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### Week beginning Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

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

**“Those that cannot change their minds cannot change anything”**

Dear Parents,

**School Mass.** Our next year group Mass will be on Friday October 6th led by Y3. Thanks to Y4 for leading our Mass today.

**Assembly.** Our week began with a discussion about jealousy. Last Sunday's Gospel told us the story of how some people became jealous of somebody else who was being generous. We spoke as a school about trying not to be jealous of others and their achievements. Jealousy can be such a negative emotion and can result in arguments and people falling out with each other. I asked the children to think about this and to try throughout the weeks ahead to celebrate others' success rather than be jealous of it.

**Building Update.** I met yesterday with representatives of the city council. They assured me (again) that remedial work around the new entrance (a larger waiting area and additional pathway) will be completed ASAP. I thank everyone for their understanding with the new car park and its temporary entrance; again this will be completed before the half term break. It is much safer now dismissing the children from the rear of school, as the final touches are made to this area it will only improve things further. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support with the changes, your support is much appreciated.

***A reminder that all extra-curricular clubs (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) will also exit school via the new gates.***

**Alton Castle 2017 Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> –Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>.** I hope everyone is packed and raring to go next Monday. As indicated in previous letters the children need to bring their bag with them to school on Monday morning. They will then leave after lunch at 2.30pm approximately. Can I reiterate that ***electronic gadgetry of any kind whatsoever is not permitted***, these get lost and or broken which can lead to great distress. Can I also remind everyone that the children can bring with them some money; this however ***should be no more than £10*** as there won't be a lot of time available to spend it. We will group text all families as the children arrive and as and when they leave, the staff will post regular updates on Twitter for all to see/follow (see homepage of the school web site) and in case of emergencies we will contact you immediately.



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A huge thank you to Mr Barton, Miss McCarron, Miss Ward and Mrs Teague for giving up their time (and sleep!!). I'm sure I speak for everyone in thanking them for organising and leading our residential this year.

Finally the "Alton Castle experience" really is a wonderful way to start the year off, the children will return exhausted and maybe in need of a wash!! But most of all they will return with smiles on their faces and memories that will last a lifetime.

**EYFS Meeting.** Thanks to everyone for coming along midweek for your meeting with Mrs Whitty. There was a really healthy turnout. Many thanks to Mrs Whitty for organising the session, I hope you found the information about Phonics useful.

**Y1 visit to the Black Country Museum.** Our week began with Miss Finn and her intrepid team of helpers taking all of Y1 to the Black Country Museum. The children had a super visit and learned a great deal to enrich their topic work. The children were a credit to take out (as always) and I want to thank Miss Finn for organising and leading the trip, congratulations to all concerned.

**Black History Month.** This begins next week and I want to write in advance and thank Miss Finn for organising our month of activities celebrating black History.

**Parents Evening.** Further advance notice that this will take place after half term on **Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.

**Congratulations:** Miss Dunne's and Mrs Attwood's classes for their 100% attendance last week!!

**Attendance for week ending September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	99%
Y1C	100%
Y2L	93%
Y2D	100%
Y3R	98%
Y3W	98%
Y4A	92%
Y4P	97%
Y5	98%
Y6	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday: Romilea Dunne, Cody Martin, Oluwamayokun Alabi, Triumph Ngangelyi, Martyna Borek and Daniel Wright.**

**Please pray for:** Please pray for our Reception and Nursery children (and staff) who have now all completed their first month of school. Well done to all of them!!

Please also pray for the Grzunka family.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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