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

Thought for the week:

“Don’t burn your bridges you may need to cross them again one day”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2017. Our new half term began with our whole school assembly on Monday. The theme of the assembly was to talk with the children all about the season of Lent. We spoke together about how Lent is a time for us to “forgive, fast and give alms”. We talked about all the things we could do during Lent to help us prepare for Easter. We also discussed Ash Wednesday and the significance behind this day and how and why it marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Mr Barton and Miss McCarron for overseeing our Liturgy on Wednesday. Thanks also to Mrs Logue for helping to distribute the ashes to our youngest children with their prayer service in the hall. The Mass itself was a truly fitting way to mark the beginning of Lent, thanks to all concerned.

Admissions 2017. 148 families applied for a place in our Reception classes for next September! Regardless of an admissions number of 45 the number of Catholic children is rapidly increasing. If anyone wants to secure a place at school and to be definitely sure of being offered a place then two things need to happen. Firstly our supplementary information form needs to be completed and secondly a copy of the Baptismal certificate needs to be presented to school. If anyone wants to talk about any of this please come and see me (or Father Simon). Likewise if you have friends that have children that will be school age in 2018 please encourage them to call into school to make sure they follow the correct procedures.

Nursery 2017-2018. As soon as I know definite details as to next year I will write to all parents, hopefully it will be this side of the Easter holiday.

Secondary Schools 2017. Our oldest children should have received their secondary school for next September this week. If anyone hasn't been given the name of their school or wants to talk about the school they have been offered please pop in to the office.

Parent Consultation Evening. A letter should have come home about parents evening earlier this week. It will take place on **Wednesday 8th & Thursday March 9th**; these are very important sessions so please make sure you make an appointment to meet your child's teacher(s). Mrs Logue will be writing to everyone about accessing details about your child's attendance and work on line. Please make sure you have a look at it because the teachers will be talking about



this at parents evening.

Holidays in term time. I am no longer able to authorise absences from school during term time. Please can I ask that no requests for time off are submitted as I will not be able to sanction them.

“Yellow Day February 28th.” Thanks to Mr Barton and his team of helpers for organising our fundraising day on Tuesday. A substantial amount was raised for the Father Hudson society, an organisation that helps those less fortunate than ourselves in our city. A perfect example of “giving alms” thanks you!

Y1 at the Black Country Museum. Thank you to Mrs Chandler, Miss Finn and their team of helpers for taking Y1 to the Black Country museum on Wednesday. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Well done to Y1 for being excellent ambassadors.

School Building Update. I am still waiting for work to begin at school and in the adjacent areas. I am assured that work will begin soon and as soon as I know a date and the implications for all of us I will write a separate letter to everyone.

“World Book Day!!” Thanks to everyone for celebrating World Book Day in such super fashion.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday March 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 March 3rd 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	96%
Reception C	96%
Y1F	99%
Y1C	96%
Y2C	97%
Y2D	95%
Y3	94%
Y4	98%
Y5	97%
Y6	94%
Weekly Average	96%

Happy Birthday: Daniel Latowski, Alicja Walczak, Payton Adams, Eve Hassam, Connie Eve Murphy, Mason Powers, Kai Neary, Brad Yankam, Kelson Da Silva and Jos Jordan



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

M. Aldred Head teacher