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ST. MARGARET MARY'S
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Week beginning Monday November 14th 2016.

**Thought for the week:
"We will remember them"**

Gospel Values Assembly. Mr Barton led the school on Monday in talking about the Gospel Virtues of being "prophetic" and "Intentional". He gave examples of what both mean and showed the children examples of people who have demonstrated these qualities during their lives. In short we agreed that to be "prophetic" and "Intentional" *we have to be the change we want to see in our school, our home and our communities.*

Remembrance Sunday. Today at 11.00am the school stopped for a period of reflection. A time for all of us to remember all those that have given their lives for our country. As a school community we remembered the brave men and women who have lost their lives; we also remembered all our friends and families that are no longer with us in our Book of Remembrance that is kept in the school hall throughout the month of November.

School Mass. Thanks to Y6 for leading our Mass today thanks also to Miss McCarron for organising the readers. Our next Mass will be on **Friday November 17th at 9.15am, it will be led by Y2.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation Thursday December 8th at 1.30pm. The workshop for Y3 parents takes place on Wednesday November 30th at 1.30pm, all the children who are making their first Confession and then Holy Communion later in the year need to be represented at this session.

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. In particular if you are a new family in Nursery or Reception please do come along on Sunday 27th. Mrs Hayes will be writing to everyone with more details shortly.

Christmas 2016. Please do keep an eye on the newsletter/website for a list of events as we build up to Christmas. First and foremost please make sure you buy a raffle ticket/book as £200 will be the first prize and a drinks hamper will be second prize. There will be many other items available to win and all would make ideal gifts before Christmas, so please make sure you buy a book of tickets.

Reception/Nursery Open Afternoon 1.30pm Thursday November 17th. I have written previously about the fact that next Thursday afternoon Mrs Chandler/Whitty and I will be hosting our "open afternoon" for admission to school next year. Mrs Chandler/Whitty will talk about the induction process and the curriculum we offer here at school for our youngest children. If you have a child due to start school in September and/or a child due to start Nursery next autumn please come along and "sign up" for September 17. I look forward to seeing you there.

Half Term Dates. This is always a hectic time of year as we lead up to Christmas; all the dates came home last Tuesday for the half term, if you didn't get a copy please ask at the office for a spare. All the dates are also on the school web site www.stmgmry.bham.sch.uk.

Anti-Bullying Week. November 14th - November 18th. Next week will see school consider "Anti Bullying Week". At the heart of our message will be that St Margaret Marys is a TELLING SCHOOL. The theme for the week is "Power for Good". This means getting everyone to realise that they are powerful and can together, put a stop to bullying. A big thank you to Miss McCarron for organising the week, please keep an eye on Twitter next week to see examples of how we will mark "Anti Bullying Week".



Reception Library Visit. Many thanks to Mrs Hayes and the team in EYFS for taking our Reception classes up to the Library on Monday.

KS1 Parents Meetings. Thanks to those that came along midweek from Y1/2. Thanks to Mrs Chandler/Mrs Logue and Miss McGeechan for overseeing the meetings. I hope you found them useful.

Lottery Lunch. Thank you to all those that came along on Wednesday, thanks to Mrs Hawthorn for preparing the lunch and thanks also to Mrs Chandler for overseeing everyone.

Vocations. Our RE target this year is to raise awareness of Vocations across school. To this end Father Simon has been coming over to school to talk to the children about the particular journey he has taken in arriving at becoming a Catholic priest. I want to thank him for visiting school again earlier this week, the children found his visit most informative.

Y1 trip to Castle Bromwich Hall. Thank you to the Y1 team from taking the children out to Castle Bromwich hall yesterday. Thankfully the weather was a little kinder.

Parents Evening. Thanks again Y5 parents for your understanding in coming along to speak with Mr Barton yesterday. Those who were unable to come along at all last week will have a second opportunity next Wednesday (16th). Mrs Logue will write to everyone with further details.

Father Richard Sharples. Father Richard's Induction Mass at his new parish takes place next Friday November 18th at 7.00pm. Father Simon is intending to take a mini bus down to Stourport on Severn next Friday so if anyone would like to attend please see Father Simon to book your place on the bus.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday November 14th 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 11th 2016.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception H	98%
Reception C	91%
Y1F	94%
Y1M	98%
Y2C	94%
Y2D	97%
Y3	98%
Y4	98%
Y5	97%
Y6	96%
Weekly Average	96%

Happy Birthday: Maja Borek, Kieron Loughead, Sienna Smith, Cassandra Jumanan, Nathan Bristoll, Esther Aka-Onyeukwu and Caleb Milwood-Martin

Please pray for: Please pray for all those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country in previous and more recent conflicts.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher

