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### **Week ending Holy Thursday March 29th 2018**

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

**“Forgive them for they know not what they do”**

Dear Parents

**“Holy Week 2018”** This week has seen the whole school community stop and reflect on the events of Holy Week. From the first assembly on Monday everything we have done has had Holy Week at its centre. Thank you to everyone in school for marking this week in such a thoughtful manner.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Mass times at St Margaret Marys Church**

**29<sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday. Mass will be at 7.30pm.**

**30<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday. Ecumenical walk of witness from St Martin’s church Witton Lodge. 2.00pm**

**Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm, Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 3.00pm.**

**31<sup>st</sup> March Holy Saturday. 11.00am “Blessing of the Baskets” “Swiecenie potraw Wielkanocnych”.**

**31st March Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil.**

**1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday Mass at 10.00am.**

I have spoken to the children at length this week about how important it is that we focus on the events of Holy Week. Please take your child/children along to Church over the Easter period, after all without this week our school and parish wouldn’t exist.

**Sacramental Programme 2018.** After the Easter break preparations will begin in earnest for our First Holy Communion programme. Mr Barton will write to all concerned.

**End of Term.** A final reminder that we break up from school for the **Easter holidays tomorrow Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm** we return to school at the normal time on **Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Extra-Curricular Clubs.** These will begin again on **Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. School will write and advise every one of any changes the first week back.

**Dinner Money.** Please can any outstanding monies be paid by tomorrow (Thursday). There are plans to increase the cost of school dinners after Easter, so can I please ask that large debts are not built up and that any outstanding amounts are paid accordingly.

**1C Class assembly.** Thank you 1C and Mrs Chandler for a lovely assembly this morning.



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**Lent 2018.** Thank you to everyone for joining in and donating money for all our various charities this year. Below are all the details of what we collected and for whom.

*Good Shepherd Boxes for St Chad's Sanctuary raised £150.*

*"Green Day" for Rwanda raised £200.*

*"Yellow Day" for CAFOD raised £150*

*"Foodbank donations for St Chads Sanctuary ongoing.*

**A grand total of over £500 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.**

**Attendance for term ending March 29th 2018**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Y1F	97%
Y1C	96%
Y2L	96%
Y2D	97%
Y3R	95%
Y3W	96%
Y4A	95%
Y4P	93%
Y5	96%
Y6	96%
<b>Termly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Happy Birthday to:** anyone that has a birthday during the Easter holidays.

**Please pray for:** Please pray for anyone in our school family who is sick or anxious as Easter approaches.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who works in our school for all of their efforts this term. I met with the staff earlier this week and thanked them for their professionalism and commitment in what has been a particularly busy term. We are blessed with a real team ethic at St Margaret Marys, one that we are all rightly proud of. Our school could not function the way it does without every member of that team playing their part, a big thank you to everyone for their work and commitment this term. Spring term 2018 has seen a number of staff absent from school for a variety of different reasons, so to all concerned a sincere thank you for everything.

**Finally, I would like to wish all our families a Happy and Holy Easter, and look forward to welcoming everyone back on April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Many thanks for your cooperation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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