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**Week beginning Monday November 13th, 2017**

**Thought for the week:**  
**"We will remember them"**

**Remembrance Sunday.** This Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>) is Remembrance Sunday, a day when we pause, reflect and consider the sacrifice that so many have made across a number of different conflicts for our country. We held our "Red day" last week and assembly on Monday will see the whole school community stop reflect and pray. We have set up our Book of Remembrance in the hall where we can remember members of our family that are now with Jesus, this weekend we are also remembering those that gave their lives so that we may be free.

**Assembly.** Our week began on Monday with a chance for the whole school to see the welcome film Sancia and Christopher (Head boy and head girl) made for our open morning before half term. The film had such an impact that I wanted the whole school to see it both by means of saying thank you but also as a way of remembering what a special family we all belong to here at St Margaret Marys.

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

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

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y6 for leading our Mass today thanks also to Miss McCarron for organising the readers. Our next Mass will be on *Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am, it will be led by Y5.*

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

**Parents Evening.** Mrs Logue will be available next **Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>)** to meet any parents in 2L. She will be available from 8.30am-4.30pm so there is no need to make an appointment it will be organised on a first come first served basis. Simply come up to the main school office and you will be shown where to go. Any parent that was unable to attend last week and would like an appointment please call the school office and they will try to help you find a mutually convenient time.

**Buildings update.** I have been contacted this week by the city council to inform me that they are coming next week to complete the entrance to the car park adjacent to Church. A wider structure is to be fitted indicating "one way in and one way out". It will have a height restriction and will not compromise the pathway for families that will eventually have railings next to Father Simon's hedge. It will however mean that the car park will have to close whilst this work is undertaken, **therefore it will be closed from 10.00am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> (it can be used before school on Monday) and reopened on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>.** There is no good time to do this and I have been asking them to complete the work ASAP. Suffice to say it will be a marked improvement on what is there currently, so any inconvenience in the short term will hopefully be offset with a new safer entrance for all of us to use for many years to come.

**Cashless School 2018.** Before Christmas I will write to everyone about "ParentPay". It is an online platform that will enable everyone to pay for dinners/trips via our school website. I am indebted to Mrs Clegg and Mrs Cooney who are finalising all the details with a view to using it (and being cashless) when we return to school in January.



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**Y4 visit to the Sea Life Centre.** Thank you to Mrs Attwood and Miss Parkes with their team of helpers for taking Y4 to the Sea life Centre on Tuesday. The children had a tour of the centre and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Well done to Y4!

**Anti-Bullying Week 2017.** Miss Dunne is organising our “Anti Bullying Week” activities next week. The children will take part in a number of different events all centred on the key fact that this school is a “telling school”. I will write more about this next week but many thanks in advance to Miss Dunne for organising our Anti Bullying Week.

**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 60 applications for Reception next September already, so please ensure you complete a school supplementary information form.*

**Nursery places 2018.** School is now accepting applications for a full time place in Nursery next September. The process is simple just call into the office and the staff will direct you to complete the relevant form. Can I stress the need to fill in one of our forms to secure a place for next September; school already has names on the list so please make sure you complete the form if you require a Nursery place for 2018.

**Half Term Dates.** This is always a hectic time of year as we lead up to Christmas; all the dates came home last Tuesday for the half term, if you didn't get a copy please ask at the office for a spare. All the dates are also on the school web site [www.stmgmtmry.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stmgmtmry.bham.sch.uk). An amendment to what was sent out last week is that our end of term mass will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and not the 22<sup>nd</sup> as originally listed.

**Attendance for week ending November 10th 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	94%
Y1C	98%
Y2L	96%
Y2D	100%
Y3R	96%
Y3W	96%
Y4A	95%
Y4P	88%
Y5	99%
Y6	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Please pray for:** Please pray for all those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country in previous and more recent conflicts.

**Happy Birthday:** Caleb Millwood-Martin, Maja Borek, Michal Romanowski, Maria Jabczyk, Daisy Jaiyeola, Kieron Loughead, Sienna Smith, Kassandra Jumanan, Siyena Million and Maya Cebula

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

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