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### Week ending Friday May 24th 2019

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“Success is not the key to happiness; happiness is the key to success”**

**First Holy Communion 2019.** Our First Holy Communion programme is now over for another year. Over the last two weekends, we were blessed with dry weather and four wonderful occasions. To all the boys and girls many congratulations, to the families concerned thank you for your support. To Father Simon/Father Leonard thank you for your patience and understanding and to all the staff at school, thank you for everything you have done over the last two weeks in particular. We will review this year's programme after half term and begin planning for 2020, we will write soon to all the relevant families (currently in Y2) with all the details about how First Holy Communion 2020 will be organised.

*For now, to all the boys and girls that made their First Holy Communion this year Congratulations!* Thanks again to Mr Barton for **EVERYTHING**.

**Confirmation Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.** Our thoughts now turn to Confirmation, which takes place on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. The workshop for Y6 parents will be on **Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the school hall. Mr Barton will be writing shortly to our Confirmandi.**

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y6 and Y3 for leading Mass this morning, our next Mass will be on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, which will be a Key Stage 2 Mass.

**Reception 2019-2020.** 2019-2020 has again proved problematic in securing school places for all those families that wanted their children to come to St Margaret Marys. A number of families had been placed in a very difficult position because of applying late or not applying correctly. The overwhelming majority of children coming to school are baptised Catholic children (70% of the original 45 children are baptised catholic children for 2019-2020) this will be the same next year; ***so can I please urge anyone who has a child of school age 2020 that wants to discuss baptism to please speak to myself or Father Simon (373 0069).*** A further reminder also that a place in our Nursery does not automatically mean you will be offered a place at school, so please can I ask if anyone has any questions/queries please come and see me.

**Term Dates.** School breaks up for the Whit half term today **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 **19/7/19 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>.**



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**Extra-Curricular Clubs.** A reminder that all clubs will begin again after half term, Mrs Logue will write and let everyone know the days and times.

**Y3T Class Assembly.** Well Done to Y3T and Ms Travers for their lovely assembly this morning.

**The Good Shepherd Mass 2019.** Each year our Confirmandi attend St Chads Cathedral to take part in the Good Shepherd Mass. During Lent, one of the charities we collected for was Father Hudson's. During the Mass, the children processed up to the altar with our gift to help Father Hudson's with all the work they do for those in need in our Diocese. Special mention must go to Lily Swaine for representing our school so well by reading one of the Bidding Prayers.

**May Procession 2019.** Many thanks for all the flowers yesterday; the children took part in various services throughout the day laying flowers in our prayer garden and in the school hall.

**Attendance for week ending May 25th 2019**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec F	95%
Rec W	98%
Y1F	93%
Y1P	94%
Y2C	93%
Y2M	98%
Y3B	96%
Y3T	93%
Y4D	91%
Y4R	99%
Y5A	94%
Y5M	96%
Y6B	98%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Please pray for:** All the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion this year. Congratulations to the Smethhurst family on the birth of baby Elliot.

**Can I wish everyone a restful half term and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Finally, for those families that remember Mr Hennighan working at St Margaret Marys I would ask that you remember him and his family in your prayers. Tragically, his wife Jo has passed away and I know he would be grateful to know that we are all thinking of him at this extremely difficult time. May she Rest in Peace.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head Teacher



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