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ST. MARGARET MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week beginning September 19th 2016.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“Don’t say if only, say next time!!”**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass.** Our first Family Mass of the school year takes place **next Sunday 25th at 10.00am.** The Mass will be led by KS2 and will serve as wonderful way to mark the beginning of the year. I would like to invite as many of you as possible to Mass next week as we will also be formally welcoming Father Simon to St Margaret Marys. Please do come along and help swell the choir numbers and start the year in the way we mean to go on. Please note also, refreshments will be available after Mass this Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>) back in school, Father Simon would love to meet you over a cup of tea after Mass on Sunday.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y5 for leading our Mass this morning, next Friday (23rd) Y2 will be leading our Liturgy.

**Assembly.** This week we spoke about our talents, we talked together about how all of us have different talents and gifts. We are all unique we concluded, we said that our challenge for the year ahead was to use our talents wisely.

**School numbers.** I wrote to everyone last week about the situation with regard to numbers in school. Each year group is now completely full; there is however a pressing need for any families who require a place in Reception next year (September 17) to fill in our “Supplementary Information Form”. If this form is not filled in it is likely that your child will not secure place at St Margaret Marys. ***I cannot stress enough the need to come into the school office (or download it from the website) and complete our school form.***

**Y6 trip to London.** Our week began with an early start for our oldest children with a 6.00am departure from school. Each year we visit the Houses of Parliament and this year the children took part in a special workshop to enrich their “Monarchy and Government” topic. The children then spent a part of their afternoon visiting the Imperial War Museum which is always a fascinating place to experience what life was like for so many people during the world wars of the last century. As always the children were exemplary ambassadors for our school and needless to say they all had a super day. I must thank Mr Barton, Mrs Teague and Miss McCarron for overseeing the day and taking the children on what is always one of the highlights of the school year.

**Alton Castle 2017 Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>-Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>.** Just over 12 months from now the current Y4 and Y5 classes will be heading off to Alton Castle. Meetings will take place early in the spring term about how the trip will be organised. Please (Y4+Y5) make a note in your diaries of the dates we will be at the castle.

**Roald Dahl Day.** To mark what would have been the hundredth birthday of Roald Dahl Mrs Chandler organised a super, fun packed day in school on Tuesday. Congratulations to all the winners of the chocolate wrapper designs and thanks to everyone for supporting the day. Finally a big thank you to Mrs Chandler for organising the whole event, an event that raise £300 for charity!!

**Secondary Transfer 2017.** A further reminder that the online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the 31<sup>st</sup> October to submit their application form, 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. A number of secondary schools are holding their open evenings around now so please do keep a look out for the dates and times. Some posters are displayed in the parent’s noticeboard with further information.



**Fit 4 Schools.** Midweek saw everyone take part in our first Fit4Schools programme of the new year. All the children were given a rigorous set of exercises to do. Throughout the year the children will complete their circuits and hopefully improve on their previous best. Thanks to Miss McGeechan for organising the two days.

**School Expansion.** Plans to grow our school continue to develop. Next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>) formal notices will be displayed both on site and in the local media about the proposed expansion of our school. If everything goes to plan it is hoped that work could maybe begin early in 2017. There will be an impact on all of us during this period particularly in where and how we come into and exit school. As I know more I will keep everyone informed.

**Dinner Money 2016-2017.** The cost for dinners is £11 a week and needs to be paid on a Monday either by posting the money into the box provided in the entrance area, or by handing it in to the school office.

**Milk Money 2016-2017.** The cost of milk is £1.30 per week; please do encourage your child/children to have milk as a healthy option. Likewise with break time snacks please can I ask you to encourage your children to have a healthy snack.

**Breakfast Club 2016-2017.** The cost per day is £3 or £5 for siblings. Mrs Teague runs our breakfast club and opens it at 7.45am each morning. The children will receive their breakfast and then head out onto the playground at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in using this facility please call into the school office.

**Mr Hawksworth.** A word of thanks to the excellent job Dennis did on Wednesday tidying up our school grounds. First impressions count when visitors arrive at school and I'm delighted to welcome Dennis to the St Margaret Mary family.

**Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 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	Y2D	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	Y2B	Mrs Bryan

**Attendance for week ending September 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception H	96%
Reception C	100%
Y1F	99%
Y1M	96%
Y2D	96%
Y2B	100%
Y3	96%
Y4	98%
Y5	96%
Y6	90%
Weekly Average	98%

**Happy Birthday:** Taeshon Dhlwayo, Dylan Pettifer, Sam Theikkanathu Xavier, Ryszard Kowal, Dezy Powell, Akorede Raheem and Amarachi Aka-Onyeukwu.

**Please pray for:** All our new families as we welcome them to St Margaret Marys.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher

