable to offer a viable secondary curriculum.

This is a sad end to a school with over 50 years of history that has served the Burnham community well for much of its history. At the present time Burnham students will either go to Burnham Grammar School or will go to a secondary school in Slough, Maidenhead or Bourne End Academy, which is also run by E-Act. Many of these schools offer an excellent education, however, as building programmes in Slough and Maidenhead gather pace it is clear that in the near future it is likely that students from Burnham may not be able to gain places in either Slough or Maidenhead secondary schools as they will live too far away. Quite simply there is a very clear danger that children in Burnham may have very limited options for secondary education if they do not attend Burnham Grammar School.

The Trustees of Beeches Learning and Development Trust (BLDT), which is led by Burnham Grammar School, and the Governors of Lent Rise School have been greatly concerned by this situation and the potential impact on the Burnham community. Both have been jointly in discussion with Buckinghamshire County Council, who also share these concerns, and the Regional Schools Commissioner to discuss possible long term solutions. Currently we are discussing the possibility of developing a 'Through' school. If we were to pursue this proposal Lent Rise may join the BLDT; a full consultation in the future would precede any formal decision.

Discussions are at a very early stage but we do need to understand local demand and need for non-selective secondary education to support our vision. We kindly ask that you click on the link below and complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Burnhamsecondarysurvey>

We will be hosting a public meeting on **Thursday 10th October 7pm** in Burnham Library to share this information and publicise the survey. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you require any additional information, but we would like to emphasise that discussions are at an early stage with the Regional Schools Commissioner and we will keep the community informed.

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Gillespie

Mrs Jill Watson

Exec Head BLDT

Headteacher

Beeches Learning and Development Trust

Lent Rise School

Reminder: Stranger Danger

AT WHAT AGE DO CHILDREN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STRANGER DANGER?

Children as young as 3 or 4 may begin to have an awareness of what it means for someone to be a stranger and to understand why they should not trust them.

Parents may be concerned about frightening their children by discussing this topic at too early an age. However, most children are now bombarded with media images of missing children and may be reassured by a calm, rational approach to a potentially terrifying subject.

Basic Stranger Danger rules include:

- never go anywhere with a stranger
- never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger
- never get in a car with a stranger
- never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult
- tell your child it is okay to break the rules if they are in danger
- encourage your child to YELL, KICK, SCREAM, or RUN AWAY, if they feel they are in danger
- give your child a code word or sign that only you and your child (and another parent/carer) know.

They can use it when they feel they are in danger but don't want other people to know

TELL YOUR CHILD TO STAY WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND NOT TO GO *FOR EXAMPLE:* TO THE PARK ON THEIR OWN.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED TO SEND SOMEONE ELSE TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL/SCHOOL CLUBS ETC.

MAKE SURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OR ORGANISATION OF THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. IF POSSIBLE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS WHO WILL BE COLLECTING THEM AND MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE THEY ARE NOT EXPECTING COMES TO COLLECT THEM.



Travelling Book Fair

Our school travelling book fair was a huge success! Thank you so much to all the children and grown ups who came to browse and buy books. It was so wonderful to see so many children and families excited about reading and the great books on offer. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the staff who helped run it every day.

As a result of everyone's support, we have raised an amazing £1302.84, which gives us an incredible £721.71 to spend on books for our school! The children can look out for new books arriving in their classroom soon!

Positive of the Week



We would like to congratulate Mrs Croft from the school office who completed the London Bridge Challenge (12 bridges) on Sunday and for raising a tremendous amount of money for Diabetes UK.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ Church Bulletin
- ⇒ Novena for the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on 13 October
- ⇒ Catholic Schools Week
- ⇒ The Future of Secondary Education in Burnham Poster
- ⇒ Pastoral Letter

“The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust. Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone – as though we had never been here. But the love of the LORD remains forever.....The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything”.

Psalm 103: 13-17

Governor of the Month

Anne Bishop: Parent Governor and Chair of Governors

Welcome to all our new parents who have joined us this year, I hope your children have settled in well. This monthly item in the newsletter from Governors is to tell you a bit more about the Governors and what we have been doing during our visits to school. We hope that you find this informative and may even encourage some of you to want to be a Governor too.

The end of the summer term was a busy one for both Governors and staff. We welcomed the Diocese who came to inspect our school under section 48. We were proud to celebrate the successes the school has had over the past few years that supported us in receiving our outstanding judgement. The inspectors recognised the commitment the staff have shown to our school and children throughout the report and how the school has 'an excellent capacity for sustained improvement'. The report also highlighted key areas to improve on, which I am pleased to report are the same areas that the school had identified and have plans in place to improve. I hope you have all taken the opportunity to read the report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard-work and dedication to the school's vision.

At the end of last term and beginning of this term, the Governors have been meeting with the school's leadership team to reflect on the impact of last year's action plan and ensure that the actions set for this year will continue to impact the areas that staff, Governors and inspection reports have identified. To support our knowledge and understanding, the Governors will be coming into school to carry out planned visits as well as using documentation provided by the school. This supports us in ensuring we are carrying out our 3 main functions:

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.



KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Rachel Y	For being an extremely dedicated pupil who is always striving to complete her work to the very best of her ability.
3JOK St Peter	Florence T	For always contributing to class discussions and for always trying her best!
3CK St John Bosco	Aysiri N	For listening well, working very hard and representing Year 3 St John Bosco on the School Council.
4RS St Columba	Mariem S	For working extremely hard, always listening well in class and participating in class discussions.
4RL St Blaise	Makayla B	For always producing her best work and taking so much pride in her presentation.
4OS St Paul	Jasmine H	For working extremely hard in Maths this week.
5JR St Maximilian	Vanessa B	For her valuable contribution to class discussions and her excellent attitude to learning.
5KD St Ethelbert	Daniel P	For making a noticeable effort to complete more work and follow instruction.
5SS St Dunstan	Amelia P	For always doing her best and for working hard to achieve her pen licence.
6RG St Joseph	Lucy W	For making such good progress in class and always willing to have a go.
6SP St Brigid	Oliwier W	For showing perseverance in his learning and not giving up.
6TH St Cuthbert	Cillian D	For working extremely hard in all subjects this term.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

1KB St Francis	MJ D	For always doing his best to learn!
1EH St Bernadette	Molly E	For her superb independent writing in English this week.
1MB St Jude	Jacob C	For being very active and putting his hand up during class discussions and activities.
2HL St Christopher	Ruben H	For always contributing to class discussions with interesting and thoughtful answers.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	George H	For Impressing Mrs Smith with his hard work in all subjects, especially in Maths by doing excellent addition work!
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Keelin C	For his mathematical work, especially in working out a tricky challenge.

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough,	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,	Sunday – 11.30am
St Anthony's RC Church	Farnham Road,	Saturday – 6pm Sunday – 10:30am
St Ethelbert's Catholic Church	Wellington Street, Slough, Berkshire,	Saturday – 9.30am Sunday – 9am, 11am and 6:30pm

Useful Dates for Your Diary—2019



10/10/19	KS1 Opening Mass at 10:45am—All parents welcome
11/10/19	Year 3MP St Clare and Year 2SS St Mary Magdalene Class Assemblies at 2:45pm
17/10/19	KS2 Opening Mass at 10:45am—All parents welcome
23/10/19	School Nurses Flu Vaccination—Reception to Year 6
24/10/19	End of Term
25/10/19	INSET DAY
28/10/19	St Jude Feast Day
28/10/19	Half Term
04/11/19	Start of New Term
04/11/19 to 07/11/19	Year 6 Bikeability
04/11/19	Pupil Individual Photographs

Attendance of the Week—(30th September—04th October 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	80.9 %
Reception	96.53%
Year 1	91.23%
Year 2	97.67%
Year 3	97.78%
Year 4	98.02%
Year 5	97.95%
Year 6	97.59%



Well Done Year 4!
Yearly Whole School—96.8%

KS1 Class of the Week is
RLC, 2HL, 2KS
99.3%

KS2 Class of the Week is
4RL and 5JR
99.2%

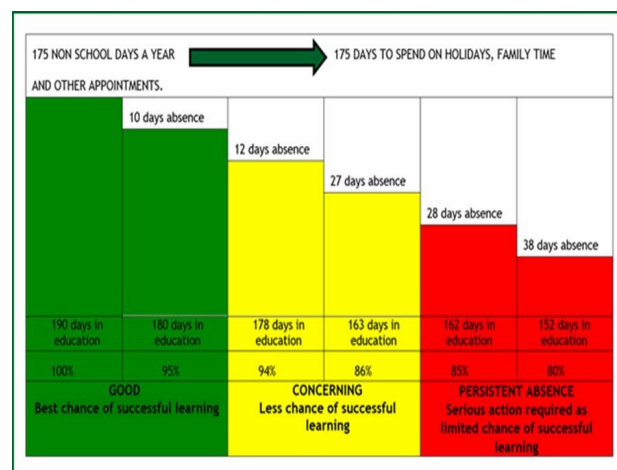
If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.

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.