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Week beginning March 11th 2019

Thought for the week:

“Wherever there are people there are opportunities for kindness”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2019. Lent began on Ash Wednesday when KS2 gathered in Church for Mass with KS1 receiving their ashes during a prayer service in the school hall. Lent is a time to pray, a time to give alms, a time to think of others, a time to do something extra, a time to fast and a time to “refresh our faith”. I asked the children this week to not only consider giving something up but to think about what they could do during Lent that is “extra” What can they do at home to help? What could they do in school as an “extra?” what can we all do as a family in St Margaret Marys that could make a difference to others during Lent? Many thanks to Mr Barton/Ms McCarron for overseeing our Liturgy in Church and Mrs Logue for leading our prayer service in the hall.

Family Mass Sunday March 10th at 10.00am Our “Family Mass” for this term will take place on March 10th. All of Y3 and Y6 (Confirmandi) need to be present however it would be lovely to see each year group represented in the choir as we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

School Council. Under the guidance of Mrs Chandler our councillors met up once more this week, they have plans for us all to get involved with a local “litter pick”. Thanks to them and Mrs Chandler for their efforts and ideas.

EYFS Assembly. On Tuesday, our youngest children led a special assembly for all our mummies. It was lovely to see the hall so full and listen to the lovely songs and reasons why the children love their mummies. Many thanks to Mrs Whitty, Ms Fellows and their team for organising and leading what was a lovely morning.

Y3T INSPIRE Thanks to Y3T’s parents that came along to their workshop on Tuesday, thanks also to Ms Travers for overseeing the session.

Professor McGinty and Y3. On Wednesday our time travelling Historian visited us again. He spoke to Y3 about “Ancient Rome” with as usual lots of dressing up, artefacts and interesting facts shared with Y3. Lots of fun and lots of learning went on so many thanks to Professor McGinty for another super visit.

Teacher Days 2019. In 2019, our remaining teacher days are *Friday April 5th 2019, Friday June 28th, Friday July 5th and Monday July 22nd.*



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Spring Term 2019. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12th at 1.00pm,** returning for the summer term on **Monday April 29th.**

Change of Dates: Please note the date for Y2C class assembly will have to be put back a week to **Friday March 22nd at 9.00am.** “Green Day” will also now take place on **Thursday March 14th (a day earlier than originally planned).**

Attendance for the week ending March 8th 2019

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	98%
RecF	99%
Y1P	99%
Y1F	96%
Y2C	98%
Y2M	93%
Y3B	100%
Y3T	99%
Y4R	100%
Y4D	97%
Y5M	98%
Y5A	99%
Y6B	98%
Weekly Average	98%

Parents Evenings. Many thanks to ALL the staff for giving their time so generously this week. Parent consultation meetings are really important and vital ways that school can communicate to families how the children are doing at St Margaret Marys. If you couldn't make it this week, we will try to find another suitable window shortly. Thanks to those that did make it, we had a healthy turnout and I do hope you found the meeting informative and useful.

On a separate note, I hope you managed to notice the display of boats that was put out in the dining room. This was the result of lots of hard work by lots of people over half term and beyond. The boats/display looked spectacular, many thanks to Mrs Bryan for organising it.

World Book Day. Please look on Twitter at some of the wonderful costumes we had in school today. Many thanks to everyone for their support with World Book Day 2019.

Please pray for Our school and parish as Lent begins.

Happy Birthday to: Oluwatimileyin, Karina, Amy, Chloe and Leah-Maria

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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