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Week ending Friday October 20th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“Self-Praise is no recommendation”

Dear Parents,

Feast of St Margaret Mary October 16th 2017. Our week began with a very special Monday, as a school community we marked the feast day of St Margaret Mary. Mrs Logue led KS1 with a lovely reflection about the life of our patron saint. Meanwhile our older children went across to Mass to mark this most special of days. Mr Barton led our Liturgy with Miss McCarron and it truly was a fitting way to begin our week. In his homily Father Simon talked about people that have made a difference to his life when he was unsure what path to take. He challenged all of us to make a difference at home and at school, just like St Margaret Mary did.

Feast of All Souls/ Saints. November is a time in school when we think about those family members that are no longer with us but with Jesus in Heaven. We display a Book of Remembrance in the hall and during assemblies we think, reflect and pray for those no longer with us. Likewise we think about all the Saints in Heaven and we will be marking this day with a Mass and assembly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3W and Y3R Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December.

The programme begins with a workshop on *Thursday November 30th at 1.30pm in school.*

Cashless school. A reminder that from January 2018 it is hoped that the school will become a “cashless school”. We have now investigated numerous ways that families can pay dinner money/milk money and trips electronically. There are a number of systems that offer families the opportunity to pay via a link on the school website using a credit/debit card. This should make paying trip/milk/dinner money much easier for both school and parents. We have now chosen our preferred method and I will write to everyone after half term about how and when this will be phased in.

Half Term Break. Half term ends today *Friday October 20th* with school returning on *Monday October 30th.*

Parents Evening. Further advance notice that this will take place after half term on **Wednesday November 1st and Thursday November 2nd.** Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.

Reception Open Morning 2017. Thanks to those families that came along yesterday, thanks also to Christopher (Head boy) and Sancia (Head girl) for the wonderful film they made showcasing our school. Thanks also to Miss McCarron for overseeing the editing of the film, it proved a really valuable and informative way of showing new families what St Margaret Marys is all about.



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Harvest Assembly 2017. On Tuesday morning the whole school gathered together for our annual Harvest Assembly. Miss McCarron, Miss Dunne and Mrs Whitty led the school through a truly reflective presentation that challenged us firstly to acknowledge what we are grateful for. It proceeded then to make us reflect further about the need to share, share whatever we can with our neighbour whether it be food, time or simple a cup of tea. Part of the assembly also showed a film outlining the work St Chads Sanctuary does in the city centre, in short it helps all our neighbours who are most in need. Yesterday Mr Barton took some children to visit the Sanctuary, the children handed in all the tins you have kindly donated and also the group had the opportunity to see the work that goes on first hand. Thanks to everyone for sending in a record amount of food, thanks to the teachers for leading our assembly and thanks to the children for their readings, posters and prayers asking all of us to share that little bit more.

“Marvellous Me”. I am delighted to let you know that, from January, we will be using an exciting new app called MarvellousMe. MarvellousMe is a light-touch app that the teachers will use to share wonderful news with you about your child’s/children’s learning and skills development. The MarvellousMe Parent app is free, fun and simple to use. It will help you to:

- **Have a meaningful conversation with your child about their school day.**
- **Continue your child’s learning and practise topics that they’ve done in class.**
- **Celebrate and reinforce their successes and positive behaviours.**

You will be able to enjoy MarvellousMe on your smartphone, tablet or online, and can easily share it with partners, carers and family members.

In January, we will send you a letter containing all the details of how you can sign up to MarvellousMe, and your special join code. You can find out more at www.marvellousme.com.

Attendance for half term ending October 20th 2017

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Y1F | 97% |
| Y1C | 97% |
| Y2L | 97% |
| Y2D | 99% |
| Y3R | 96% |
| Y3W | 98% |
| Y4A | 96% |
| Y4P | 97% |
| Y5 | 98% |
| Y6 | 95% |
| Half Termly Average | 96.4% |

Happy Birthday: Zuhayra Husain, Nathan Mulugeta, Motunrayo Alabi and Summer Day

Well Done!! To Nursery and Reception for completing their first half term in school. Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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