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**ST. MARGARET MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Week beginning Monday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up”**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10.00am** Please do make a note in your diaries of our next Family Mass. All are welcome. Sacramental programme children (Y3 and Y6) need to be in attendance in particular as they mark their commitment to preparing for the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

**School Mass** Thank you to KS1 for leading our Mass this morning. Next week (3/2/17) it is a KS 2 Mass led by Y6, all are welcome.

**Winter Weather** In the event of wintry weather any information about school closures will be posted on our web site and local radio stations (WM/Free Radio) will announce closures accordingly. Capital, Heart and Smooth radio will post school closures on their website only. We have not had significant snowfall for five years now so hopefully we will manage to get through to spring without any problems.

**Alton Castle October 2<sup>nd</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup> 2017** Preparations have now begun as we get ready for our bi annual visit to Alton castle. All the children currently in Y4 and Y5 will be heading to the castle during the first week of October. If you have had older children that have been to Alton Castle then you will know that this really is a wonderful experience. Indeed it is an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime. At the meeting Mr Barton will talk more about the visit and the activities on offer. I wanted to write beforehand to say that if any parent wants to come and talk privately to me about any aspect of the visit then please don't hesitate to do so. We are holding the meeting this early to give people an opportunity to spread the cost over the next 9 months, and to give everyone some idea as to what they will need to bring with them (and what not to bring!) in readiness for Alton castle 2017.

**The Life Education Caravan** Thank you to Mrs Bryan for organising our annual visit. Thanks to all the staff that met and spoke to the children. They discussed a variety of really important issues in helping all of us to stay healthy both physically and emotionally. Finally thanks to Harold the Giraffe for yet another visit to St Margaret Marys, he is a firm favourite with us all.

**Half Term** School breaks up for half term on *Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>*. We return on *Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>*.



**Home School Letters** These are now sent out electronically so please make sure we have your most recent email address in order to make sure you receive a letter.

**This Week and Next** Thanks to Mr Connaughton and Mrs Mills for opening up our bank on Monday. If anyone wants to join the school bank please call into the office and Mr Connaughton will have a chat with you. It is a really good way of encouraging young people to save and use their money wisely. Thank you to all those that contributed to our celebration of the Chinese New Year today, thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing the day in school.

Look out for a lottery lunch invite (**next Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**), Non-uniform day for January birthdays is next **Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup>)** and *Y 2 will be inviting their parents to their assembly on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.00am.*

**Brass Concert Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 at St Michael's Church Boldmere 7.00pm**

A reminder that Mr Birnie wrote last week to Y5 & Y6 about a joint brass concert on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please reply as soon as possible if you want to take part.

**Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday January 30th 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm**

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Computing Club	Y4	Miss Dunne
Monday	Maths Club	Y6	Miss McCarron
Tuesday	D&T Club	Y2	Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft
Wednesday	Gymnastics club	Y3	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art Club	Reception	Mrs Crossen/Mrs Whitty
Thursday	Sports club	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science Club	Y1	Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton

**Attendance for week ending January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	92%
Reception C	98%
Y1F	99%
Y1C	98%
Y2C	99%
Y2D	97%
Y3	92%
Y4	95%
Y5	97%
Y6	87%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Happy Birthday: Damian Putrzynski, Ethan Nicholls, India Loughead, Leila Brennan-Douglas, Renee McLoughlin and Makomborero Mambo.**

**Please pray for:** The family of Timothy Meere RIP at this sad time for all of them.

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

