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ST. MARGARET MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week beginning October 17th 2016.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist”**

Dear Parents,

**School Assembly.** Our week began with a visit from Lovells to school. Lovells are the building contractors that are developing the new housing adjacent to school. Mr Wilkes and Mrs Murphy came to talk to KS2 about what is going on, what machines are used on site and most important of all how to stay safe in and around a building site. The children (and some staff) dressed up in protective clothing whilst Mrs Murphy explained to them the significance of each item and how it protects you. I want to write and formally thank Lovells for coming in to talk to the children but also for being very supportive neighbours to St Margaret Marys whilst the building work is going on.

**Class Mass.** Thank you to everyone that came along to our Feast Day Mass this morning, next week (21st) is a KS 2 Mass led by Y4.

**School Feast Day 2016 Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>** Thank you to everyone that has contributed in whatever way to make today such a special day in school. Thanks to all concerned and Happy Feast Day to everyone!!

**Harvest Assembly 2016.** A further reminder that any *tins/cans are now most welcome*. Our assembly for the children will be on 19/10/16. Any tins and cans this year will be donated to the Sanctuary project based at St Chads Cathedral. This is an organisation set up primarily to deal with homeless people in Birmingham. If everyone donated one tin we would have over 300 items to pass on to those most in need, so please do give generously.

**INSPIRE Workshop Week.** A huge thank you to everyone that came along to the workshops. We had a great turnout across all year groups. Special thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing the week and to all the teachers for leading the workshops.

**Parents Evening.** With school continuing to grow it has become necessary to split parent's evenings over two nights. Without this not everyone would be able to fit into the hall. Mrs Logue has written to everyone with all the details. Please make sure you secure an appointment on the relevant evening.

**Safeguarding.** Mr Teague (Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding) presents a termly report in December. This is a document that will outline any activities/training/policies that staff and governors have and will undertake for this term. The report will be placed under the “governors tab” on our web site. Please can I ask everyone to have a look at our website, [www.stmgmry.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stmgmry.bham.sch.uk) there is an awful lot of useful information for everyone to look at and use.

**Admissions 2017.** Next September our published admissions number will be 45. *Once more I write urging people who want a place at St Margaret Marys to please complete one of our school forms (it is called a supplementary information form and can be downloaded from the admissions section of the website or can be collected from the office). As of today our school has already received 40 applications for next September, well over half of these (24) are Catholic children*

**Half Term.** School breaks up next **Friday October 21st** returning on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**



**EYFS 2016-2017 Open afternoon.** Our open afternoon is on *Thursday November 17th at 1.30pm* in school.

**Y5 Class Assembly.** This takes place on *Friday October 21st at 9.00am*.

**Professor McGinty.** Our time travelling Historian visited KS2 this week and once again informed and entertained everyone. Thanks to Miss Dunne for organising his visit, I look forward to welcoming him back soon; indeed there is a link to Professor Mc Ginty's website from our own school website.

**Y1 visit to the Motor Museum.** Thanks to the Y1 team for taking 1F and 1M to the motor museum on Tuesday. A great time was had by all.

**Parking outside of school.** Please can I ask that children are not dropped off, or cars are parked on the yellow zig zag markings outside the front of school. Penalty notices can be given to people that park on the yellow lines as these are meant to be kept clear at all times. They are kept clear to keep our children safe, so please can I ask for everyone's support in not dropping off or parking on the yellow zig zags.

**Dinner Money.** This is another plea to those families that owe school dinner money. Please can I ask that all outstanding monies are paid in to the office as soon as possible. I have drawn up a "Debt policy" which I will be asking the governors to ratify in November. This policy will have implications for those families that incur a debt as to how that debt will then be recovered. To avoid any of that please can I ask everyone to pay each week for their dinners. If anyone wants to call into school to discuss any of this then please don't hesitate to do so.

**Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday October 17th 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 October 14th 2016.**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Emma Kozuch, Callum Tran, Maria Nowak, Abel Shaine, Janelle Wambura and Tiana Mc Sharry.

**Please pray for:** Please pray for the Duffy family at this sad time for all of them.

Finally we say goodbye to Mrs Neary today as she departs to begin her maternity leave. We wish her well over the next few weeks and months.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher

