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Week beginning October 22nd 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Behold the heart that loves so much”.

Dear Parents,

Whole School Feast of St Margaret Mary. Tuesday of this week saw school mark the feast day of its patron, St Margaret Mary Alacoque. School reorganised its timetable to allow the children to firstly to go to Mass. The hall was then set up with a number of different activities for the children to participate in, with the penalty shootout a particular favourite. Thanks to all the staff for their help in organising the activities and in particular, I would like to thank Y6 and Mr Barton for overseeing the whole day, well done to everyone!

During Mass Father Simon told us something of Margaret Mary's life and spoke of how much she loved Jesus, so much so that she dedicated her life to him. St Margaret Mary was humble, caring, trusting, compassionate and loving, traits all of us should aspire to.

Praying the Rosary. October is traditionally the month when as a school community we talk about and focus on praying the Rosary. Yesterday we took part in “one million children praying the Rosary” An event when the Rosary prayer was to be used as a focus, by hopefully a million people worldwide, for unity and peace in the troubled world we live in. Many thanks to Mrs Chandler for leading our lovely assembly yesterday.

First Holy Communion 2019. First Holy Communion this year will take place on Saturdays May 11th and May 18th. The programme will be the same as last year with two Masses on the 11th and a single Mass on the 18th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2018. Y3B will make their First Confession on Tuesday December 4th at 1.30pm. Y3T will make their First Confession the following week on Tuesday December 11th, again at 1.30pm. The parental workshop for both classes will be on Tuesday November 27th at 1.30pm in the school hall.

Y4R INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Ms Riley for leading our Y4 workshop on Wednesday. Thanks also to everyone that came along, your support is much appreciated.

Y5A Class Assembly. Thank you Y5 and Mrs Attwood/Mrs Williams for their lovely assembly this morning.

Parents Evening. A final reminder that this will take place just before half term on the 24th and 25th October. Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.



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Y6 visit to the Houses of Parliament. Thursday saw our oldest children set off before dawn to head to London. Their purpose was to have a guided tour of the Palace of Westminster and to look at first-hand how the Houses of Parliament operates. Well Done to Y6 for surviving a long day! and many thanks to Miss McCarron, Mr Barton, Mrs Maguire and Mrs Teague for forgoing their sleep to take Y6 on their trip. Many thanks to all concerned and please do look at the website/Twitter for some super photos.

Secondary Schools 2019. Please see the direct advice below from the local authority, if anyone still needs to talk about any aspect of the process then please call into school. *“We would therefore encourage schools to keep reminding parents of their need to submit an application to us at <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> by midnight on 31st October 2018 in order for them to receive their school offer on 1st March 2019. Applications received after 31st October will be considered as late”*

Art Day 2018 Thanks to Miss Finn for overseeing a lovely Art day on Wednesday; the children have decorated rocks and wooden plaques that will form part of a display in our new playground. It really was a lovely day, well done to everyone.

Half Term. School breaks up for the half term next ***Friday 26th October***. School returns on ***Monday November 5th*** for the second part of the autumn term.

Attendance for week ending October 19th 2018

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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% |
| Weekly Average | 97% |

Happy Birthday:

Please pray for: The Smith and the Hassam families.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher



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