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Week ending Friday May 26th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“Love is the strongest force the world possesses and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion Saturday May 20th Congratulations to everyone that made their first Holy Communion last Saturday. Both Masses were really well attended and as I said on the day the children were a credit to their families and our school. I wrote previously thanking those concerned but I feel it is important I note again my gratitude to everyone involved in making last Saturday such a success. Preparations have already begun for 2018 but to the boys and girls Congratulations! To the staff, families, choir and Father Simon Thank you!

Confirmation 2017. This takes place on **Thursday June 22nd at 7.00pm.** The workshop for families in Y6 will be on **Wednesday June 14th at 1.30pm.** If any Y6 parent can't attend this session please let myself or Father Simon know.

School Building Update. I have been assured that the car park, pathway and new entrance into school will be completed during half term week. As soon as school is ready to start using the new entrance I will write and let everyone know. The expansion of the school is now in its final phase of planning, with the size of the building and the amount of money involved the process from design to build can be somewhat pedestrian. It does however mean that the autumn term will see the bulk of the building work taking place. It also means that a “temporary classroom” is now needed and this will be in place for September. The implications for all of us will be significant and as soon as I know more details I will write separately to everyone

Alton Castile 2017. A message to all Y4/5 parents that payments for Alton Castle can be made at any time from now. Simply call into the office and Mrs Cooney/Clegg will be able to help you. If anyone needs to talk to me about any aspect of the visit then please don't hesitate to do so.

Quality Mark 2017. Mr Haydn Moss, a recently retired Head teacher, visited school on Wednesday to review the work we do in basic skills. He spoke to me, the Literacy/Numeracy leaders, the Deputy Head and a governor about how we deliver, monitor and improve Literacy and Numeracy in St Margaret Marys. The school was successful in having the “Quality mark” renewed, an award we will hold for three years. I want to thank Mrs Chandler, Miss McGeechan, Miss McCarron, Mr Connaughton and Mrs Logue for their help and hard work in securing the award. Any positive external validation is good, but it does bring with it lots of preparation, so thanks to all concerned.



School Photographer A reminder that the photographer will be visiting school **Tuesday June 13th.**

May Procession. Many thanks for all the flowers that were sent in to help school mark May as the month of Mary. Thanks also to Mr Barton for overseeing our May Procession.

School Term Dates. This half term ends for the children tomorrow **Friday May 26th returning on Monday June 5th at the normal time.** We break up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 21st at 1.00pm.** Please note that **Friday(s) June 23rd and June 30th are Teacher Days** and school will be closed for the children.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday June 5th 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 half term ending May 26th 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	94%
Reception F	96%
Y1F	97%
Y1C	96%
Y2C	98%
Y2D	97%
Y3	96%
Y4	97%
Y5	97%
Y6	95%
Half Termly Average	97%

Please pray for: Everyone that was caught up in the tragic events in Manchester last Monday evening. The pain the families will be feeling is unimaginable, I would ask everyone to keep them and the city of Manchester in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

Happy Birthday: Adam Olkowski, Olivia Morris, Diana Timofte, Gracie – Mai Hickey, Lawrence Taku, Joshua Doyle, Fe Garrett.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters
.M. Aldred. Head teacher

