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### Week beginning Monday April 30th 2018.

#### Thought for the week:

**“No one has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.”**

**Easter 2018.** Our week began with Mr Barton leading the whole school in revisiting our latest two Gospel Virtues for the half term ahead. The children will focus on being “Grateful and Generous”. Mr Barton led the school in discussing ways in which we can be generous and grateful, grateful for the world around us, for our families and for our friends. We also discussed how easy it is to be generous and how easy it is being generous with our time that can really make a difference to other people. Taking the time to talk and listen to someone is a wonderful example of something that costs us nothing, but something that demonstrates how generous we can be.

I want to thank everyone that contributed to our collection of toiletries last Monday to mark “Red/St George’s Day”. We have sent them to our friends at St Chad’s sanctuary who were very GRATEFUL and thanked us for our GENEROSITY. Thanks also to Mr Barton for our lovely assembly on Monday, an assembly that challenged us all to be more generous and grateful in the weeks ahead.

**Building Update.** The steel frame arrived on Wednesday as our extension really starts to take shape. The rear of school continues a pace, the relocation of Nursery, a new playground and a new “nature garden” are all now well and truly underway. Thanks to Miss Ward (Y3) and Miss McCarron (Y6) for their patience and understanding on Wednesday.

**Term Dates.** School breaks up for the Whit half term on **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>**, returning for the final half term on **Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>**. School breaks up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm**, please also note that there are two more Teacher Days this term **Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**First Holy Communion Workshops 2018.** The First Holy Communion Workshops take place next week. *Miss Ward’s class (3W) takes place on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1.30pm. Miss Riley’s class will be meeting on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm. ALL FAMILIES* need to be represented at these sessions as the arrangements for First Holy Communion will be outlined.

**Y5 Visit to St Mary’s Convent.** Thanks to Y5 (Sister Kaitlin!) and Mr Barton for visiting St Mary’s earlier this week, well done to all concerned.



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**Y1 visit to Café Ceramica.** Thanks to Miss Finn/Mrs Donnelly for overseeing Y1's visits to café Ceramica yesterday this is always a popular trip, well done to all concerned.

**Reception 2018.** Once again this year the process of securing a place here at St Margaret Marys has been a challenging one. Unfortunately, a number of families have been left without a place. In September 2018 our Reception classes will be 77% Catholic. Can I urge everyone that needs a place for 2019 to please consider the fact that without a Baptismal certificate securing a place for 2019 may well be problematic. The school already has names on our waiting list for 2019 (and 2020!) please call in and see me if you want to chat about any of the above. Also if anyone wants to talk to Father Simon he can be contacted on 0121 373 0069 or alternatively after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**Academic year 2018/2019.**

<b>Autumn term 2018</b>	<b>Spring term 2019</b>	<b>Summer term 2019</b>
<b>Thursday September 6th to Friday October 26th</b>	<b>Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Break</b>	<b>Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Break</b>	<b>Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> Summer Break</b>

**Attendance for week ending April 27th 2018**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Rec F	98%
Rec W	93%
Y1F	96%
Y1C	100%
Y2L	98%
Y2D	99%
Y3R	94%
Y3W	99%
Y4A	98%
Y4P	89%
Y5	96%
Y6	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Ryan Price, Sophia-Eden Dyer, Charlotte O'Grady, Davin Jaiyeola, Patrick Chidzomba, Eldora Iyire and Adam Kurgan.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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