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### Week beginning November 26th 2018.

#### Thought for the week:

**“Do not put off the good you can do today until tomorrow”.**

Dear Parents,

**Blessing of the new Building.** Next Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>) is a special day for our school. Archbishop Bernard Longley is visiting us to formally bless and open our new building. From the initial meeting until now it has taken three years. At times, it seemed the project would never get off the ground; it seemed it would not start and it often seemed that it was not going to happen. Numerous meetings later and a building programme that lasted eight months we have a wonderful new addition to our school. The new space is a resource that will serve our children for many years to come. Next Thursday His Grace the Archbishop will be leading us in Mass at 10.00am and then he will come over to school and bless our new classrooms. St Margaret Marys School in its current position began back in 1963 and next Thursday over half a century later, we will formally open our new block, classrooms that hopefully will be used fifty years from now.

**Family Mass Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.00am.** Our next “family Mass” takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will mark the beginning of Advent and we will be thinking about all the children in Y3 about to make their First Confession. Please do make a note in your diaries of the second we will need help in the choir and with the readings. **All the Y3 children making their first Confession are expected to attend and need to be in Church by 9:45am on the day.**

**School Mass.** Thank you to Y4 and Y1 for leading our Mass this morning.

**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 **next Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the school hall.**

**KS1 Retreat Day.** On Thursday, Dan Callow and Emily Clarke visited us once more to lead KS1 through their retreat day. Dan and Emily visit us every year and are returning next week to lead KS2 through their retreat. The theme this year is “Jesus is the Good Shepherd”, these retreat days are always really special days in the school calendar and I want to write and formally thank Dan and Emily for today and in advance for next week.



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**1F/1P/2C INSPIRE Workshops.** Thanks to those parents that braved the cold to attend 1F's 1P's and 2C's workshops this week, your support is much appreciated. Thanks also to Miss Finn, Miss Parkes, Mrs Chandler and Mrs Barker for leading the workshops.

**Nursery places 2019.** A reminder that school is now accepting applications for a full time place in Nursery next September. The process is simply call into the office and the staff will direct you to complete the relevant form. Can I stress the need to fill in one of our forms to secure a place for next September; school already has 30 names on the list so please make sure you complete the form if you require a Nursery place for 2019.

**Breakfast Club.** Can I remind everyone **that Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am** and not earlier. *Children should not be dropped off before 7.45 and left by the school office unattended. For obvious reasons the children are then not safe.*

**Collecting children.** Please can I ask that everyone makes a concerted effort to collect their children on time at the end of the day. As the darker evenings draw in for our younger children in particular being left can cause them to get upset. Often the same children are left behind so your support with this matter would be much appreciated.

**Parking at School.** Please do not park on the zigzags at the bottom of the school drive and please can I ask everyone to exercise great caution in the darker evenings.

**Teacher Days 2019.** In 2019, our remaining teacher days will be Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Attendance for the week ending November 23rd 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	77%
RecF	99%
Y1P	95%
Y1F	92%
Y2C	87%
Y2M	94%
Y3B	100%
Y3T	91%
Y4R	97%
Y4D	95%
Y5M	99%
Y5A	89%
Y6B	94%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>93%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Kaitlin, Jessica and Beulah

**Please pray for** Please pray for Y3 as they continue their preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December. Please also pray for all our Y3 families who will gather for their workshop next week.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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