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Week beginning October 3rd 2016.

Thought for the week:

“A wise person is someone who listens attentively.”

Dear Parents,

Family Mass. I want to write and thank everyone that came along to Mass last Sunday. The church was as full as I've seen it for a long time. It was a significant occasion for a number of reasons but primarily it afforded all of us the opportunity to formally welcome Father Simon to the parish. I want to thank all those families that came along, to the choir for enriching the Liturgy with their beautiful singing, to Troy and Romiley for reading so clearly and to Alan for bringing up the offertory gifts so reverently.

I have written before on this subject but I must also mention once more my thanks to the staff of our school. I often say that we belong to a “special family” here at St Margaret Marys. To have every member of staff here on Sunday is testament to that, so my sincere thanks to all of them.

Father Simon would love to see as many of you as possible at Mass each week (Sunday at 10.00am and Saturday evening at 6.00pm), please do come along and have a cup of tea afterwards in the school hall. Our next “Family Mass” will be ***on Sunday November 27th at 10.00am.*** This will mark the first Sunday of Advent when we will light the first candle on the Advent wreath please do make a note in your diaries. Finally a special note of thanks to Mrs Prentice for coming along and playing for us on Sunday, her efforts are and were very much appreciated.

Father Simon. Father Simon and his family officially move into the presbytery next week. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Assembly. This week the children met for the first time in their “House groups”. These groups are named after Saint George, Saint David, Saint Patrick and St Andrew. Thanks to the respective children and staff that led each assembly.

Class Mass. Thank you to Y6 for our Mass this morning, next week (7th) will see Y1 lead our KS1 Mass.

Sacramental Programme 2017. Mrs Hayes has written to all concerned about dates/times/Masses etc. If you haven't received a copy then any Y3 and Y6 families should call into the office.

Oscott College. We are blessed in this part of the city to be in such close proximity of Oscott College. On Wednesday Y2 took advantage of this by visiting the college for the day. Needless to say they had a super experience thoroughly enjoying their tour/visit. Thanks to Miss Dunne and Mrs Bryan for organising the visit.

The National Memorial Arboretum. In their History work Y5 are studying the Battle of Britain. As a result Y5 visited the National memorial arboretum yesterday. This memorial is not too far away in Burton and is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices so many made for all of us. Thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing the visit.

Y6 Confirmandi. Thanks to our Y6 Confirmandi for representing our school so well at Cardinal Wiseman today. They went with Miss McCarron to take part in a Mass as part of their preparation for Confirmation in the summer term. Thanks to all concerned.

Lottery Lunch. Thanks to all those parents who came along yesterday for lunch. Thanks to Mrs Logue for overseeing it and Mrs Hawthorn and her team for cooking the lovely food.

Art Day 2016. Thanks to Mrs Attwood for organising our annual Art Day today. Walking around school today was a delight watching everyone being so creative.



School Expansion. A further reminder that the formal notices of our intention to expand were posted around school and in the press last week. Do take the time to read it and ask any questions you may have.

Phonics Meeting for Reception and Y1 parents. If you can make it please come along to Mrs Chandler's meetings next *Wednesday 5th October at 9.00am for Reception and 1.30pm for Y1 to discuss all things phonics.* It really will be an informative and useful session giving parents lots of ideas of what it is we do and how you can help your child at home with their phonics.

Black History Month. This begins next week and I want to write in advance and thank Miss Dunne for organising our month of activities celebrating black History.

INSPIRE Workshop week. Some advance notice that this begins *on Monday October 10th.* Mrs Logue will be in touch with details next week.

Parents Evening. Further advance notice that this will take place after half term on **Thursday November 3rd.** Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday October 3rd 2016 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 30th 2016.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception H	100%
Reception C	100%
Y1F	97%
Y1M	98%
Y2D	96%
Y2B	97%
Y3	97%
Y4	96%
Y5	99%
Y6	95%
Weekly Average	98%

Congratulations. Well done to Miss McGeechan's class for their **100% attendance** last week, a great effort by everyone.

Happy Birthday: Lenay Bell, Grace Taku, Cody Martin and Cleopatra Filip-Datcu.

Please pray for: Please pray for our Reception and Nursery children (and staff) who have now all completed their first month of school. Well done to all of them!!

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher

