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Week beginning September 4th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one”.

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to everyone as our new term moves into its first full week. In particular I would like to welcome our new families to school. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you better in the weeks ahead. I would also like to thank everyone for their very generous cards and gifts at the end of last term, please spare a thought for our leavers as they start getting used to their new schools, we wish them all well.

I would like to formally welcome Ms Winchurch, Ms Riley, Ms Parkes and Mrs Barker to our staff team for this year, I’m sure you will join me in wishing them all every success during their time with us here at St Margaret Marys. A warm welcome also to Mrs Walczak who has all joined our support staff team for 2017, I wish her well in her new position.

I would like to also write and thank Mr Duffy, Mrs Heath, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Hawthorn for getting our school looking so clean and tidy during the summer holidays, ready for us all to return this week. Over the holiday there was significant building work, I am particularly grateful to Mr Duffy for overseeing the majority of everything that has gone on.

Family Mass Sunday 17th September 10.00am. Everyone is invited to our Mass. Both **Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us on Sunday 17th to mark the start of our new year.**

Sacramental Programme 2017-2018. Mr Barton will be writing to our Y3 and Y6 families shortly with all the relevant dates and times for the year ahead.

Secondary Transfer 2018. The online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. If any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

Parents Evening Autumn 2018. Some advance notice that this will take place on **Thursday November 2nd from 3.15pm-6.30pm.**

Reception 2018. Open morning is on **Thursday October 10th at 9.15am.**



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Parish Fun Day Saturday September 9th 12.00-3.00pm. Everyone is invited to come along to the inaugural parish fun day on Saturday. The fun begins at midday and will finish by 3.00pm. There will be lots of stalls, activities and fun items for all the family to enjoy (including a car boot sale opposite Church). Indeed for any new families what a super way of getting to know people as the new school year starts. A poster will be coming home today and if anyone wants any further information you can contact Father Simon at Church or on 0121 373 0069.

Current e mail address. *Please make sure we have your up to date and current e mail address,* this will ensure you receive the weekly newsletter and any other relevant information. Please let the office know if you have changed your details, many thanks for your support with this matter. For those without an e mail address, a few hard copies will be kept in the office, displayed in the noticeboard and uploaded each week on to the website.

Autumn Term 2017. Some key dates for the term ahead should have come home with this letter, please make sure you have a copy for your diary. All these dates can also be found on our school web site.

Academic Year 2017-2018

Autumn term 2017	Spring term 2018	Summer term 2018
Tuesday September 6th to Friday October 20th	Monday January 8 th to Friday February 16th.	Tuesday April 17th to Friday May 25th
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday October 30th to Friday December 22nd	Monday February 26th to Thursday March 29th	Monday June 4th to Friday July 20th
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Building Update. Over the summer break a number of projects were completed in readiness for the major expansion. The new entry/exit into school was completed, the car park adjacent to Church was finished, the upgrading of the path that runs parallel to the playground was tidied up, a learning chalet was installed and a new office space created inside school. A lot has happened and even more is expected to begin shortly. As mentioned earlier Mr Duffy has been a great help over the summer and on behalf of everyone I want to formally thank him for his efforts.

I will write with further details next week about how and when we will start using our new entry/exit gates.

Extra Curricular clubs. These are to be arranged slightly differently this year, Mrs Logue will write to everyone shortly with all the details.

Please pray for: Another successful year for everyone connected with our school.

Many thanks for your cooperation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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