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

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all. I hope you had a well deserved break and enjoyed time with your families. The children arrived at school on Tuesday refreshed and ready to start the new term. The term started with a Mass for KS2 and KS1 on Thursday and Friday with Father Emmanuel, the children were a delight and sang beautifully.

God bless you all.

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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 responsibility for children who are on the school grounds before 8:3am.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School has a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.



Whole School Mass Friday 24th May 2019

New Bishop of Northampton



The Rector of Oscott seminary, Canon David Oakley, has been appointed the new Bishop of Northampton.

Canon Oakley, 64, will be installed as the diocese's thirteenth bishop on 19 March, the Solemnity of St Joseph, and will receive his episcopal ordination from Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

He replaces Bishop Peter Doyle, who reached the canonical age of retirement last year. The diocese said in statement: "Bishop Peter Doyle rejoices in this good news. The Bishop has worked closely with Bishop Elect David during his seven years as rector of the seminary at Oscott, and knows him to be a man of faith and prayer, and a pastoral priest and wise teacher."

Canon Oakley was born in 1955 in Stourbridge, the eldest of five children. He trained for the priesthood at Oscott and was ordained in 1980. He

served in several parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham before being appointed Pastoral Director and Procurator at Oscott in 1994. He was appointed Rector of Oscott in February 2013

Pope Francis has named Canon David Oakley, the leader of England and Wales' largest seminary, as the new Bishop of Northampton.

He succeeds Bishop Peter Doyle, who has reached the retirement of 75 and will take over the governance of a diocese made up of almost 70 parishes spanning Bedford, Buckingham, Northampton and parts of Berkshire.

Fr Oakley has for the last seven years served as Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, which forms the highest number of men for the priesthood in England and Wales. In 2018 this number was 60.

Described by those who know him as "pastoral, discerning and faithful" whose ministry is in the mould of Pope Francis, the 64-year-old Bishop-elect was born in Stourbridge, in the West Midlands, and ordained a priest for Birmingham Archdiocese in 1980.

The majority of his priestly ministry has been spent working in parishes, although he has completed a PhD in Pastoral Theology and studied catechesis at the Maryvale Institute. His other positions have included Pastoral Director and Procurator of Oscott and Director of the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Parish and Family Catechesis department.

The Diocese of Northampton said: "Bishop Peter Doyle rejoices in this good news. The Bishop has worked closely with Bishop-elect David during his seven years as rector of the seminary at Oscott, and knows him to be a man of faith and prayer, and a pastoral priest and wise teacher."

The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who will celebrate Fr Oakley's ordination as a bishop on 19 March 2020, the Feast of St Joseph, offered his "sincere prayers and total support" to the new bishop while adding that Bishop Doyle would be "much missed".

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

As part of the Year 4 curriculum, Year 4 pupils have started their swimming lessons this term. This is a six week program and takes place once a week. Pupils are split into groups and swimming instructors teach pupils swimming according to their ability. This is a fantastic way for pupils to keep fit and learn about the benefits of exercise. Pupils have found this to be an enjoyable experience and have learnt about the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle.











<u>Chess Club</u>



Please be advised that Chess club is cancelled on **Thursday 16th January**, the club will resume week beginning 20th January. Thank you.

ICT Homework Club



Please be advised that ICT Homework club is cancelled on **Tuesday 14th January**, the club will resume week beginning 20th January. Thank you.

Positive of the Week

The children sang beautifully at the school Masses this week.

Please find attached the following communications and information

⇒Church Bulletin



"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance".

Proverbs 15.13

Prince in the prince



| 3MP St Clare | Miguel | For settling in very well after the holidays and working hard to produce some lovely pieces of |
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| 3JOK St Peter | Conor | work by applying himself in every lesson.For always setting a good example and for continu- ing to push himself in all lessons. |
| 3CK St John Bosco | Egonna | For being a conscientious, friendly member of the class. She listens well, always makes an effort and strives to form all her letters accurately. |
| 4RS St Columba | Mikolaj | For working really hard in English and writing a very good fantasy story independently. |
| 4RL St Blaise | Falak | For working hard to learn her times tables, which has led to great improvement in her mathematical ability. |
| 40S St Paul | Маја | For excellent behaviour during Mass. |
| 5JR St Maximilian | Karolis | For his positive attitude towards learning and con- sistently setting a good example of behaviour. |
| 5KD St Ethelbert | Gabriella | For starting the new term with a very positive atti- tude and showing an improvement in the presen- tation of her work. |
| 5SS St Dunstan | Avirah | For great work in all subjects and for answering many questions in Mass. |
| 6RG St Joseph | Joshua | For his outstanding contribution to our English les- sons and for impressive knowledge and under- standing of complex scientific vocabulary. |
| 6SP St Brigid | Keira | For always trying her best, looking to improve and as a result her writing is flourishing. |
| 6TH St Cuthbert | Glenn | For working hard in every lesson, shows politeness, consideration to others and is contributing to class discussions. |

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

| RLC St John | Toby | For his positive attitude to learning this week, especially in writing. |
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| RHA St Francis | Alex | For his willingness to learn |
| RKB St Valentine | MJ | For being a mature role model. |
| | Elena | For having a positive start to the term and making good choices. |
| 1EH St Bernadette | Oliver | For a positive attitude to learning. |
| 1MB St Jude | Joel | For working very hard and being very active during this week's Maths lessons. |
| 2HL St Christopher | Skyla | For working so hard to improve her handwriting! |
| 2KS St Thomas- Moore | Viktor | For coming back to school ready to learn, and really trying his best in lessons. |
| 2SS St Mary- Magdalene | Martyna | For working so hard to learn the phonic al- phabet, and returning to school with such determination to aim high in her work. |

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

| Holy Redeemer Parish | Wexham Road, Slough, West Berk- shire, SL2 5QR | Sunday – 9am and 11am |
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| Holy Family Catholic Parish | 226 Trelawney Ave- nue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD | Saturday – 5:30pm Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm |
| Our Lady of Peace The Presby- tery | Lower Britwell Road, Slough, SL2 2NL | Sunday – 9:30 am |
| 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-2020



| 14/01/2020 | |
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| 14/01/2020 | Year 4 St Paul (4OS) to Mass |
| 15/01/2020 | Year 5 (5SS and 5JR) Victorian Day at Gunnersbury Park |
| 16/01/2020 | Year 5 ((5KD) Victorian Day at Gunnersbury Park |
| | Funky Socks Day—£1 donation to go towards New interactive whiteboards |
| 24/01/2020 | Year 6SP St Brigid and Year 1EH St Bernadette class assemblies |
| 31/01/2020 | St John Bosco Feast Day |
| 01/02/2020 | St Brigid Feast Day |
| 05/02/2020 | School Nurses visiting Reception—Hearing and Vision |
| 06/02/2020 | School Nurses visiting Reception—Hearing and Vision |
| 07/02/2020 | Year 3JOK St Peter and Year 2HL St Christopher class assemblies |
| 12/02/2020 | KS2 SATs Information Evening for parents |
| 14/02/2020 | St Valentines Feast Day |
| 14/02/2020 | Term Ends—School Finishes at 3:10pm KS1 and 3:15pm KS2 |
| 24/02/2020 | Term Starts |
| 24/02/2020 | Year One Rain Forest Discovery Workshop visit to school |

Attendance of the Week—(7th January to 10th January 2020)



| Year band | Percentage |
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| Nursery | 94.3% |
| Reception | 97.8% |
| Year 1 | 95.4% |
| Year 2 | 98.6% |
| Year 3 | 95.6% |
| Year 4 | 99.2% |
| Year 5 | 95.6% |
| Year 6 | 96.2% |



Well Done Year 2!

Whole School Attendance – 96.1%

KS1 Class of the Week is:

KS2 Class of the Week is:

2 HL—100%

RLC-100%



If your child is absent from school for any reason please email attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message selecting option 2.

Can we please remind you that all planned medical and dental appointments, should be made for after school or during school holidays. Taking children to appointments during learning time, can have a huge impact on the class, teacher and school office in facilitating these appointments. The school understands that this isn't always possible, however, pupils should attend school prior to or following a medical or dental appointment and avoid a full day's absence.

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.