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Week beginning Monday November 27th, 2017

Thought for the week:

“Painting is silent poetry and poetry is painting that speaks”

Assembly. Our week began with Mr Barton talking to the children about the Parable of the Talents. Everyone is unique and everyone has something to offer. We must use our talents in a positive way to care for others, to look after others and to pray for others. Thanks to Mr Barton for leading our assembly on Monday.

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

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

School Mass. Thanks to Y4 for leading our Mass today thanks also to Mrs Barker and Ms Parkes for organising the readers. Our next Mass will be on *Friday December 1st at 9.15am, it will be led by Y3.*

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.*

ParentPay 2017-2018. Starting on *Monday (27th)* everyone is asked to log into ParentPay and activate their account in readiness for the following week. Logging in will require an email address primarily, and needs to be completed next week. ParentPay will then go live the following *Monday (December 4th) for school dinners only.*

From Monday 11th December families that use the breakfast club will be able to pay via ParentPay with the idea being that when we return in January the school is a cash free school.

The office sent out these details in greater detail today, if you didn't receive this letter (and an introductory booklet) please call into the office as a matter of urgency. I am indebted to Mrs Cooney and Mrs Clegg in the office, setting up this payment system has taken up much of their recent time and to have it ready now to start using is a tremendous feat, many thanks to both. Shortly our website will have a direct link that will take you to the ParentPay homepage. It will also have some introductory information about how to use ParentPay. If anybody has any questions/queries about parent pay then please don't hesitate to contact school.

School Uniform. Mrs Cooney met with a representative from Clive Marks Schoolwear this week to iron out some issues about stock. They have now assured school that there will be enough uniform in their shop as and when families need it. I know some families had difficulties getting the uniform earlier this year so hopefully this issue has now been resolved.

School Bank. Mr Connaughton is open for business first thing in the morning on 29th November. Call into the office if you want to join/use the bank and you will be directed where to go.

Y2 Class Assembly. Some advance notice for Y2 that their class assembly is **next Friday 1.12.17 at 9.00am** in the school hall.

Y3 visit to Lapworth Museum. Miss Ward and Miss Riley took Y3 to Lapworth on Wednesday to study “Rocks and Soils”. The children were a credit as always and thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Y1 visit to Castle Bromwich Gardens. I received a glowing e mail this week from Castle Bromwich gardens telling me how wonderful Y1 were on their trip last week. It was a lovely read, well done Y1!



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Breakfast Club. Can I remind everyone that Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am and not any earlier. Children should not be dropped off before 7.45am and left by the school office unattended. For obvious reasons the children are then not safe.

Collecting children. Please can I ask that everyone makes a concerted effort to collect their children on time at the end of the day. As the darker evenings draw in for our younger children in particular being left can cause them to get upset. It is often the same children that are left behind so your support with this matter is much appreciated.

“Marvellous Me”. I wrote earlier this term about the new App we are going to start using called “Marvellous Me”. Earlier this week the staff received training about using it and hopefully we will be sending home further information to you shortly. It is a means by which school can share good news and information about your child’s learning via an App. This information will then come straight to your smartphone once the App has been downloaded. It is free to use so I urge you to download the App when we send you the relevant information, it is our intention to go live well before Christmas so please look out for the letter in the next week or two. It really is a wonderful way of school sharing good news with you immediately so you know what your child has done today. Indeed you get pinged when your child has done something marvellous, you can share the app with grandparents and you can send back Hi5’s to school. For now have a look at the website at www.marvellousme.com for further information.

Nursery places 2018. School is now accepting applications for a full time place in Nursery next September. The process is simply 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.

Attendance for week ending November 24th 2017

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

Please pray for: Joe Dodds RIP. It was with much sadness that school learned that Joe had passed away last week. Joe and his wife Irene were great supporters of our school over many years; they could always be relied upon to help out at whatever it was the school and parish were doing. As the Deputy Head and now the Head teacher Joe was a smile that greeted me and the children for many years at the back of church. Joe was a lovely man and a true friend of St Margaret Marys, he will be sadly missed by all of us, our thoughts and prayers are with Irene and her family at this sad time.

Happy Birthday: Nicole Croft, Kaitlin Jones and Jessica Thompson

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

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