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### Week beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

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

**“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one”.**

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to everyone as our new term moves towards its first full week. In particular, I would like to welcome our new families to school. I look forward to working with you and getting to know you better in the weeks ahead. I would also like to thank everyone for their very generous cards and gifts at the end of last term, please spare a thought for our leavers as they start getting used to their new schools, we wish them all well.

I would like to formally welcome Ms Mochan, Ms Travers and Mrs Williams to our staff team for this year, I’m sure you will join me in wishing them all every success during their time with us here at St Margaret Marys.

Over the holiday there was significant building work as the extension finally drew to a close! I am particularly grateful to Mr Duffy for overseeing the majority of everything that has gone on. Thanks also to Father Simon for his help and patience over the summer holiday.

**Family Mass Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am.** Everyone is invited to our Mass. Both **Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> to mark the start of our new year.** Please also see the additional attachment advertising the **“Festival of Fun” taking place at Church next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, All are welcome!!**

**Sacramental Programme 2018-2019.** Mr Barton will be writing to our Y3 and Y6 families shortly with all the relevant dates and times for the year ahead.

**Secondary Transfer 2019.** The online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. If any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process, please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

**Parents Evenings Autumn 2018.** Some advance notice that this will take place on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of October from 3.15pm-6.30pm.**

**Autumn Term 2018.** Mrs Logue will write to everyone with a copy of some of the key dates for the term ahead. All these dates can also be found on our school web site.



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**Academic year 2018/2019.**

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

**Building Update.** Over the summer holidays the building work was completed. St Margaret Marys now has a brand new two storey four classroom block. It also has a newly furnished and repositioned Nursery unit. Throughout what has sometimes seemed a very long process **EVERYONE** has shown enormous patience and understanding. We now have a first class facility that the children can use both now and for many years to come. **Thank you once again to everyone for their help, patience and understanding throughout the entire process.** I must make mention of certain individuals, to Ian Martin the architect for his skill, patience and understanding, to Keith Clayton the Managing Director of Croftshine for his support, help and advice, to Steve the site foreman for his enthusiasm, perseverance and determination to get the job finished in time!! Finally, to the staff for their understanding and patience throughout the last 6-7 months THANK YOU!!

**Car Park update.** The kerb has been dropped!! Which should at least now make entering and leaving the car park somewhat easier.

**Extra-Curricular clubs.** These are to be arranged slightly differently this year, Mrs Logue will write to everyone shortly with all the details.

**Mary Baines RIP.** It is with much sadness that I have to write and tell everyone of the untimely death of Mrs Baines a former Head teacher of St Margaret Marys. Mary was my predecessor and we worked together as Head and Deputy for 10 years from 1997 to 2007. Mary was a formidable person, a courageous Head teacher and someone who was determined to make a difference here in Perry Common (something she undoubtedly did). I learnt an awful lot from Mary much of which has helped me during my time as Head teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with Frances and David her two children plus all her immediate family at this difficult time. Mary was a dedicated teacher, a wise counsellor and a real force for good, May she Rest in Peace.

**Please pray for:** Another successful year for everyone connected with our school. Many thanks for your cooperation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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