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ST. MARGARET MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week beginning September 5th 2016.

Thought for the week:

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one”.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to everyone as our new term moves into its first full week. In particular I would like to welcome our new families to school. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you better in the weeks ahead. I would also like to thank everyone for their very generous cards and gifts at the end of last term, please spare a thought for our leavers as they start getting used to their new schools, we wish them all well.

I would like to formally welcome Miss Ward and Miss Finn to our staff team for this year, I’m sure you will join me in wishing them all every success during their time with us here at St Margaret Marys.

A warm welcome also to Ms Graham who has all joined our support staff team for 2016, I wish her well in her new position.

I would like to also write and thank Mr Duffy, Mrs Heath and Mrs Slatford for getting our school looking so clean and tidy during the summer holidays, ready for us all to return this week.

Father Simon Ellis. It gives me great pleasure to write formally welcoming Father Simon to St Margaret Marys. I look forward to working closely with him over the next few years.

Family Mass Sunday 25th September 10.00am. Everyone is invited to our Mass. Both **Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us on Sunday 25th to mark the start of our new year.**

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017. Mrs Hayes will be writing to our Y3 and Y6 families shortly with all the relevant dates and times for the year ahead.

Secondary Transfer 2017. The online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. If any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

Parents Evening Autumn 2016. Some advance notice that this will take place on **Thursday November 3rd from 3.15pm-6.30pm.**

Autumn Term 2016. Some key dates for the term ahead should have come home with this letter, please make sure you have a copy for your diary. All these dates can also be found on our school web site.



Academic Year 2016-2017

Autumn term 2016	Spring term 2017	Summer term 2017
Tuesday September 6th to Friday October 21st	Monday January 9th to Friday February 17th.	Tuesday April 25th to Friday May 26th
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday October 31st to Wednesday December 21st	Monday February 27th to Friday April 7th	Monday June 5th to Friday July 21st.
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Week beginning Monday September 12th 3.15pm-4.00pm

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Netball	Y5/6	Miss Dunne
Monday	Computing	Y4	Miss McCarron
Monday	RE	Y3	Mrs Hayes
Tuesday	D+T	Y2	Mrs Attwood
Tuesday	Dance	Y1	Mrs Gray
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Y4	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art	Reception, Mrs Crossen's class	Mrs Crossen
Thursday	Maths	Y3	Miss McGeechan
Thursday	Sport	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science	Y2	Mrs Bryan

Please pray for: Another successful year for everyone connected with our school.
Please also keep in your prayers the Whitty and Neary families at this sad time for all of them.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher