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### Week beginning September 11th 2017.

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than being alone in the light”.**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am.** *Everyone is invited to our Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Both Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us.* This Mass will be an ideal opportunity to say hello to all our new families and for all of us to start our new year together as a school family.

**Parish Fun Day Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> 12.00-3.00pm.** A reminder that the parish are hosting a “fun day” tomorrow (Saturday). Please do come along there will be lots of activities and fun for everyone. Hopefully it will be dry!

**Secondary Transfer 2018.** A reminder that the online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the end of October to submit their application form, 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.

**School numbers/building** Phase 1 of the building work is complete and Y6 are in their new temporary home. The temporary classroom was erected and completed just before we returned to school. Miss McCarron has since worked tirelessly in getting it ready for the children to work in, I am indebted to her (and Mrs Slattery) for all their efforts. Phase 2 (the car park/new entrance) is very nearly ready. The land next to the Church has now been significantly redeveloped and will prove a much better car parking facility for both school and parish. I hope this will be open sometime next week; I will let everyone know accordingly via group text when we can start using it. On opening the car park the children will enter and exit school through a different gate, this is also now ready to use once the car park is opened. This new entrance will give everyone much more space and thus improve the safety of everyone before and after school. The school drive will then become vehicle access only. I will write a separate letter to everyone when we will start to use the new entrance, hopefully this will be some time in the next fortnight. Phase 3 the new playground is beginning late autumn likewise the extension to school will begin before Christmas. Hopefully the work should all be completed late spring early summer 2018.



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**School Uniform.** Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Thank you for your support with our uniform policies, it really is a tradition we can all be rightly proud of. Can I remind everyone that **NO** jewellery of any kind is permitted in school and that trainers are not allowed. Thank you to everyone for your support with these matters.

**Autumn 17 Dates.** Spare copies of these can be found in the school office and on our website, please make sure you have a copy so as not to miss out on anything.

**Reception 2017-2018.** Well done to all our new children for settling in so well, well done also to the EYFS staff for all their efforts and hard work this week.

**Dinner Money 2017-2018.** The cost for dinners is £11.25 a week and needs to be paid on a Monday. **Milk Money 2017-2018.** The cost of milk is £1.30 per week; please do encourage your child/children to have milk as a healthy option. Likewise with break time snacks please can I ask you to encourage your children to have a healthy snack.

**Breakfast Club 2017-2018.** The cost per day is £3 or £5 for siblings. Mrs Teague runs our breakfast club and opens it at 7.45am each morning. The children will receive their breakfast and then head out onto the playground at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in using this facility please call into the school office.

**Y6 trip to the Houses of Parliament Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>** Our now annual exciting trip to London and the Houses of Parliament has come round again for our oldest children. Miss McCarron and Mr Barton will be accompanying Y6 on a tour of the Houses of Parliament. You will be able to follow their day on Twitter so please do take a look next Monday.

The children need to be at school at **6.15am next Tuesday morning for a 6.30am start. Can I stress that the coach will leave exactly at 6.30am to avoid the traffic so PLEASE DON'T BE LATE. The coach should be back at 5.30pm on Monday afternoon.**

**Extra-Curricular Clubs.** These begin next week (11/9/17) please see the separate letters that came home.

**Attendance for week ending September 8th 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	88%
Y1C	98%
Y2L	92%
Y2D	94%
Y3R	90%
Y3W	96%
Y4A	93%
Y4P	99%
Y5	97%
Y6	91%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Happy Birthday: Brodie – Leigh Proudfoot, Amarachi Aka – Onyeukwu, Ryszard Kowal, Sean Bushell, Sam Xavier Theikkanathu, Dylan Pettifer, Keira Conway and Sophie Hudson.**



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**Please pray for:** Our school and particular all our new children and families as we start this New Year together.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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