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Week beginning Monday October 14th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“My hearts is burning with Love for you”.

Dear Parents,

Whole School Mass Feast of St Margaret Mary October 16th 2019. Next Wednesday will begin with a KS2 school Mass for our feast day. There will be treats in school throughout the day and it will be a non-uniform day to mark the feast day of St Margaret Mary Alacoque. St Margaret Mary was born in 1647 and died in 1690; she was a humble person who devoted her life to God. Wednesday is a special day in the calendar, so please come along to Mass if you can, Happy Feast Day to everyone!

Certificate of Catholic practice. After Mass on Wednesday Father Simon and I will be available to answer any questions anyone might have about the letter that came home a couple of weeks ago entitled the “Certificate of Catholic practice”.

“An Invitation to Pray with Archbishop Bernard”. To mark October being the month of the Rosary, Catholic schools across the Archdiocese were invited to pray with Our Archbishop via a live web link from St Chads Cathedral. It was a lovely way to mark October being the month of the Rosary but also Archbishop Bernard asked us all to reflect on the canonisation of John Henry Newman. This weekend John Henry Newman will be made a Saint in a special ceremony in Rome led by his Holiness Pope Francis. John Henry Newman worked and lived the majority of his life in the Midlands; indeed he spent a significant time working and living at Maryvale in Kingstanding. It is a truly special day for our Archdioceses and Wednesday was a special way of marking such a significant event.

World Mental Health Day. I have written many times about the work school continues to promote surrounding mental wellbeing and mindfulness. So with Thursday of this week being “World Mental Health Day” I wanted to write and thank Mrs Logue for all the work she has led on and also Mrs Attwood our PSHE lead for her input into what is a hugely important area for all of us.

Y5 Wellbeing Assembly. Thanks to Mr Barton for leading our wellbeing assembly for Y5 yesterday.

Christmas Cards. All Christmas card designs that should have come home must to be returned to school by **Tuesday November 12th**, any later than this and they won't be printed in time.



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Multiskills. This week it was the turn of Y3 and Y4, well done to all concerned.

Y2 INSPIRE Workshops. Thanks to those Y2 families that managed to come along on Tuesday.

SMVSC Thanks to Mr Barton for organising the latest day in our series of SMVSC (Social, Moral, Vocational, Spiritual and Cultural) days. On Wednesday, the children learnt about Yom Kippur or The Day of Atonement, which is the holiest day of the year in Judaism.

Music Filming. At the end of November, our school has been chosen to take part in a short educational film about excellence in Music in a primary school. Letters should have come home to Y4 families and Y5 /Y6 electives, please do return them to school, otherwise your child will be unable to take part in the filming. I am immensely proud that St Margaret Marys has been chosen as a centre of excellence for Music teaching as our Brass, choir and Violin lessons are something we are rightly proud of.

Parents Evening. Letters should by now have reached you to arrange an appointment for the first consultation evenings. Parents evenings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday October 23rd and 24th.

Half Term. School breaks up for half term on **Friday October 25th**. We return on **Tuesday November 5th**.

Attendance for week ending October 11th 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	100%
Rec R	95%
Y1J	96%
Y1P	97%
Y2B	96%
Y2M	100%
Y3C	98%
Y3P	98%
Y4M	96%
Y4R	99%
Y5A	97%
Y5M	98%
Y6B	97%
Y6M	99%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Grace, Amelia, Adiam, Jamel, Tiana and Maria.

Please pray for: Fr Simon who will be in Rome representing our parish for the canonisation of John Henry Newman.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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