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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.



Whole School Mass
Friday 24th May 2019

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. It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week, looking refreshed and ready to start the term ahead.

God bless you all.

Mrs JR O'Keeffe

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head, which symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

Father Joseph visited school on Wednesday this week and shared with staff and children a very moving Service. Thank you Father Joseph.



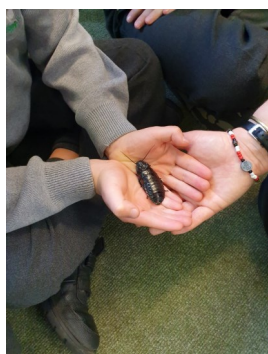
5p Challenge



Don't forget that The Friends of OLOP are still running The 5p Challenge where the class with the most coins collected will win the prize of a film and popcorn. It's an easy way to support the school; last year the coins added up to over £1000!

Zoolab

On Monday 24th February 2020, Year 1 children had a visit from Zoolab. They discovered some interesting facts about the rainforest and its inhabitants. The children also had a chance to meet and handle some rainforest animals. These included a Giant African Land Snail, a Hissing Cockroach and a snake! The tarantula was kept safely in its box! The children were very well behaved and really enjoyed this experience.



Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will be held in March 2020, please see below table of dates and times for each Year Group:

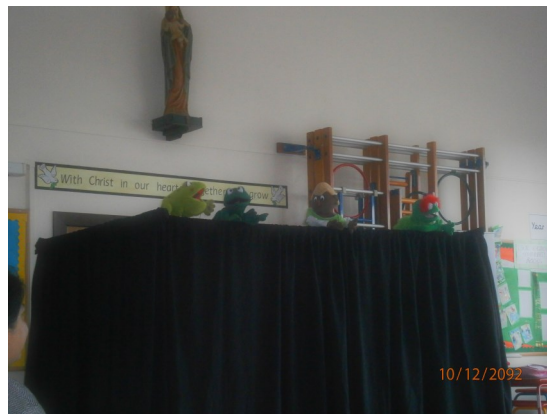
Time	Date of Meeting	Year Groups	Lines Open	Lines Close
3.30pm to 6.30pm	Monday 2nd March	Nursery AM/ Reception/KS1/ Year 3&4	Monday 24th February at 9am	Friday 28th February at 12pm
3.30pm to 6.30pm	Thursday 5th March	Nursery AM/ Year 5 & 6	Monday 24th February at 9am	Friday 28th February at 12pm
3.30pm to 6.30pm	Monday 9th March	Nursery PM/ Year 5 & 6	Monday 24th February at 9am	Friday 6th March at 12pm
3.30pm to 6.30pm	Thursday 12th March	Nursery PM/ Reception/KS1/ Year 3 & 4	Monday 24th February at 9am	Friday 6th March at 12pm

Puppets for all



On Tuesday 25th February 2020, Puppets for All at St Peters came to school and led 2 assemblies. George and Rebecca (puppets) spoke about looking after the environment, as God had made it for us to enjoy yet we are polluting it in many ways. They spoke about recycling and reusing many items, especially those in our lunchboxes. Other puppets sang some memorable songs about recycling, to support and care for our environment. There are crisp packet recycling boxes in both dining rooms, ready for children to place their empty packets after lunch. These will then be taken to a local council drop off point where Walkers will recycle them into other products. In return they also give the Parish Council money per KGs of waste which at present is being used to provide new play equipment in the parks around Burnham.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Puppets' visit and would like to thank them for leading the assemblies. Many thanks also to Mrs Hodges who organised this event.



Coronavirus

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

The government has published advice for: Educational settings here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

There is also the main page for the public with the latest national information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> and new pages on the NHS website for people to get more information about the illness here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

This includes information and common questions including what people should do if they have returned to the UK from an area of concern.

5JR Visit to Burnham Grammar

5JR attended a chemistry lesson on Wednesday at Burnham Grammar School. The children were given a crime scene investigation to carry out and they had to find out who stole the recipe from the biscuit company. They tested various samples of biscuits to identify the original recipe. The experience was extremely engaging and enjoyed by all. A very big thank you to Burnham Grammar School.



World Book Day

A reminder to parents that World Book Day will be on **Thursday 5th March**. Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

Positive of the Week

The children's singing was fantastic in the Service for Ash Wednesday—very uplifting!

Please find attached the following communications and information

⇒ **Church Bulletin**

⇒ **Letter from Mrs O'Keeffe**



“Stand still & consider the wondrous works of God.”

Job 37:14



KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Julia	For being a kind, dedicated and hard-working student, who always works to her full potential in the classroom.
3JOK St Peter	Amelia	For contributing more in lessons and for having shown good resilience in class.
3CK St John Bosco	Muhammad	For being a friendly, hard-working member of the class, who listens closely and makes a great effort to apply his knowledge accurately.
4RS St Columba	Mikolaj	For trying really hard to improve his handwriting.
4RL St Blaise	Abigail	For making a good effort to improve her handwriting, spelling and the content of her written work.
4OS St Paul	Isabella	For working hard on her pace of writing this week.
5JR St Maximilian	Rithul	For working hard to make the right choices and demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.
5KD St Ethelbert	Maya	For having a very positive attitude towards learning and never giving up on any challenge.
5SS St Dunstan	Denis	For wonderful handwriting and presentation in all her work.
6RG St Joseph	Jessica	For her determined and consistent approach towards her learning and for being keen to contribute in English this week.
6SP St Brigid	Kian	For being a model pupil who always works well and completes his written work to a high standard.
6TH St Cuthbert	Julia	For setting a fantastic example to others with her hard work, concentration and enthusiasm.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RLC St John	Jithesh	For his hard work and excellent thinking this week!
RHA St Francis	Aarav	For becoming more confident, willing to try and for working very hard on his handwriting skills.
RK1B St Valentine	Ethan	For trying his best to make positive choices.
	Mohammed	For always trying his best in his learning!
1EH St Bernadette	Manpreet	For having the confidence to participate in group discussions.
1MB St Jude	Hamaail	For always being a good role model for her peers by being polite, friendly and hard working at all times.
2HL St Christopher	Noah	For his excellent attitude to learning and working very hard to improve his writing.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Oliwier	Impressing Mrs Smith with his answers and detailed explanations in class.
2SS St Mary-Magdalene	Anna	For working well in Maths and showing determination in her beautiful cursive handwriting.

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berk- shire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
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



02/03/2020	Parent Consultation—Nursery AM/Reception/KS1/Year 3 & 4 at 3.30pm to 6.30pm—Lines open Monday 24th February and close Friday 28th February at 12pm.
05/03/2020	Parent Consultation—Nursery AM/Year 5 & 6 at 3.30pm to 6.30pm—Lines open Monday 24th February and close Friday 28th February at 12pm.
09/03/2020	Parent Consultation—Nursery PM/Year 5 & 6 at 3.30pm to 6.30pm—Lines open Monday 24th February and close Friday 6th March at 12pm.
12/03/2020	Parent Consultation—Nursery PM/Reception/KS1/Year 3 & 4 at 3.30pm to 6.30pm—Lines open Monday 24th February and close Friday 6th March at 12pm.
13/03/2020	Year 4OS St Paul and Reception St John Class Assemblies at 2.45pm—Parents welcome.
18/03/2020	Year 6 Football and Netball Festival at St Bernard's from 12pm to 4.30pm.
23/03/2020	SEN Parents Consultation Meeting at 3.30pm to 5pm.
25/03/2020	Nursery Routine & Boundaries Workshop for Parents at 2pm to 2.45pm.
27/03/2020	Year 3CK St John Class Assembly at 2.45pm.

Attendance of the Week—(24th February to 28th February 2020)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	92.47%
Reception	97.70%
Year 1	97.97%
Year2	95.96%
Year 3	98.67%
Year 4	97.75%
Year 5	95.41%
Year 6	95.75%



Well Done Year 1 and 3!

Whole School Attendance— 96.29%

KS1 Class of the Week is:

RHA

99.13%

KS2 Class of the Week is:

3JOK

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.