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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 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. This week we have been busy with parents evenings, I hope you have been happy with the progress your children are making and how hard they are all working. On Wednesday Father Andy led an Ash Wednesday Service for pupils in KS2 to mark the beginning of Lent. It was a lovely service, we would like to thank Father Andy. On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and all the children and staff dressed up in their favourite book characters. The costumes were amazing and the children and staff had a fun day.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.

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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: 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: Parents of children with Special Educational Needs

We will be holding our next SEN Parents Consultation Evening on <u>Monday 25th March</u> 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**.

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.

Reminder: 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.

Calling all flight experts!



If you, or someone you know is a **pilot or an engineer** who knows lots about **the invention of flight** for Year 2's History topic, Mrs Smith would love to hear from you! We would love someone with real experience to come in and speak to the children to help bring the topic to life. If you can help, please contact Main Reception. Thank you.

Reception St John Class Assembly

Today Reception class RLC celebrated their very first class assembly. The assembly was about the loaves and the fishes story which was linked to the RE topic of gathering. The children have worked very hard to learn the story and the Our Father prayer. Thank you to all the parents who attended to make it a memorable occasion.





Warm up in preparation for World Book Day



On Tuesday, all of Key Stage 1 had a very exciting warm up for World Book Day! Chris from West End in Schools came to visit us to help Years 1 and 2 bring some well-loved children's books to life through dance. After reading and learning about the books in class, Chris taught the children how to use their bodies and actions to play out key parts of the texts. Year 1 are learning about Where the Wild Things Are, while Year 2 are studying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We prepared some fantastic performances! It was so inspiring to meet someone who has had real experience of performing on stag-

es around the world, and it was a unique opportunity to experience these wonderful books in such a imaginative and physical way. We all really enjoyed it!







World Book Day



On Thursday the children and staff all dressed up for World Book Day, there were so many amazing costumes and everybody joined in with great spirits. There was such a range of book characters between children and staff. Thank you to the parents for all your efforts, your children looked wonderful.









































<u>Author Visit KS2</u>

Our children , enjoyed a fabulous week celebrating World Book Day from story workshops, dressing up, assemblies, designing book covers and the list goes on.

In addition to this, the famous children's author Leysa Henderson delivered an assembly to our KS2 children on her book '*Lost Lives*'. This rather interesting book has many environmental and social themes running through it and raises awareness about deforestation.

Our children in KS2 really enjoyed the assembly and many of them were eager to purchase signed copies of the author's book.

Ash Wednesday Service



Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer, fasting, and repentance. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. On Wednesday, KS2 celebrated a Service with Father Andy. It was enjoyed by children and staff, the children's singing was very moving. Thank you Father Andy.



School Days Direct

We are pleased to inform you that School Days Direct, our uniform supplier now have the pink gingham girl's summer dresses in stock should you wish to purchase them. Thank you.



Second hand book sale

Please see attached poster from 1st Burnham and Hitcham Scout group regarding second hand book sale.

Year 3 Stations of the Cross

Despite the blustery wind, Year 3 children and staff participated in the Stations of the Cross prayerful reflection on Thursday, 7th March in the environmental area. It was led by Madeleine Bowron and the children were very reflective and respectful.



Reminder: 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 school is lovely and the children were very imaginative and creative (West end in schools, dance workshop).

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

- Please find attached the following communications and information
- \Rightarrow Church Bulletin
- \Rightarrow Code Camp Leaflet
- ⇒ Second hand book sale poster
- ⇒ Values—Trust



"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger."

St John 6:35

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3MP St Clare	Frederick K	For working extremely hard and consistently participated well throughout all lessons.
3NG St Peter	Kitty W	For her informative contributions in class discussions.
3CK St John Bosco	Eilis C	For consistent effort and hard work in all subjects.
4RS St Columba	Oliver T	For working hard in Maths and trying very hard to improve his handwriting.
4BS St Blaise	Julian G	For consistently working hard in all lessons, taking part in class discussions and helping others.
4KS St Paul	Louise B	For trying really hard to improve her reading.
5RR St Maximilian	Lucas S	For writing a powerful poem describing your sensory experiences.
5KD St Ethelbert	Michelle A	For her outstanding effort in writing and applying the skills learnt in English and other subjects.
5SS St Dunstan	Maisie H	For always working hard in every subject.
6TH St Joseph	Paige L	For being a responsible and conscientious prefect who is working extremely hard in all lessons.
6SP St Brigid	Tia M	For always trying her best, and for a more consistent contribution to class discussion.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Myron A	For working so well in all lessons and for making a big improvement on his handwriting.

Well done to you all!



RLC St John	The Whole Class	For working hard at practising their class assembly.
RHA St Francis	Kyra P	For her hard work in writing and for being imagina- tive, inventive and persevering.
RKB St Valentine	Zeena G Atarah P	 For her attitude to learning and improved listening skills. For her fabulous piece of art work the she produced in the style of 'Mandrian'.
	Aiyla L	For the effort she has put into developing her reading skills.
1EH St Bernadette	Aretha N	For great improvement in her phonics.
10S St Jude	Millie F	For working hard in her English and Maths
1MB St Teresa	Michelle M	For always being actively involved in class activities and for being a great friend for her peers.
2CW St Christopher	Szymon Z	For demonstrating his reasoning and explaining his work in Maths.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Sree S	For always being a resourceful, enthusiastic learner, and setting a perfect example to others.
2RC St Mary-Magdalene	Josiah S	For a positive attitude in class.

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



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—(4th March—8th March 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	Percentage
Nursery	96.3%
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	95.5%



Well Done Year 5 Whole School 96.24%

Well done to Nursery, who have shown the greatest improvement in Attendance this term.

KS1 Class of the Week is RKB

KS2 Class of the Week is 4BS

99.1%

100%

Well done 4BS in achieving Class of the week 2 weeks in a row

If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on <u>attendance@olopprimary.co.uk</u> 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.