

# Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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

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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

**"The Holy Spirit sets us on a straight path, a path that leads us all the way to God!"**

## **Wisdom 9:18**

This week in our daily reflections, the children have been thinking about making a fresh new start as we start this new academic year. We have been thinking about how God is always there for us in the tricky times and that the Holy Spirit is there to guide us.

## **New Staff**

We welcome to the staffing team three new members of staff.

We have two teachers who have joined the teaching team. Mr Haidaree will be teaching in Year 5 (Class 5HH) and Miss Morgan will be teaching in Nursery. We also welcome Mrs Doherty who has joined the admin team. I'm sure you will all give them the warm OLOP welcome.

## **Good News**

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Smith delivered a beautiful baby girl at the end of July. Both Mrs Smith and Baby Smith are doing well.

## **Buildings Update**

Thank you to you all for getting used to the new routines following our move into the Lower School building. It has all gone smoothly and the children have all settled in well.

I have already met with the contractors who are planning for the works that still need to take place. During half term, the following works are due to take place:

- New fencing and gates for both OLOP and Arbor Vale Satellite site will be installed.
- The ramp and side stairs to the entrance/exits to the green rooms will be replaced.
- New blinds and a classroom door will be installed for 1EH.

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We are expecting a replacement set of sheds for outside storage and Slough have also agreed that we can replace Hagrid's Hut which was always a popular space for all of the children. There will also be a replacement bike store installed.

There have been some issues with the existing front gates. We want to reassure parents that the school is secure with all the side gates and doors locked whilst the children are on the premises. We also have CCTV installed now on the outside of the building for added security.

We would also like to remind parents that the office in the Upper School building is closed and has now been relocated to the Lower School building. We are no longer accommodating any of the Upper School building. You can find the front office by following the path around to the main front door.

### **Prefects**

At the Gospel assembly on Monday, we elected our new prefects for this academic year. We are looking forward to working with them as ambassadors for our school.



### **Homework**

Homework booklets for this half term are now available on the school website. We are attempting to reduce the amount we are photocopying. From half term, all year groups will place these on the website only. If you do require a hard copy, please speak to your class teacher.

[http://www.olopprimary.co.uk/web/homework\\_booklets/714238](http://www.olopprimary.co.uk/web/homework_booklets/714238)

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the Friends of OLOP will be holding our annual MacMillan Coffee morning. This is a great opportunity to come and meet other parents but also raise some money for a worthy cause. We are looking for donations of cakes, and if

you are able to help, we will warmly receive these donations on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please join us if you can!

### **Friends of OLOP**

The Friends of OLOP are already busy making their plans for this academic year. Our first main event will be our first ever school discos. These will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

My thanks also go to the Friends for the contribution that they have made towards the new sound system in the school hall. We are very excited that the sound quality has been improved. We also have the addition of a microphone which will enhance our concerts and Masses when the pupils are speaking.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Kerrie and Dean (Grandparents) for their work over the summer holidays where they spent time tidying up the garden areas. Kerrie has kindly offered to continue maintaining the garden areas during the year for us.

### **Dates coming up**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – After school clubs begin

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Slough Music Service lessons begin

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September – MacMillan Coffee Morning (School Hall)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – School Discos (Information TBC)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

### **Newsletter**

Finally, we are currently revamping the look of our newsletter for this academic year. We will be making a change that the newsletter will only come out fortnightly this year. If there is any urgent news to share, we will share this through parent mail, the website and/or Instagram.

Please do make sure you read any emails that are sent as important information is shared regularly.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr Stopps

Headteacher