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faith-filled learned wise
generous grateful
eloquent prophetic discerning
intentional compassionate active
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Week Beginning Tuesday May 2nd 2017

Thought for the week:

“A mind is like a parachute, it only works when it’s open.”

Dear Parents,

Easter 2017. Welcome Back!! Our return to school has seen the Easter season continue on. Sunday’s Gospel will tell the story of the time when two of Jesus’ apostles initially failed to recognise him on the road to Emmaus. Recognising what is truly important is often a difficulty for all of us perhaps as the thought for the week points out, “an open mind” might help all of us.

First Holy Communion. Saturday May 20th at 9.00am/11.00am Our workshop takes place next **Thursday May 4th at 1.30pm**. Mr Barton will lead the session and talk about how the day is going to be organised.

School Mass. Thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing our Mass this morning. Next Friday (5th) Y5 will lead our Liturgy.

Sacrament of Confirmation Thursday June 22nd at 7.00pm. The Workshop before Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday June 14th**.

School Meals. I write on a regular basis about the need for families not to build up substantial debts with regard to dinner money. ***I need to also advise all KS2 families that the price of a school meal has gone up by 5p to £2.25 a day which is £11.25 per week.***

Summer Uniform. The office has asked me to tell everyone that items of summer uniform are available from the school office. Mrs Clegg/Mrs Cooney will be happy to help anyone who needs any items of uniform.

Reception 2017-2018. We will write shortly to those concerned about the induction process for next September.

PE Kits. Please can I ask for PE kits to remain in school, without them the children can miss out on their PE lessons.

Alton Castle 2017. We will be arriving at the castle in just over 4 months time. I would remind everyone that they can start to pay for the residential from now onwards. Maybe a certain amount each month could help spread the cost. Please call into the office and talk to Mrs Cooney and Mrs Clegg and they will help you if you want to start paying for the trip now. Starting to pay now would enable families to pay £20 per month or £5 a week for example up to the date of departure which may be more preferable than £85 in September.

Summer Term Dates. These have been sent with this letter and are on the new website.



Building Work Update. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond my control the proposed building work (updating the car park, path adjacent to school and creating a new gate for the children to come in and leave school from) didn't take place. I have now been assured that this work will happen around Whitsun week when the school is closed for half term. Work on the expansion of the school is to begin before we break up for the summer holiday and is due to be completed at Christmas. As soon as I have final details/dates etc I will let everyone know.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Tuesday May 2nd 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Computing Club	Y2	Miss Dunne/Mrs Croft
Monday	SATs Club	Y6	Miss McCarron
Tuesday	D&T Club	Y3	Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft
Wednesday	Gymnastics club	Y1C	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art Club	Reception	Mrs Whitty/Mrs Graham
Thursday	Sports club	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science Club	Y4	Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton

Attendance for week ending April 28th 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	98%
Reception F	97%
Y1F	99%
Y1C	98%
Y2C	100%
Y2D	100%
Y3	98%
Y4	94%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%
Weekly Average	98%

Miss Fellows. It is with great delight that I write formally to welcome Miss Fellows to our staff team. I look forward to working with her in the months and years ahead.

Please pray for: Y3 as they prepare for their First Holy Communion and Y6 as they embark on their final term at St Margaret Marys.

Happy Birthday: Davin Jaiyeola, Patrick Chidzomba, Eldora Iyrie, Alan Ciborowski, Adam Kurgan, Franciszek Hanczyc, Esrom Solomon, Charlotte O'Grady, Ryan Price, Sophia Eden Dyer and Zion Carby Gordon.

Finally it was lovely talking with Father Simon this week and him telling me that over 200 families attended the special "Blessing of the Baskets" on Easter Saturday, many families from school were represented both then and throughout the Easter services. Many thanks to everyone.

