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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.*



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

Headteachers Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We are so proud of the children who entered the young writers competition. It is amazing that so many of our children's poems are being published, what an achievement for the children. They are all a credit to our school. Well done. In May we will be supporting the Daisy's Dream charity who do excellent work supporting children with bereavement, such a worthy cause.

Thank you for your continued support.

We wish you all a restful weekend.

God Bless.

Daisy's Dream

The school will be holding a fund raising event on Friday 11th May to support the amazing work of the Daisy's Dream charity who support children throughout bereavement. May we ask that children come into school dressed in their own clothes, with a donation of £1 to help this worthy cause. Thank you. Please see attached letter for more information.

The Four Operations Maths Pack

A member of our staff, Mr R. Brown the Maths Intervention Team Leader, has created A Step-by-Step Guide to The Four Operations, which is in line with our schools calculation policy.

He has kindly agreed to allow our school to place a PDF copy of his Guide (as a read-only document) on the school website, accessible via the following link www.olopprimary.co.uk, **Our Curriculum, Mathematics, A Step-by-Step Guide to The Four Operations.**

This is a maths resource for both children and parents and can be used as a reference to the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as taught across KS2 in line with the National Curriculum.

If parents would like a hard copy, they will have the opportunity to purchase The Four Operations maths packs via the main school office, for the price of £10 each.

Alternatively, parents will be able to view and purchase The Four Operations maths packs from Mr R. Brown on Tuesday 1st May, on the KS2 playground at the end of the school day. Please refer to advert as attached.

Girls Football Week/Message from Gareth Evans/Footiebugs

As you may be aware Girls Football Week started on Monday 23rd April 2018 and as such I wanted to share some information about what is happening locally for the girls who might be interested in football/sport.

SSE Wildcats is a programme/initiative that has been brought to us by The FA, we opened a centre in Britwell on Saturday and for the next 3 weeks an hour long class costs just 50 pence and thereafter just £1 for the remainder of the term. Wildcats is designed to introduce girls into football in a safe and fun environment learning the fundamentals of the sport and making new friends.

The FB Development centre is for girls already in football who are looking to challenge and learn about technical and tactical information about the game. This session is based in Windsor and we can arrange a free trial for anyone interested.

For more information please contact: Gareth Evans FootieBugs Director on one of the following, Mob: 07716 618568, Tel: 0845 863 0697, Email: gareth@footiebugs.com

Reception PE

Reception children have now started to have PE lessons on a Mondays as of 23rd April 2018. Every Monday children will need to bring in their PE kit, which consists of a white T-shirt, black shorts, socks and trainers. Thank you.

KS1 and KS2 Writers Competition

Last term, Our Lady of Peace entered the young Writers' Rhymecraft competition in KS2 and the Little Riddlers competition in KS1. After a superb response, we are pleased to announce that a number of poems written by children from our school have been chosen to be published. The competition was strong and our children were selected out of more than 20,000 entries nationwide. The children's poems were selected according to perception, imagination, creativity and expression; there were 5 Year 1, 25 Year 2, 6 year 3, 16 year 4, 22 year 5 and 3 year 6 entries altogether. We would like to say thank you to all who took part and congratulate the winners on their success, we hope that they continue on their writing journey.

Reminder: New Late Procedure for KS1

Please go straight to main reception in KS2 if any children in Reception and KS1 are late. You will be given a late slip for your child to bring over to KS1 reception. KS2 'lates' remain the same. Thank you for your co-operation.

Punctuality

Children are expected to enter school between 8.45am and 8:55am; any child arriving after this time will be marked as late in the register. Children who arrive after 9am are recorded as late after registration.

When your child is late, the following procedure **MUST** be adhered to:

- All late arrivals after 8:55am **MUST** report to the Main Reception with their child/ren.
- **(For KS1 only)** A late slip will be filled out by the school office and given to the parent/carer to take to KS1 and the slip should be given to a member of staff and the child will then be taken to their class. If you take your child to KS1 without coming to the main reception first, you will be directed back to the main reception with your child to sign in. The late mark will be entered onto the InVentry system and the class register by the Attendance Officer.

(For KS2) If your child is late, the late mark will be entered onto the InVentry system and the class register by the Attendance Officer.

Please ensure your child is in class on time, every morning. Being late has a detrimental effect on your child's education and that of other children in their class and being on time is a life skill that is extremely important. Thank you for your cooperation.

Free School Meals – changes to eligibility and transitional protection

The eligibility criteria for free school meals came into force on 1st April 2018. These are changes being implemented by the government in relation to eligibility under Universal Credit. In addition, the government are introducing a transitional protection period to protect the FSM eligibility of those pupils who lose their entitlement as a result of the new criteria.

The current eligibility criteria remain, however, where a parent applies for free school meals under Universal Credit, they will only be eligible where their household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get).

If you wish to claim for Free School Meals, please contact Mrs O'Sullivan via attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or call the school on 01628 661886 for a form, alternatively you may go on the Slough Borough Council website and fill in the online form. A form is also attached to the newsletter.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is an amount of money the government gives to schools each year to help them improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. The amount each school gets is determined by the number of pupils at school who:

- have been eligible for free school meals at some point in the last 6 years
- are looked after by the local authority
- Are no longer looked after by a local authority because they have been adopted, had a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order

For each child who has been eligible for free school meals at some point in the last 6 years, primary schools receive £1320 and secondary schools receive £935.



Want to get more Active in Slough?

For more information and to check out the full active Slough timetable, go to our website at www.olopprimary.co.uk, **Our Curriculum, Physical Education** and click on the link.

Reminder: Sun Hats

At Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School our aim is to protect our children from too much exposure from the sun. Ultraviolet light (UV) and radiation from the sun causes sunburn and skin damage which could increase the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer. Please ensure your child has sun cream administered before they come into school. We currently have hats for sale in KS1 reception at a cost of £5.50.

Positive of the Week

Year 3 trip to the Verulamium Museum went very well, children had a great day and the weather was perfect!



We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Daisy's Dream Letter**
- ⇒ **Meet and Mingle Flyer**
- ⇒ **Letter from Mr Head**
- ⇒ **Scarlet Fever Letter**
- ⇒ **Scarlet Fever Question and Answers**
- ⇒ **Advert Four Operations Maths Pack**



**God is our refuge and
strength, an ever-present help
in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1-3



Governor of the Month

Prithi Mascarenhas: Foundation Governor

My name is Prithi Mascarenhas and I joined the governing body in 2017 as a foundation governor. Since March 2018, I have served as a Vice Chair on the Finance, Staffing, Premises, Health & Safety Committee, which oversees the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

In my day job, I work as a HR Business Partner in the rail transport industry. As part of my governor role, I visited the school on Thursday 19th January 2018. I enjoyed the morning assembly which was focused on goal setting and resilience and it was good to see that the children were encouraged to keep hydrated during the hot sunny day. The children listened attentively to an interactive presentation on the key themes and were well behaved and keen to answer questions. I also attended a Year 6 Maths class. I noticed that the students were required to reason independently, and at times participate in a group discussion to resolve the various maths problems they were presented with. The children were engaged with the lesson and demonstrated a lot of focus and attention in class, they worked hard to complete the various activities.

I intend to do more visits to school this year as I thoroughly enjoyed this one and it gave me an insight into the day to day running of the school, and being around the children brought back some fond memories of my own primary school years. I must admit that some of the maths that the children were learning is now a distant memory!



KS2 Pupil of the Week

St Clare	Nina Sugawara	For always trying so hard in all lessons and producing some lovely work in English this week.
St Peter	Yashleen Kaur	For settling into our class and school, you continually try hard to do well in all class lessons.
St John Bosco	Vanessa Bryk	For consistent hard work in all subjects and an excellent attitude to learning.
St Columba	Angelo Adusei Bonsu	For working very hard on his handwriting and writing independently in English.
St Blaise	Elijah Abel	For amazing effort and work in lessons, particularly Maths.
St Paul	Ethan Walsh	For homework always being outstanding and presented so well. It shows that you take great pride and care in your work.
St Maximilian	Peter Godinho	For always setting a good example to the class, and showing a great understanding in Maths!
St Ethelbert	Jasmine Szerszenowicz	For working hard throughout the week, showing great interest in her work and for always displaying exceptional manners.
St Dunstan	Amelka Zak	For working hard in English and for always being polite and kind to adults and peers.
St Joseph	Nataniel Cieslewicz	For great concentration and dedication since the Easter holidays. He is enthusiastic and always makes excellent contributions to class discussions.
St Brigid	Gianluca Tadorelli	For always working hard in every subject, strives to do his best and finish everything to a very high standard. Works hard to succeed in personal challenges.
St Cuthbert	Klaudia Bugajska	For excellent work in her suspense writing in English over the week.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RNG St Valentine	Catherine James	For her fantastic achievement and determination in all areas of the curriculum.
RHM St John	Jessica Korzeniowska	For her happy smile and positive attitude to school.
REH St Francis	Zaheen Amir	For his great phonic and number work this week.
1GK St Bernadette	Ava West	For her contribution to class discussions in all areas of the curriculum and her positive attitude to learning.
1CW St Jude	Aanya Budhiraj	For becoming more confident in class.
1MB St Teresa	Sanujan Vasurajan	For always demonstrating a positive and optimistic approach towards learning and his peers.
2JB St Christopher	Ayaan Hamid	For his positive attitude to learning and his willingness to always have a go in all areas of the curriculum.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Aleksander Kochanski	For being a resilient learner, as well as a sensible and handwriting member of the class.
2DN St Mary-Magdalene	Melody Green	For always being willing to contribute her thoughtful ideas and a keen and positive attitude to learning.

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



04/05/18	Reception—St Francis (REH) Class Worship at 2.30pm All parents welcome to attend
04/05/18	Year 5—St Maximillian (5KS) Class Worship at 2.30pm All parents welcome to attend
05/05/18	First Holy Communion—OLOP Church at 11am (3CK) and 2pm (3TM)
7/05/18	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
11/05/18	Daisy's Dream Fundraising Event—£1 donation please
12/05/18	First Holy Communion—OLOP Church at 11am ONLY— (Class 3SB)
14/05/18	Key Stage 2 SATS Testing (Monday to Thursday)
15/05/18	Year 5 Transition Meeting at 6pm—KS2 Hall
16/05/18	School Nursing Team Visiting Reception Children—Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Assessments.
18/05/18	Year 4—St Blaise (4BS) Class Worship at 2.30pm
21/05/18	Photographer—Class Group Photographs/Leavers Group and Leavers Portraits
24/05/18	OLOP British Bake Off Competition—followed by cake sale after school
25/5/18	Whole School Thanks Giving Mass 10.00 to 11.00am —Parents Welcome
28/05/18	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Attendance of the Week—(23rd April—27th April 2018)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	87%
Reception	92%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	97%



Well Done Year 2!

Whole School Attendance

96.5%

KS1 Classes of the Week is
1MB, 2JB and 1GK

KS2 Classes of the Week is
4RS and 4RR

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.

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.