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ST. MARGARET MARY'S
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Week beginning Monday November 7th 2016.

Thought for the week:

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

All Saints/ All Souls. Our new half term began with an assembly on Monday focusing on All Saints and All Souls. I spoke to the children about the example the Saints set for us by the way they lived and acted. We also discussed how at this time of year we think about and remember those that are no longer with us but are with Jesus in Heaven. We talked about Remembrance Sunday (13th) and I told the children that our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the hall between now and the beginning of Advent. Poppies will be sold in school and the children will be asked to enter the names of anyone in their family that they would like us to remember in the coming weeks, this we will do at assemblies, prayer services and school masses.

Thank you to Mrs Logue and the Y5 readers for leading our Mass on Tuesday to mark All Saints day, thanks also to Mrs Hayes for overseeing our All Saints Prayer service for our youngest children.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday December 8th at 1.30pm. The children in Y3 will make their first Confession on the 8th December. The Workshop for parents will take place on ***Wednesday November 30th*** also at ***1.30pm***. It is very important that every child is represented at this session, if anyone cannot attend for any reason then please let me or Father Simon know.

Family Mass Sunday November 27th at 10.00am. *Our next “family mass” takes place on Sunday 27th, on behalf of Father Simon I want to extend a welcome to everyone to come along.*

Christmas Bazaar. This year we are having a change. After many years of Friday evening Bazaars we are instead organising a number of different Christmas activities rather than holding a single bazaar in school. Please keep a look out in the newsletter about what we are planning to do. Please also make sure you buy a raffle ticket for our Christmas raffle that will be coming home soon. First prize is £200!!

Secondary Transfer 2017 A final reminder that the deadline for submissions ***was*** October 31st.

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

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 Dates. This is always a hectic time of year as we build up to Christmas; all the dates came home on Monday for the half term, if you didn't get a copy please ask at the office for a spare.

School Expansion. The formal consultation period has now been completed, thanks to those that responded. The next step is for plans and costings to be finalised with the hope being, that work will begin here at school sometime in the spring term. To help us create additional space we are hoping to develop the area at the back of school. This piece of land has been a redundant space for many years but with the help of a number of parties I am hoping to turn it into our KS1 playground. This process has now begun and I want to thank Lovells (the building contractor) in particular for their help over half term in preparing the area.



Flu Vaccines. Well done to all the children in Y1-Y3 who received their vaccination yesterday, the nurses said everyone was very brave!

Parents Evening. Thank you to everyone for coming along on Wednesday and yesterday. I hope the sessions proved useful and informative. A huge thank you to ALL the staff for giving their time so generously. Thanks again to Y5 parents for their understanding. Mr Barton will be available to meet with you from 1.30-5.30pm next Thursday November 10th. It will be on a “first come first served” basis, so there is no need to make an appointment simply turn up at the school office and Mr Barton will see you.

Car Parking. *It is illegal to park, drop or pick up on the zig zag lines outside school.* Unfortunately some people are still parking illegally. I have been informed by the local authority that cars spotted doing this will be issued with fines. I have also spoken to Dave the crossing warden and asked him to let me/ his line manager know any cars that he sees parked illegally. Please can I ask everyone to park considerately.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday November 7th 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 Hayes	Mrs Crossen
Thursday	Maths	Y3	Miss McGeechan
Thursday	Sport	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science	Y2B	Mrs Bryan

Attendance for week ending November 4th 2016.

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

Happy Birthday: David Richardson, Michal Romanowski, Liam King, Cameron Stoddart, Paige Reilly, Lorcan Killeen, Jodie Fogarty, Makail Khan and Shay Ward.

Please pray for: Please pray for the community of St Marks School in Great Barr. Over half term two children from the school tragically lost their lives, I spoke to the Head teacher earlier this week and assured him that the family concerned and indeed the whole school community would be in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks ahead.

Please also pray for Mrs Betty Lordan who is feeling poorly.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher

