

loving hopeful
attentive curious
faith-filled learned wise
generous grateful
eloquent discerning
intentional compassionate
truthful active



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Week beginning Monday November 6th, 2017

Thought for the week:

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”

Gospel Virtues. Our new half term began as always with Mr Barton leading the school in explaining what our two new virtues are for this half term. Troy read the story of when God called Samuel and how he then demonstrated that he was “learned and wise”. Mr Barton led the school in a discussion about listening to God and acting wisely, he challenged all of us during this half term to “listen” (something that is very difficult to do, and to act in a way that would make our teachers, our families and Jesus happy).

All Saints/ All Souls. I spoke briefly to the children about the example the Saints set for us by the way they lived and acted. We also discussed how at this time of year we think about and remember those that are no longer with us but are with Jesus in Heaven. We talked about Remembrance Sunday (12th) and I told the children that our Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the hall between now and the beginning of Advent. Poppies will be sold in school (Red Day was today) and the children will be asked to enter the names of anyone in their family that they would like us to remember in the coming weeks, this we will do at assemblies, prayer services and school masses. Thank you to Miss McCarron and the Y6 readers for leading our Mass on Wednesday to mark All Saints day, thanks also to Mrs Chandler for overseeing our All Saints Prayer service for our youngest children.

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.*

Family Mass Sunday December 3rd at 10.00am. *Our next “family mass” takes place on Sunday 3rd December, on behalf of Father Simon I want to extend a welcome to everyone to come along.*

Secondary Transfer 2018 A final reminder that the deadline for submissions was October 31st.

Admissions 2018. Next September our published admissions number will be 45. *Once more I write urging people who want a place at St Margaret Marys to please complete one of our school forms (it is called a supplementary information form and can be downloaded from the admissions section of the website or can be collected from the office). As of today, our school has already received 40 applications for next September; well over half of these (26) are Catholic children*

Flu Vaccines. Well done to all the children in Y1-Y4 who received their vaccination, the nurses said everyone was very brave!

Parents Evening. Thank you to everyone for coming along on Wednesday and yesterday. I hope the sessions proved useful and informative. A huge thank you to ALL the staff for giving their time so generously. Thanks again to Y2L parents for their understanding. As soon as Mrs Logue returns to school we will sort out an alternative date.

School Entrance. We have had lots of new photographs put up on display in the entrance and main corridor in school. Please do take the time to look at them next time you are in school.



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Autumn half term dates leading up to Christmas 2017.

Tuesday 7th November: Y4 out at Sea Life Centre

Friday 10th November: Year 6 Class Mass

Monday 13th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 14th November: Y1 out at Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens

Wednesday 15th November: Professor McGinty in school Y6 Ancient Egypt

Thursday 16th November: Y5 out at Café Ceramica

Friday 17th November: Year 5 Class Mass

Tuesday 21st November: Y3W out at Lapworth - Rocks and Soils Visit

Wednesday 22nd November: Y3R out at Lapworth - Rocks and Soils Visit

Thursday 23rd November: November Birthdays non-uniform day

Friday 24th November: Y4 Class Mass

Wednesday 29th November: School Bank *and* D&T Day

Thursday 30th November: Reconciliation Workshop for Y3 Parents 1.30pm

Friday 1st December: Y2 Class Assembly *and* Y3 Class Mass

Monday 4th December: Lottery Lunch *and* Fit-4-Schools Day

Tuesday 5th December: Fit-4-Schools Day *and* Y3W Reconciliation in Church 1.30pm

Wednesday 6th December: Y3R Reconciliation in Church 1.30pm

Thursday 7th December: Nursery Nativity 9.00am

Friday 8th December: Reception Nativity 9.00am *and* Year 2 Class Mass 9.15am

Monday 11th December: Y1 Nativity 9.00am

Tuesday 12th December: Y2 Nativity 9.00am

Wednesday 13th December: Y3 Nativity 9.00am

Thursday 14th December: Y4 Nativity 9.00am

Friday 15th December: Y5/6 Nativity 9.00am *and* Year 1 Class Mass

Monday 18th December: KS2 out at Theatre 'Alice in Wonderland'

Thursday 21st December: December Birthday non uniform day

Friday 22nd December: Whole School Mass *and* School closes at 1.00pm.

Attendance for week ending November 3rd 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	94%
Y1C	100%
Y2L	99%
Y2D	98%
Y3R	97%
Y3W	93%
Y4A	95%
Y4P	92%
Y5	99%
Y6	96%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Shay Ward, David Richardson, Ariel Msampha, Liam King, Cameron Stoddart, Kaydrah Walker-Wilkie, Lucian Timofte and Makail Khan

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



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