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### Week beginning Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world”**

Dear Parents,

**The Epiphany.** Monday saw the spring term begin and in many ways the Christmas season draw to a close. We marked this with our assembly when for the final time this year the children looked at our crib in the hall. Our focus was the three visitors that brought Gold Frankincense and Myrrh. Gifts fit for a king, gifts for a king born in a stable. I spoke to the children about how in many ways the different visitors that came to the stable in Bethlehem like the three kings or the shepherds for example, demonstrated that Jesus came for all of us. Regardless of whom we are or where we are from Jesus came at Christmas for everyone.

I want to write and thank everyone for their efforts at the end of last term. We once again marked Christmas as a school family, remembering that “Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season”.

**Family Mass Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 at 10.00am.** Please do make a note in your diaries of our next Family Mass.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Mr Barton/Miss McCarron and KS2 for leading our first mass of 2018 this morning, next week (Friday 19<sup>th</sup>) will see Y6 leading our Liturgy.

**Sacramental Programme 2018.** You will have received letters about First Holy Communion in May. Due to the numbers involved we will have to have three masses at 9.00am and 11.00am one week and 9.00am the next. I am most grateful to Father Simon for his help with this as otherwise I'm not sure everyone would actually fit in the church.

**“Stick Man”** Our first week back saw KS1/EYFS visit the Town Hall to find out what happened to the stick man??!! Many thanks to Mrs Chandler/Whitty for overseeing the visits.

**School Closures.** Hopefully it won't happen again this year, but in the unlikely event of school having to close because of snow local radio stations, the school website and group texts will let everyone know.

**Dates for the term ahead.** Mrs Logue has written to everyone this week with all the relevant dates for the term ahead, please make sure you have a copy.



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**ParentPay.** We are now “cashless”. Thank you to everyone for “signing up” and using the new system so efficiently, many thanks also to the team in the office for not only setting it up but managing it on a weekly basis. If anyone has any problems whatsoever then please call into school and Mrs Clegg/Cooney will be able to help you.

**Reception Class 2018** If you know anyone who has not yet submitted their application form for a place in our school for next September please follow the advice below as a matter of urgency.

*“Urgent – Parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2018. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 675 0555.”*

**Extra Curricular Clubs.** These begin next week (**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**). There are some **changes** for the term ahead, Y6 (Monday), Y4 (Tuesday) and Y2 (Thursday) will receive coaching from fit4schools this half term.

**Spring Term 2018.** We break up for half term on **Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>**, returning on **Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, returning for the summer term on Tuesday **April 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Attendance for week ending January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	99%
Y1C	97%
Y2L	88%
Y2D	96%
Y3R	97%
Y3W	92%
Y4A	96%
Y4P	94%
Y5	98%
Y6	100%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Millicent Swaine, Victoria Croft, Cerys Lowe, Karlton Anderson and Shirah Samuels.

**Please pray for:** Mrs Carmel Hart nee Clarke RIP. Carmel taught at St Margaret Marys back in the 1990s and sadly passed away over the Christmas period. May she Rest in Peace. Please also remember Mr Barton in your prayers.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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