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### Week beginning September 25th 2017.

#### Thought for the week:

**“Logic will get you from A-B imagination will get you everywhere”**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass.** Thank you to everyone that came along last Sunday to Mass, the Church was full and it was lovely to see so many familiar and new faces as we start our school year. I spoke to the staff earlier this week to thank them for their support in coming along and to Sancia, Kemi and Tyra for reading our bidding prayers many thanks indeed. Our next family Mass will mark the beginning of Advent on December 3rd all are welcome.

**School Mass.** Our next year group Mass will be on Friday September 29th led by Y4. Thanks to Y5 for leading our Mass today.

**Assembly.** I talked to the children on Monday about the qualities we will be expecting to see at school this year. We talked about “friendship”, “Love”, “Joy”, “Honesty” and in particular “Forgiveness”. Deacon Leonard told us in his Homily last Sunday that if we are truly sorry then God “wipes the slate clean”. A message that the children said they would remember in the coming year.

**Building Update.** The city council have now nearly completed the refurbishment of the car park. We can use it albeit that it still has a temporary entrance. I have been assured that the new entrance will be much wider, have a one way in and out system and a designated path for pedestrians to use marked out. Until this is completed (I have been assured they will finish the work by the end of October), I urge everyone to exercise great caution when using the car park, please be patient! Whatever else it is, it is a much improved space for all of us (school/parish) to use. I am indebted to all concerned.

The new gates into school are now in use. I met the council yesterday and asked for the creation of an additional pathway and a larger “standing area” than the current temporary one that has been installed. Both of these requests were met positively and will hopefully be completed soon. I will be sending home some small money envelopes for KS2 and Nursery parents and I would encourage you to put any dinner/trip monies in the envelopes and then in individual school bags. The teachers will then collect it and hand in to the office. We are also in the process of creating



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an on line platform that will enable families to pay for visits etc. via a link on our school website, hopefully this will be ready to use this side of half term. As the land around the new entrance matures and the car park is completed it will only add to what is already a much safer way of entering and exiting school. I thank everyone for their support, understanding and patience. The final two phases of the school expansion (the new playground and the 4 classroom extension) are due to begin in November. The estimated completion date I have been given is April 2018, hopefully by the late spring, early summer of next year the work will be completed and the children will have a new playground and 4 brand new classrooms to use.

**Alton Castle 2017 Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> –Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions, queries or issues please come and see me before next week.

**Y2 and the Fire Service.** The week began with a bang!! Y2 visited Perry Barr Fire station, clambered over the engines, listened to the Fire fighters who told them about how the engines worked and they even had a go at using the hose. Thanks to Miss Dunne, Mrs Logue and their team of helpers for organising the visit.

**Y5 visit to the National Arboretum.** On Wednesday Mr Barton took Y5 to the National Arboretum as part of their “WW2” topic. Thanks to Mr Barton and his helpers for taking the children on such a thought provoking visit and thanks to Y5 for being such wonderful ambassadors of our school.

**Brass in school.** Our brass teaching for Y4-Y6 began in earnest today, it was lovely to welcome Mr Ali into school and I look forward to working with him in the weeks and months ahead.

**Nursery 2017.** A little note of congratulations to our youngest children, they have now completed a fortnight in school. Well done to all of them, they are trying really hard and getting used to life in school. Thank you to Ms Winchurch, Ms Graham and Ms Rowley for all your hard work in settling everyone into school.

**Attendance for week ending September 22nd 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	96%
Y1C	92%
Y2L	98%
Y2D	100%
Y3R	97%
Y3W	99%
Y4A	100%
Y4P	96%
Y5	96%
Y6	94%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday: Violet Wesley, Cleopatra Filip-Datcu and Grace Taku**

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

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