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### Week Beginning Monday July 16th 2018.

#### Thought for the week:

**“A good head and a good heart are always the most formidable of combinations”**

Dear Parents,

**Confirmation 2018.** Confirmation was celebrated last Monday in a very packed and hot St Margaret Marys Church. I wanted to write and add to Father Simon's words by thanking various people. Firstly, to Bishop Byrne and all the visiting clergy that added so much to the occasion many thanks. The sponsors on the evening, many thanks for your time, effort and commitment both last Monday and into the future as you act as role models to the candidates. To Mr Barton who oversaw the programme and Miss McCarron who prepared the children many thanks. They both worked tirelessly, getting everything right on the Monday evening but also in making sure the children were ready to become grown up members of the Church.

Thanks finally to the Confirmandi themselves, the children were a credit to their teacher, family and themselves last Monday. They represented everything that is positive about our school and parish. I would ask that everyone keeps them in their thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead, as they move on to face new and exciting challenges.

**KS1 Mass.** Thanks to KS1 for leading our Mass this morning, our final Mass of the year is our Leavers Mass which takes place next **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.15 am**. At this Mass the Confirmandi will be presented with their certificates, everyone is most welcome.

Mr Barton has written to everyone in Y3 telling them that the First Holy Communion certificates will be given out at the parish mass on **Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**. For those that are able to go along to Mass that Sunday there is a reply slip letting Father know you will be present to receive your certificate. Please complete the reply slip return it to school or Father Simon as soon as possible to give Father an idea of what numbers to expect.

**Leavers Assembly.** Thank you Y6 and thank you Miss McCarron for a wonderful celebration yesterday, a truly fitting way to mark seven years at school. Well done everyone!!

**Harvington Hall.** Y6 had a treat today; we all went across to Harvington Hall, to discover the secrets within its walls. It is always a captivating visit and a lovely way to end the week, from the secret "hides" to lunching with the ducks!! It is a super visit. Thanks to Miss McCarron (again!) for organising the trip.



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**End of Term. School breaks up for the summer holidays next Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm.**

The children return to school on **Thursday September 6th.**

**Building Work.** This is my final update of the year before the handover in September. The windows are now almost complete and the plasterers are set to go next week. There are numerous meetings planned for the summer holidays as the project nears completion. Come September everything should, no will be back to normal!!!

These last two terms we have had to compromise a number of things, car parking, extracurricular clubs, parent workshops and sports days are just some of the sacrifices we have had to make to make sure everyone is kept safe. I want to thank all the children for being so sensible through the build and to all the teachers who have had an awful lot of disruption (especially in this last half term) to put up with. Finally, to all our families thank you for your understanding and patience since last January, building in a school environment is never easy so thanks to you all. In September it will be all worth it!!

**Key Stage SATs Results 2018.** All our results are back with us now, congratulations to all our Y2 and Y6 children for trying their best. Their results will be contained within their reports and published on our website accordingly.

**End of Year Reports.** These will be coming home today. Please do return the reply slip to school with any comments you may have.

**Miss Ward.** This time of year is sadly often a time when we have to say goodbye to people. Miss Ward has decided to leave us next week to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity abroad. Frances is an outstanding teacher and someone I am personally very sad to see leave. More importantly a group of children will miss out next year as they won't have Miss Ward as their teacher. I want to thank Miss Ward for all her work in our school, wish her well on her travels and hopefully one day we may see her back at St Margaret Marys!! Thank you Miss Ward!!!

**Attendance for the year ending July 13th 2018**

<b><i>Year Group</i></b>	<b><i>% Attendance</i></b>
<i>Rec F</i>	99%
Rec W	92%
Y1F	94%
Y1C	97%
Y2L	99%
Y2D	98%
Y3R	96%
Y3W	99%
Y4A	94%
Y4P	92%
Y5	98%
Y6	96%
<b>Yearly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Maja Iwanska, Chace King, Larissa Blandford and Elidana Ablelom.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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