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attentive curious
faith-filled learned wise
generous grateful
eloquent discerning
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Week beginning Monday April 3rd 2017.

Thought for the week:

“An educated mind entertains a thought without accepting it”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2017. Monday saw Mr Barton leading the school in considering what it means to belong to a team. He spoke about different teams that we may support and different teams we all belong to. We talked about what teams we have here in school and about the most important team that we all belong to “God’s team”. Mr Barton asked the children to think about what it is that marks us out as members of God’s team here at St Margaret Marys. The children said that we show we are members of this team by the way we act and by what we say. We have a uniform so that we look like we belong to our team here at school but it is how we act with one another that really shows that we belong to God’s team, making sure that we all “Live, Love and Learn”.

Holy Week 2017. Next week in school we suspend our normal timetable and focus on the events of “Holy Week”. Holy Week itself actually begins on **Sunday April 9th with Palm Sunday**, but school will be thinking about it throughout next week. Our work will focus upon the events, happenings, symbolism and meaning of the time from Palm Sunday to **Easter Sunday (April 16th)**. The children will work in class, participate in prayer services, attend assemblies and go to Mass to mark their preparation for Easter as our Lenten journey nears its completion.

School Mass. Thanks to Y1/2 for leading the Liturgy this morning. Next week (7/4/17) our Mass will be a whole school Mass for Holy Week.

Easter Break. School closes for the Easter break next **Friday April 7th at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on Tuesday April 25th**. **Y4 Class assembly.** Thanks to Y4 and Miss Ward for their lovely assembly this morning, a truly outstanding effort by everyone!

Extra Curricular Clubs /Holy Week *All our clubs have now finished for the term, they will start up again when we return for the summer term.* Thank you to everyone who has led a club and thanks to all those that came along to support club during the spring term.

Building Update. EYFS had their outside area extended last week; they now have some artificial grass, some mushroom seating, a planter bench and a large story telling chair that they will be able to access all year round. School was successful in acquiring a lottery grant to the value of £10 000. This was down to the hard work of our Business Manager Mr Connaughton who prepared and submitted the bid. Stories/role play are already taking place so thanks to Mr Connaughton for sorting this out for school.



Building Update contd. The car park next to the Church and the path up the side of the school are to be revamped during the Easter holidays. This will then provide us (both school and church) with a facility we can all use to park our cars on. It will however also help provide us with a new entry and exit point into school. A new gate is to be erected and all the children will come into school this way from sometime in the summer term. The exact date has yet to be decided but as soon as we are ready to proceed I will write to everyone and let you know. For many years now I have wanted the carpark upgrading, and entering and exiting school by the playground will give all of us much more room and hence it will be much safer for everyone. Most of the work will be completed during the Easter break and I will confirm to everyone when we will start using the new entrance/exit as soon as we are ready.

Nursery 2017-2018. I will be writing to everyone on our waiting list for 2017 next week. The letter will indicate what parents will need to do to qualify for the new 30 hours funding as Nursery moves to full time. Please look out for this very important letter.

Parking around school. I am delighted that the Police have been a presence this week deterring people from parking inconsiderately. Can I ask that if anyone has any concerns about dangerous driving/parking before or after school that they let me and the Police know. The Police will do their utmost to come and visit us and will be a presence on Perry Common Road helping everyone to drive and park sensibly around school.

School Website. Our new website is now officially live!! It is full of useful information and is much easier to navigate around. There is an awful lot of helpful information now available for everyone to look at, please do pay it a visit at www.stmgtnry.bham.sch.uk
Many thanks to Miss Dunne and Miss McCarron for helping to put it altogether into what we all see today, please leave a comment in our guestbook.

School Meal prices 2017. From the 1st April 2017 the price of a school meal will rise. This will come into effect after the Easter break, the new cost for a school meal in KS2 will be £2.25 per day, £11.25 a week or £67.50 over a 6 week half term. Despite the slight rise of 5p our meals still represent excellent value, please look on our website for further details.

Attendance for week ending March 31st. 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	9%
Reception C	9%
Y1F	9%
Y1C	9%
Y2C	9%
Y2D	9%
Y3	9%
Y4	9%
Y5	9%
Y6	9%
Weekly Average	9%

Happy Birthday:

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

