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attentive curious  
faith-filled wise  
generous learned grateful  
eloquent prophetic discerning  
intentional compassionate  
truthful active



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### Week beginning Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Thought for the week:**

**“Alleluia Alleluia!”**

**Easter 2019.** The Easter season continues, and at school, we will be focussing upon the events leading up to Pentecost. Our assemblies will consider the events after Easter Sunday up until the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. Mr Barton led the school on Monday by reflecting on the story of “Doubting Thomas”. A story about one of the apostles who didn’t believe that Jesus had risen, Mr Barton told us all that we can sometimes resemble Thomas however “happier still are those that have not seen and yet believe”. Mr Barton also introduced our two new Gospel Virtues for the term, our challenge this term is to be “*curious*” and “*active*” in all we say and do. This term will also have as its primary focus the Sacramental Programme. This month Y3 will be making their First Holy Communion whilst in June Y6 will be receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Mr Barton has written to all Y3 families as to how Communion will now be organised. There will be four separate Masses over two weekends on May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> respectively. Thank you to all those that supported the workshops on Wednesday there was a very healthy turn out, thanks also to Mr Barton for leading both sessions. If any Y3 family have not received a letter, then please call into school for a copy. **It is ESSENTIAL that each family was represented at the respective workshops if anyone could not make it please contact school.**

**KS2 Mass.** Many thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing our first Mass of the term this morning, our next Mass will be on **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am**. This Mass will be led by **Y4 & Y1**.

**Term Dates.** School breaks up for the Whit half term on **Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>**, returning for the final half term on **Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. School breaks up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm**, please also note that there are three more Teacher Days this term **Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Dinner Money.** A reminder that the cost of a school dinner rose by **5p to £2.35 per day**. The cost per week is now **£11.75**. If anyone is still experiencing any difficulties with Parentpay then please call into the school office and Mrs Cooney and Mrs Clegg will help you sort out any difficulties, you may be having.



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**Academic year 2019/2020.** At their meeting at the end of last term the governing body ratified the academic term dates for next year, I have inserted a copy below for everyone.

<b>Autumn term 2019</b>	<b>Spring term 2020</b>	<b>Summer term 2020</b>
<b>Thursday September 5th to Friday October 25th</b>	<b>Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 14th.</b>	<b>Monday April 20th to Friday May 22nd</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday November 4th to Friday December 20th</b>	<b>Monday February 24th to Friday April 3rd</b>	<b>Monday June 2nd to Friday July 18th</b>
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Summer Break</b>

**Reception 2019** Places have now been allocated for 2019-2020. If anyone wants to talk about this or hasn't heard the name of the school, they have been allocated then please come into school for a chat.

**Nursery 2019.** We will be writing to relevant parents/families soon with details of our Nursery class for 2019-2020.

**School Visits.** Thanks to Ms Winchurch and her team of helpers who took our youngest children to Hatton Country Park on Wednesday, everyone had a super time. A reminder that without your permission we are not able to take your child/children on an educational visit. Please can I ask that all consent forms are completed and returned promptly. Your support with this matter is much appreciated.

**Attendance for week ending May 3rd 2019**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Rec F	97%
Rec W	96%
Y1F	90%
Y1P	96%
Y2C	91%
Y2M	88%
Y3B	95%
Y3T	95%
Y4D	95%
Y4R	89%
Y5A	92%
Y5M	95%
Y6B	96%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Rosie, Elim, Mateusz, Dominik and Oluwadamilola

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday!

M Aldred Head Teacher.



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