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ST. MARGARET MARY'S
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Week beginning Monday February 6th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“We get old too soon and wise too late”

Dear Parents,

Family Mass Sunday January 29th 2017 I want to write and thank everyone for their support last Sunday. The Church was full and our Liturgy was enhanced by the singers in the choir and our readers from Y4/5. Sunday also saw our Confirmandi formally commit to the programme of preparation for Confirmation by reciting the Apostles Creed. I want to thank Mr Barton for overseeing this and Miss Ward for her help with the readers. The choir benches were full and once again the staff of our school turned out in great numbers, many thanks to all of them. I would also like to offer my congratulations to our altar servers, Troy, Romiley, Maddyson, Ella, Rebecca and Kaitlin on receiving their St Stephens' medals, a proud moment indeed. Well done and congratulations to all of them.

Finally thanks to Father Simon for his input into Sunday and to Kate his wife who organises the tea and coffee back in school. Our next “Family Mass” will be **on Sunday March 19th at 10.00am** when Y3 will formally be enrolled on to their First Holy Communion programme. Please make a note in your diaries.

School Mass Thank you to Y6 for leading our Mass this morning. Next week (10/2/17) it is a KS 1 Mass led by Y1, all are welcome.

Alton Castle October 2nd-October 4th 2017 The initial meeting for next year's residential is **Thursday February 16th at 2.00pm** in the school hall. Please do make every effort to attend this meeting with myself and Mr Barton. At the meeting Mr Barton will talk about how the trip is organised and what kinds of activities the children will experience. Together we will discuss what to bring and what not to bring and also talk about the cost of the visit. It will also give people the opportunity to talk privately with Mr Barton or myself if you are worried or concerned about any aspect of the residential.

Y2 Class Assembly Thanks to Y2 for their lovely assembly this morning, thanks to Mrs Bryan, Miss Dunne and their team for a lovely start to the day. Thanks to all the parents that came along, your support is much appreciated.

Teacher Days The dates of our remaining Teacher Days this year are **April 24th, June 23rd June 30th July 24th.**



Half Term Half term begins *Friday February 17th* when we break up. We all return to school on *Monday 27th February* at the usual time. A further reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on *Friday April 7th* at **1.00pm**. We return for the summer term on *Tuesday April 25th* at the usual time.

School Review This week we were visited by the Head and Deputy Head teachers of Christ the King and St Gerard's. They came to school to undertake what is called a "peer to peer review". They looked at teaching, learning, books, planning and interviewed staff and children. The idea is that Mrs Logue and I will visit the two schools mentioned later this year to undertake a similar review. I want to thank everyone for their hard work and in particular Miss McGeechan for her input into what was a most productive and positive day.

This Week and Next Thanks to all the parents that came for lunch on Monday and for those that braved the weather for our coffee morning yesterday. Next week we are going to primarily focus on "Safer Internet Day" which will be on Tuesday 7th.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday February 6th 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 February 3rd 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	88%
Reception C	92%
Y1F	98%
Y1C	98%
Y2C	98%
Y2D	94%
Y3	97%
Y4	96%
Y5	94%
Y6	98%
Weekly Average	95%

Happy Birthday: Emily Hughes, Lewis Nicholls, Makomborero Mambo, India Loughead, Nia Rodney and Brooke Powers.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher

