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**Week beginning Monday April 8th 2019.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“My son was lost but now he is found”**

Dear Parents,

**LENT 2019.** “The Prodigal Son” is a story Jesus told that has a message as important today as it was two thousand years ago. It is a story about unconditional love, a story about forgiveness and a story about starting again. Today society seems very quick to judge and very quick to apportion blame. To reach out and forgive someone, just as the father did to his son, can be a difficult thing to do. Our society would be a much better place if we followed the example of the father in the story. He reached out, started again and forgave his son, despite everything he had done. Mr Barton told the story to all of us on Monday and showed the children an animation of a modern interpretation of the same story. It really was a thought provoking start to the week, many thanks Mr Barton.

**School Mass.** Our next mass will be a KS2 Mass on *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.*

**Holy Week in school 2019.** The children will use the following timetable next week:

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup>- Assembly for the whole school. Prayer Services for Y6, 1F, 2M and RW.*

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>- Prayer services for Nursery, 5A, 3B and 1P.*

*Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>- Prayer services for 3T, RF, 4R, 4D and 2C.*

*Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>- Stations of the Cross.*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup>- KS 2 Mass followed by Easter assembly.*

*School closes at 1.00pm*

**Alton Castle September 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.** Our residential trip is now fast approaching. Mr Barton and I will be hosting a meeting for all Y5 parents next *Thursday (11<sup>th</sup>) at 1.30pm* in the school hall. Please do make every effort to attend, as Mr Barton will be talking about how the trip will be organised and what you can and cannot bring with you. On a separate note, I am fully aware that the cost of the trip is expensive. The reason for holding the meeting now is to give families an opportunity to pay on a weekly basis if they wish to. I would however say that if anyone wants to come and talk about any aspect of the trip (financial or not) then please do come and see me. The children will create memories that will last a lifetime so please do pop in if you would like to talk privately about any part of next year's visit.



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**Teacher Days 2019.** A final reminder that school is closed tomorrow *Friday April 5th*.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs.** Please note that all clubs finish today (4<sup>th</sup>). Many thanks to everyone who has led or supported a club this term. Mrs Logue will write with details about the summer term clubs after the holiday.

**Foodbank collection.** Thanks for your donations yesterday, as always your support is much appreciated.

**School Council Litter Pick.** Thanks to our councillors for their assembly this morning. They fed back to us about all the litter they collected last Friday in conjunction with the Witton Lodge Community association (and others). Well done to all concerned.

**Car parking.** I have had a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by parents dropping/collecting their children. One particular spot that seems particularly bad is in Golden Eagle Crescent where people have been made late for work due to their driveways being blocked. Please can I ask that people park considerately and to please ensure driveways are not obstructed. PCSO Tracey Baker has agreed to patrol the area to see what she can do to help for which I am very grateful.

**School Dinners 2019.** School has been informed that as of this week April 1<sup>st</sup> the price of school meals will rise by 5p. **The cost of a school dinner is now £2.35 per day or £11.75 each week.**

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

**Attendance for the week ending April 5<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	98%
RecF	97%
Y1P	98%
Y1F	93%
Y2C	94%
Y2M	97%
Y3B	97%
Y3T	97%
Y4R	99%
Y4D	100%
Y5M	98%
Y5A	89%
Y6B	98%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Please pray for:** Please pray for our school and parish as Holy week approaches with Palm Sunday on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday to:** Arsema, Grace, Maria, Elvis, Mahya, Shantana, Clarey and Ella  
Many thanks as always for your co-operation and support with these matters.  
M. Aldred Head teacher



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