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### **Week beginning Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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

**“We can all do small things with great love”**

**First Holy Communion 2018.** As we finalise our preparations I want to thank everyone concerned with this year's programme. Firstly, to all the parents who have come along and supported the workshop thank you. To Ms Ward and Ms Riley for getting the children so well prepared. To the boys and girls in Y3, a big thank you for preparing so well and working so hard in making sure you are ready to receive Jesus for the first time. I would like to also thank Mrs Kowal; the beautiful decorative bouquets at the end of each bench are as a result of her creativity and hard work. A word of thanks also to Father Simon for his support and input into our preparations.

Saturday is the most important day in the school year and as such an awful lot of work goes in to making it as special as we can for each group of children. Many thanks in advance, to everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of our First Holy Communion Mass.

Finally, a word of thanks to Mr Barton who has overseen the whole programme/day for First Holy Communion this year.

**Ascension Thursday.** To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter Y2-Y6 attended Mass yesterday for the Feast of the Ascension. Many thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing our Mass.

**May Procession.** Our annual May procession took place on Wednesday. A huge thank you to everyone that brought flowers into school, we marked May as being the month of Mary with a procession over to the grotto (and the prayer garden) with singing and prayerful reflection.

Thanks to all concerned for what is always a real highlight of our school calendar.

**Term Dates.** School breaks up for half term on **Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>**, returning 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>**.

**KS 2 SATs.** A final reminder that Y6 begin their SAT s on **Monday**. Can I please urge again all Y6 parents to make sure that our oldest children get a good night's sleep next week, this will enable them to perform to their potential when completing the tests, a good sleep and breakfast will set them up for the challenges that lie ahead, challenges I'm sure our oldest children will rise to if their performance so far this year is anything to go by.



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**Reception 2018-2019.** *I cannot stress enough the need for families to fill in one of the school's supplementary information forms.* This year has proved very difficult in trying to help all those families that haven't secured a place in school. The reason why they didn't was mainly because *they didn't complete a school form.* **If you or if you know of anyone seeking a place here for 2019 please make sure you/ they complete a school form.**

**Y2 visit to the Alexander Stadium.** Y2 had a taste of what the Commonwealth Games will be like with their visit to the Alexander Stadium on Wednesday. Thanks to Miss Dunne for overseeing the trip.

**Building Update.** The frame for the new extension can now be seen by everyone as both the ground and first floors really start to take shape. The final preparations for the new playground at the rear of school are now almost complete with the final phase due to happen next week. We are on track for a handover date late in the summer holidays.

**Football Team.** Congratulations to our football team on their performance last night. The team had a 100% winning record winning both their matches. Well done to all concerned (thanks to Mr Barton for coaching the team).

**Choir/Recorders.** Thanks to Mrs Prentice for leading our lovely concert this morning, the recorders and choir both performed admirably, well done to everyone!

**Attendance for week ending May 11th 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec F	95%
Rec W	97%
Y1F	99%
Y1C	94%
Y2L	94%
Y2D	98%
Y3R	98%
Y3W	98%
Y4A	98%
Y4P	99%
Y5	100%
Y6	96%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Shanen Washington, Kizziyah Nicholson, Ella McDonald, Arlen Reidy, Cabo Aizotoigbe, Bryan Macznik and Simon Meron.

**Please pray for:** The boys and girls in Y3 about to make their First Holy Communion. Please also keep Y6 in your thoughts as they begin their SATs.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head Teacher



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