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Week beginning September 18th 2016.

Thought for the week:

“Don't say if only, say next time!!”

Dear Parents,

Family Mass. Our first “Family Mass” of the new year takes place this Sunday, 10.00am in Church. Everyone is invited to come along on Sunday to mark the beginning of our school year.

Parish Fun Day. The local community came together last weekend for their Fun Day. Father Simon was delighted with the turnout and despite the showers a super time was had by all, well done and thanks to all concerned.

School Mass. Our next year group Mass will be on Friday September 22nd led by Y5.

Gospel Values. Mr Barton led the school on Monday with our assembly. He told the children that our focus this half term would be on the values, “eloquent” and “truthful”. Seeing the good in others, speaking the truth and letting the light and example of Jesus shine through all of us are what we will be aiming to do this half term.

Alton Castle 2017. I wrote separately to Y5 & Y6 parents on Wednesday saying that all outstanding monies need to be paid **by Friday September 22nd at the latest.** A reply slip was attached to the letter asking you to confirm if your child is definitely going on the trip, the castle have asked for definitive number so please can I ask everyone to make sure they return the slip by the 22nd.

Earrings in school. Earrings have not been allowed in school for over 20 years; this has and will remain part of the uniform policy across school. Please can I ask that earrings are taken out before school.

School numbers. Each year group is now completely full; there is however a pressing need for any families who require a place in Reception next year (September 18) to fill in our “Supplementary Information Form”. If this form is not filled in it is likely that your child will not secure a place at St Margaret Marys. ***I cannot stress enough the need to come into the school office (or download it from the website) and complete our school form.*** Currently Nursery is 70 % Catholic most of whom will be transferring to Reception in 2018. The current Reception classes are 71% Catholic so places will be at an absolute premium next year (despite having two



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Classes) .Please make sure you fill in one of our forms if you are intending to apply for September 2018.

Y6 trip to London. Our week began with an early start for our oldest children with a 6.30am departure from school. Each year we visit the Houses of Parliament and this year the children took part in a special workshop to enrich their “Monarchy and Government” topic. As always the children were exemplary ambassadors for our school and needless to say they all had a super day. I must thank Mr Barton, Mrs Teague, Mrs Slattery and Miss McCarron for overseeing the day and taking the children on what is always one of the highlights of the school year.

Roald Dahl Day. Miss McCarron organised a super, fun packed day in school today. The costumes were magnificent, Thank you!!

Secondary Transfer 2018. A further 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. A number of secondary schools are holding their open evenings around now so please do keep a look out for the dates and times.

Fit 4 Schools. This week saw everyone take part in our first Fit4Schools programme of the new year. All the children were given a rigorous set of exercises to do. Throughout the year the children will complete their circuits and hopefully improve on their previous best.

Attendance for week ending September 15th 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	98%
Y1C	99%
Y2L	96%
Y2D	100%
Y3R	99%
Y3W	100%
Y4A	99%
Y4P	98%
Y5	98%
Y6	96%
Weekly Average	98%

Happy Birthday: Taeshon Dhlwayo, Akorede Raheem, Kelsie Martin, Toreud Ansa – Eno, David Latowski and Nijah White

Please pray for: The Brennan Family at this sad time for all of them.

Congratulations. To Mrs Bryan and her family on the birth of baby Emilia earlier this week.

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



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