

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



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Week beginning Monday January 22nd 2018.

Thought for the week:

"If you judge people you have no time to love them"

Dear Parents,

"Curious and Active". Mr Barton led school this week in introducing our two new Gospel Virtues for the half term ahead. They are to be "curious" and "active", finding out about things, taking time to work things out and then going out and doing good things; this is what being "curious" and "active" is all about. Mr Barton spoke about some people who had been "curious" and "active" in their lives; he used Martin Luther King for example as a force for good and St Teresa of Calcutta as another. Mother (Saint) Teresa once said that "peace begins with a smile" and is a prime example of another force for good. Both examples are of two people who were curious and active to do good for others and to make a difference.

"We will go out". Tuesday was a very special day in St Margaret Marys. Dan Callow and Emily Clark visited school to lead our retreat under the title of "We will go out!!" It was a day when normal timetables were suspended and the whole school sang, talked, prayed, danced and reflected on how we can be good disciples. Indeed how we can be "curious" and "active". I want to thank everyone for joining in so enthusiastically on Tuesday and to Dan and Emily a huge thank you. Their visit is a real highlight of the school year and something we all look forward to-
THANK YOU.

Family Mass Sunday January 21st 2018 at 10.00am. Please come along to our next Family Mass on Sunday.

School Mass. Thanks to Y6 for leading our Mass this morning, next week (Friday 26th) will see Y5 leading our Liturgy.

Fit 4 Schools. Our Fit 4 Schools ambassadors visited us midweek to check up on progress, well done to everyone on what was an exhausting day.

Y1 visit to the Motor Museum. Thanks to Mrs Chandler / Miss Finn and their team of helpers for taking Y1 to the British Motor Museum on Wednesday, a super time was had by all.

Parents Evening Spring 2018. These will take place on *Wednesday February 14th* and *Thursday February 15th*. Mrs Logue will write nearer the time.



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Life Education Caravan 2018. The Life Education Caravan will be with us next week for their annual visit. Please take extra care if you need to access school via the driveway. The van is here from **Monday January 22nd up until Wednesday January 24th**. Thanks in advance to Mrs Whitty for overseeing the visit.

Breakfast Club. Please can I ask that children are not dropped off for breakfast club before 7.45am. A reminder also that money for breakfast club is now to be paid via "ParentPay".

School Visits. Increasingly on the day of trips a number of children are failing to give school consent to allow their child to attend. The last thing I want to do is to stop children going because families have not given their consent. Letters are sent home, reminders from teachers in class and texts are sent out seeking parental permission. **Please can I ask that you make sure you have given consent allowing children to go on their visits.**

School Buildings update. I am still awaiting final confirmation of the start date; hopefully it will begin shortly in readiness of 2018-2019.

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

Attendance for week ending January 19th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	97%
Y1C	98%
Y2L	98%
Y2D	99%
Y3R	92%
Y3W	97%
Y4A	95%
Y4P	90%
Y5	99%
Y6	97%
Weekly Average	96%

Happy Birthday: Faith Mugoya, Josiah Mussie, Liz Taku, Oliver Kelly and Holly Conway.

Please pray for: Mr Barton who has had to go into hospital this week, hopefully he will be back with us soon.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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