



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

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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

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope that all of you that have attended parents evening so far are all proud of your children's achievements, they have all worked very hard. To all of you who celebrate St Patricks Day, happy St Patricks Day on Sunday. Hope you all have a restful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.





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.

<u>St Patricks Feast Day</u>



17th March is Saint Patrick's Day, which is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick was born in Roman Britainin in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 1432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 1461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools.

Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Happy St Patricks Day, enjoy the day.

Reminder: Change



Unfortunately the school does not hold lots of loose change and very often we are unable to give change if needed. We would appreciate it if the exact monies were given in when making payments for school dinners or trips, otherwise there may be a delay in getting the change back to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Reminder: 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 like 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.

Parent App

All parents should have received a link to the New Parent App which is a convenient new way to share information with you. From 11th March 2019 you'll be able to access our new parent app

and website.

If you have not received an activation link or the link does not work, please email ofice@olopprimary.co.uk and Mrs O'Sullivan will send you the link. Thank you.

Recycle bin



If you have any unwanted clothes that need recycling there is a recycle bin in the KS1 playground entrance by the gate for any unwanted clothes. Thank you for your support.

<u>CAFOD 'Give it Up' Appeal</u>



On Thursday morning, Ged Nolan from CAFOD came to the school to give a thought-provoking assembly to our children in KS1 and KS2, officially launching this year's Give it up campaign. CAFOD are asking the pupils to give up some of their favourite things this Lent to help communities around the world who have been affected by climate change. Each class has been given the challenge to raise £26 which will pay for 10 ducks that are hardy to local diseases for communities less fortunate than ourselves. It would be great if every class could reach their target by the end of Lent. Giving up one chocolate bar/ packet of crisps or fizzy

drink each would only be a small thing to our children but mean a whole lot more to others. Your child will have been given a sticker and gift envelope to bring home from school, please encourage your child to return their envelope! A huge congratulations to 6SP (St Brigid) for already reaching their target.

Roof Repairs

The rain came down so heavy on Thursday this week that KS1 had a problem with a leak in the school. The children were excited to watch the builders go up their ladder and were fascinated by what they were doing. We were very lucky that the weather cleared so the builders could fix the roof!





Reminder: 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. Summer uniform can be worn when Pentecost Term begins which is Tuesday 23rd April 2019. Thank you.



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

Football tournament is going very well, children are really enjoying themselves..

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ Church Bulletin
- **⇒** Code Camp Leaflet
- ⇒ MMR Poster for Year 2s



"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1



KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP	Connor J	For listening exceptionally well in all lessons and	
St Clare		for working to an extremely high level in his maths work this week.	
3NG	Amariah K	For showing such determination in her handwriting	
St Peter		and working hard to perfect capital letters.	
3CK St John Bosco	Bruno V	For embracing the teachings of Jesus and for being hardworking, helpful and kind.	
4RS St Columba	Harley Cooke	For working really hard on his hot task and improving his handwriting.	
4BS St Blaise	Aidan V	For always working hard in all lessons and showing great improvement in maths and handwriting.	
4KS St Paul	Henri S	For producing an excellent piece of poetry this week.	
5RR St Maximilian	Suzan P	For her determination to do well this year and for contributing in all lessons.	
5KD St Ethelbert	Ben C	For listening attentively in English lessons and for improving his handwriting.	
5SS St Dunstan	Oliwier W	For his excellent focus, continued hard work and good effort in all subjects.	
6TH St Joseph	Jack W	For giving 100% effort in every lesson and for being enthusiastic, inquisitive and resilient in his approach to learning.	
6SP St Brigid	Aedan S	For his continued outstanding contribution to every class discussion, always having something positive to offer.	
6JOK St Cuthbert	Michael K	For consistently contributing to class discussions and for working extremely hard on improving his handwriting.	

KS1 Star of the Week

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RLC St John	Alicia I	For her hard work in phonics and her concentration
RHA St Francis	Manpreet B	For always working hard and making great progress in reading and writing.
RKB St Valentine	Hamaail Z	For her hard work in phonics.
	Mawuli D	For his fantastic work with numbers this week.
1EH St Bernadette	Rosa D	For her superb attitude to learning and great effort in all subjects.
10S St Jude	Isabella G	For always trying her best in her handwriting.
1MB St Teresa	Shreya S	For very good progress in Maths and English and for always being ready to help and support her peers.
2CW St Christopher	Atilla A	For demonstrating his reasoning and explaining his work in Maths.
2KS	Julia D	For always working hard, listening carefully and
St Thomas-Moore		trying her best.
2RC	Srijeet R	For her improved focus in maths.
St Mary-Magdalene		

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



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
04/04/19	End of Term for Nursery
05/04/19	End of Term—School Finishes at 1.15pm
23/04/19	Pentecost Term Begins
29/04/19	School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing
30/04/19	School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing
02/05/19	Class and Leavers Photographs
03/05/19	Year 3 Verulamium Museum St Alban's—10am to 3pm
03/05/19	Year 5 St Maximillian and Reception St Francis Class Assembly at 2.30pm
08/05/19	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
17/05/19	Year 4 St Blaise Class Assembly
23/05/19	Year 1 trip to Look out Discovery Centre, Bracknell
24/05/19	Whole School Mass with refreshments to follow at 10am

Attendance of the Week—(11th March—15th March 2019)



Year band	Percentage
Nursery	95.3%
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	93.0%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	94.0%



Well Done Year 5 Whole School 95.2%

KS1 Class of the Week is 1EH 99.0% KS2 Class of the Week is 3NG 99.3%

If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or leave a telephone message by 8:30am, 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.