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### Week beginning Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2017.

#### Thought for the week:

**“If you don't have time to do it right, you must have time to do it again.”**

Dear Parents,

**School Mass.** Our next year group Mass will be on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> led by Y2. Thanks to Y3 for leading our Mass today.

**Assembly.** This week my assembly concentrated on “Honesty”, we talked about Sunday's Gospel and we discussed that it is okay to change your mind and do the right thing. This is something that often takes great courage and “honesty” to do. We also spoke about the Rosary as we enter into the month of October. The children will be encouraged to reflect on this particular prayer throughout the month of October and some will consider the structure of the prayer and its relevance for all of us. If you have a set of Rosary beads at home please talk and use them with your child/children throughout October.

**Alton Castle 2017.** Everyone returned safely on Wednesday afternoon! Everyone was in need of some sleep and everyone had enjoyed a wonderful time at Alton Castle. The staff told me that the children were a credit to take away and they represented our school in exemplary fashion, Well Done to all of them!! A huge thank you to Mr Barton, Miss McCarron, Miss Ward and Mrs Teague for giving up their time to take our children away. I cannot stress enough what a huge responsibility this is, thanks to each and every one of them. Thanks parents for following their adventures on Twitter and supporting school in getting all the children ready to go.

Finally Alton Castle may be over this year but planning has already begun for our next visit in 2019! I will write with details nearer the time to our current Y3 and Y4 families.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3W and Y3R Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr Barton will write to all our Y3 children about the workshop/service shortly. The programme begins with a workshop for both classes on **Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in school.**

**EYFS (Nursery) Meeting.** Thanks to everyone for coming along midweek (Nursery parents) for your meeting with Mrs Whitty. I hope you found the information about Phonics useful.

**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.

**Half Term Break.** Half term ends on *Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>* with school returning on *October 30<sup>th</sup>.*

**E Safety/Safeguarding.** It is of the utmost importance that all our children are kept safe. At school we have received a significant amount of training about how to make our procedures as robust as they



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possibly can be. One area of concern to all of us is staying safe on line; we have done a lot of work in school about this. The children have been talking about their SMART rules in class. If anyone is worried about any aspect of e safety and is concerned about an App, social media, web site or indeed any area of E safety then please call into school for some advice. The internet is a wonderful resource for all of us to use it is however also fraught with some dangers. Coming home with this letter is a copy of our SMART rules for you to use/display at home. Please talk about it with your child/children and help all of us to stay safe on line.

**Reception 2018.** We have only just started this year and the process for next year has now begun. The On line admissions website is already open and this term will see lots of schools host their open days/afternoons (ours is on **October 19th at 9.15am**). Families have until January 18<sup>th</sup> to make their application with **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018** being the time when offers will be sent out.

At St Margaret Marys we already have **40** children that have applied for places. Bearing this in mind it is **ESSENTIAL** that families that seek a place in our school next year fill in a supplementary information form (downloaded from the website or collected from the school office). The majority on the list for 2018 are also baptised Catholics so if anyone is seeking a baptism for their child then they need to speak to Father Simon as a matter of urgency (0121 373 0069) after one of the weekend or daily Masses. Please can I ask anyone who has or knows someone that has a child of school age for September to please take note of the above; in particular if your child is not currently a baptized Catholic, I am also always available to discuss any of the above in school.

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

**Attendance for week ending October 6th 2017**

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

**Happy Birthday: Bethany Million, Munachimso, Zoe Ntui, Keshayla James-Richards, Nicole De'Loyola, Sancia Saju, Laila Khan, Abigail Tendo, Jamel Daniels – Harbourne and Alfie Donnelly.**

**Well Done!!** To our footballers who began their league campaign with two victories last week. Thanks to Mr Barton and Mr Connaughton for taking/coaching the team.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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