



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

**'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'**

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Dear Parents / Carers

**CURRENT YEAR 3 PUPILS TRANSFERING TO YEAR 4 WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2020.**

We hope that you and your families are continuing to keep well. As we approach the end of the academic year, we are writing to advise you that your child's new teacher will be:

<b><u>CURRENT CLASS TEACHER – YEAR 3</u></b>	<b><u>CLASS TEACHER 2020 – 2021 – YEAR 4</u></b>
MR O'KEEFFE	MR PHELAN
MR PIPER	MISS SMITH
MRS KOEBERG	MRS SNOOK - HALL

As you will be aware the school has carefully considered the transition of pupils on their return to school in September 2020. Please find additional information relating to this in the booklet below.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **Welcome to Year 4**



**4 St Columba's Class**  
Class Teacher: Mr Phelan



**4 St Paul's Class**  
Class Teacher: Miss Smith



**4 St Blaise's Class**  
Class Teacher: Mrs Snook-Hall

### **Main objectives for your children for this year**

- ⇒ To develop ownership of their learning by drafting, editing and peer-assessing their work independently.
- ⇒ To develop high expectations of their work and behaviour.
- ⇒ To develop their reading and writing skills by exploring a wide range of texts and build on their knowledge of the four operations.

### **The school day: Coming in and going home**

In the mornings the children will enter the school building via the KS2 playground between 8.45am-9.05am. If your child needs to be left earlier, we run a breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details.

In the afternoon, your children are brought to the KS2 playground to be collected at 3.05pm. We will not dismiss your child until we see you, or someone you have authorised to collect your child. Please notify us if anyone other than you is collecting your child. If you are running late, children should be collected from the school office.

### **Maths and English**

Children in year 4 have Maths and English every morning. Maths is taught in a whole-class environment, where pupils' differing needs are catered for through differentiated activities and effective questioning from the class teacher. Lessons will focus on the pupils' fluency in maths (rapid and accurate recall of number facts) as well as providing them with the opportunity to build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts by developing their skills in reasoning and problem-solving.

## Reading

Children are taught guided reading as a class, working with the class teacher. At home, please encourage your children to read regularly. All children will have the opportunity to choose books from the library with the support of the class LSA once per week, on an allocated day. These books will be for children to read when we have quiet reading time in class.

## Homework

As a result of the feedback from parents, pupils and staff and extensive reading of national research, we have now reviewed our homework procedures for September. Schools across the nation have been reviewing their homework policies and evaluating the impact homework has on pupil progress. The national research proves that homework does not have an impact on academic progress at primary school level and that schools should be focussing their time on providing first class teaching and learning during the school day. The research also comments that pupils between the ages of 5 - 11 should be using home time to practise social skills and take part in extracurricular activities.

Moving forward our aim is that our school homework provides opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning as well as provide teachers the time to plan and deliver first class lessons every day.

As from September, homework will be split into two categories; Formal Homework and Informal Homework.

**1) Formal Homework** will come into school on the designated days as specified by the class teacher.

Pupils will be tested on their spellings weekly and will be provided with a spelling booklet half termly which will support them with their learning of the spellings. The spelling booklet does not need to come into school and we encourage our parents to check their child's spellings at home.

Multiplication tables will also be tested on a weekly basis.

Brain Builders project work will be marked by the class teacher.

**2) Informal Homework** is optional homework and does not need to come into school as this will be completed at home.

For further details about our new homework procedures, please look at the homework policy which is available on the school website.

## Pencil Cases

It is always very exciting to bring a pencil case into school; however, these can often become a distraction during learning times. In Year 4, children are not required to bring a pencil case to school. Any equipment for lessons will be provided by the class teacher.

## Water Bottles

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named clear sport's style water bottle (no screw caps) containing only water. We have drinking water facilities in every classroom to allow your child to refill their bottles.

## PE Kits

There are two PE lessons during the week; one inside and the other outside. There may be occasions during the year where only one PE lesson is taught during the week. We operate a flexible class timetable at Our Lady of Peace. Children can wear their PE kit to school on the allocated day/s. The PE kit includes a sensible pair of trainers/plimsolls. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents.

## Uniform

Make sure everything is named, we prefer no earrings, but if they are worn, they should be silver or gold studs. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, so they must be able to remove them without any adult help. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and children are expected to tie long hair back with a plain, school coloured hair tie. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat. If it is possible, uniform should be changed every day.

## What your children will be learning:

	Key Topic Title/Question
<b>Advent Term (Autumn Term)</b>	<b>What is sound?</b> The children will focus on the science topic of sound. They will explore how sound is created, travels and how it is insulated <b>Batteries included</b> The children will focus on electricity and its importance in a modern society. They will learn about circuits and about how to be safe with electricity.
<b>Lenten Term (Spring Term)</b>	<b>All about Maya?</b> The children will explore the Maya civilisation. They will learn about the various Maya Gods, food and their Ancient cities, as well as the unusual number system. <b>Where does my food go?</b> The children will learn about the human body, focussing on their digestive system and teeth. They will also explore animal biology and look at the groups of animals and their food chains
<b>Pentecost Term (Summer Term)</b>	<b>Living things and their habitats?</b> This term the children will learn about living things and their habitats. They will identify organisms and their habitats, and how living things are grouped, using and understanding classification keys. <b>Amazing Amazon</b> This topic the children will learn about Rainforests. They will learn about the impact of the rainforest on the world and the impacts of deforestation. They will explore the geographical locations of rainforests and research what animals and plants you will find there.

## Contacting us

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the office a call and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we are in class most of the day, so it will be either at lunchtime or after the school day.
- Sending an email to [year4@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:year4@olopprimary.co.uk)
- Please give us a few dates/times when it is convenient to meet and we will arrange a time with you as soon as possible.

## Transition

Each pupil has been allocated a specific day when they will attend from September 2<sup>nd</sup> until September 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. All pupils will return to full time school with effect from Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

<u>Miss Smith</u>	<u>Mr Phelan</u>	<u>Mrs Snook - Hall</u>
<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP A - 2<sup>ND</sup> September</b>
Zaina A	Isabelle A	Atilla A
Aanya B	Barbara A	Wiktor B
Riley C	Zain A.S	Michael B
Rocky C	Ekamjot B	Molly B
Nicole C	Maria C	Egonna E
Clayton C	Joseph C	Valonia R
Markus D	Hanna C	Sree Swetha G
Michael G	Julia D	Izabela G
Jessica G	Maya E	Lilyanne H
Tiannah Marie I	Josiah	Michael T
<b>GROUP A - 3rd September</b>	<b>GROUP B - 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP B - 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
Roxi H	Jayden F	Diya J
Alexandra H	Mika H	Keith K
Ciara P	Shiza J	Nicole M
Smaran P	Eshal J	Nel M
Miguel Q	Dianna K	Olivia M
Eissah S	Nicole K	Raykwon M
	Joel M	Muhammad M
	Conor N	Oliver P
	Amelia O	Marvin F
<b>GROUP C – 4th September</b>	<b>GROUP C - 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>GROUP C - 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Tanaka S	Marie O	Alexander R
Matei S	Aoife P	Shanzeh S
Joshua S	Matei P	Arabella S
Mia S	Sen R	Katie-Ann S
Dana T.P.	Molly O.S.	Erik S
Maja U	Fabian S	Alesha V
Ava W	Florence T	Aapti V
Rachel Y	Oscar Z	Matthew W
Hoorain Z		Aysiri N
Julia M		
Nathan S		

