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### Week beginning October 15th 2018.

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

**“It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop”.**

Dear Parents,

**School Assembly.** Thanks to Mrs Logue for starting our week off with assembly on Monday. Mrs Logue reminded everyone about Last Sunday's Gospel and about our Gospel Virtues for the term ahead. Our aim this half term has been to be more “compassionate” and “loving” in everything we do and everything we say.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y2/5 for leading Mass today, next weeks Mass will take place on Tuesday to mark our feast day.

**Whole School Mass Feast of St Margaret Mary October 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.** Next Tuesday will begin with a KS2 school Mass for our feast day. There will be treats in school throughout the day to mark the feast day of St Margaret Mary Alacoque. St Margaret Mary was born in 1647 and died in 1690; she was a humble person who devoted her life to God. Tuesday is a special day in the calendar, so please come along to Mass if you can, Happy Feast Day to everyone!

**First Holy Communion 2019.** First Holy Communion this year will take place on Saturdays May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. The programme will be the same as last year with two Masses on the 11<sup>th</sup> and a single Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr Barton will write with more details nearer the time, if anyone needs to discuss these dates then please pop into school for a chat.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 2018.** Y3B will make their First Confession on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Y3T will make their First Confession the following week on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, again at 1.30pm. The parental workshop for both classes will be on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the school hall. Again, Mr Barton will be writing to Y3 with all the details shortly.

**Y6 INSPIRE Workshop.** Thanks to Mr Barton for leading our Y6 workshop on Wednesday. Thanks also to everyone that came along, your support is much appreciated.

**Y4 Maths Workshop.** Thanks to Mrs Chandler for leading another session yesterday, thanks to all the Y4 parents that came along, I hope it proved useful.

**Y3B Class Assembly.** Thank you Y3 and Mrs Bryan for their lovely assembly this morning.

**Parents Evening.** Further, advance notice that this will take place just before half term on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October. Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.



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**Y3 visit to Broomey Farm.** Tuesday saw Y3 visit Broomey farm and have a real close up look at animals that live on a farm, thanks to the Y3 team for organising the trip.

**National Memorial Arboretum.** Midweek saw Y5 and myself head off into the sunshine for a very special day. We visited the National Memorial Arboretum; we had a lesson about the symbolism of the Poppy, made our own poppies and visited some of the memorials. It is a truly inspiring place and a day the children will remember for a long time. We were blessed with lovely weather and Y5 were a credit to accompany on their school trip. Thanks to the Y5 team for all their help.

**School Council 2018-2019.** Our foodbank collection took place yesterday, as did the School Council Assembly. Thanks to Mrs Chandler for organising everything and of course for all the contributions, thank you!

**Football Team.** Another game and another victory. Well done to all concerned and thanks to Mr Barton and Mr Connaughton for taking the team yesterday.

**“World Mental Health Day”.** Midweek saw “World mental Health day” take place. Promoting a healthy mind is as important as a healthy body. Sadly, today mental ill health seems to be starting with younger children so it is vital that we try as a school to support the children as best we can to grow up happy, healthy and resilient. To this end, one of our School Improvement Plan priorities is promoting the wellbeing of the whole child, and I am indebted to those that completed a recent questionnaire sent home from Mrs Logue. As a school, we work tirelessly in promoting mental health and encouraging all of us to express how we feel, after all its “good to talk”. Our work is ongoing and indeed never ends, but I would like to thank everyone who has contributed thus far and to Mrs Logue for all her work in leading on this initiative at school  
Thank you!

**Attendance for week ending October 12<sup>th</sup> 2018**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Rec W	97%
RecF	96%
Y1P	96%
Y1F	96%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	99%
Y3B	100%
Y3T	98%
Y4R	99%
Y4D	98%
Y5M	98%
Y5A	98%
Y6B	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Adiam, Tiana, Emma, Maria and Amelia

**Please pray for:** The anxious, the frightened, the lonely and the disadvantaged.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher



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