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Week beginning Monday October 21st 2019.

Thought for the week:

“Always use tasteful words you may have to eat them”.

Dear Parents,

Whole School Mass Feast of St Margaret Mary October 16th 2019. On Wednesday, we celebrated the feast day of our patron St Margaret Mary Alacoque. We began the day with Mass and it was lovely to see the church so full, special thanks to those parents that came along and to Y6 for leading our Liturgy. The children came to school in their own clothes and received a treat to take home with them. October 16th is always a special day in our school calendar, a day when we reflect on our patron saint and on the person God is calling us to be. Father Simon said in his homily that God isn't calling us to be St Margaret Mary but he is calling us to be ourselves, to be our Saint. Our aim should be to use the example of the Saints to live better lives, lives with Jesus at the centre of our actions just as St Margaret Mary Alacoque did. *As a footnote to Wednesday thanks for all the toiletries you kindly donated, they will be put to great use.*

Certificate of Catholic practice. Thanks to those that stayed after Mass to meet with Father Simon and I to discuss the “certificate of Catholic practice”. I hope it was helpful in clarifying any misunderstandings.

Canonisation of John Henry Newman. Last Sunday Pope Francis led more than 50 thousand pilgrims in canonising John Henry Newman. Newman did many things in his remarkable life many of which took place here in Birmingham and the Midlands. Father Simon represented our parish in Rome last Sunday and created a vlog that has been posted on our twitter feed marking what a special day it was.

Y3 Wellbeing Assembly. Thanks to Mrs Coates for leading our wellbeing assembly for Y3 yesterday.

Y1 INSPIRE Workshops. Thanks to those Y1 families that managed to come along on Tuesday.

Fine Motor Training. Thanks to those EYFS parents that came on Monday afternoon to look at and consider some resources and strategies to improve fine motor skills. Many thanks (as always) to Barbara Hunter for leading the training.

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



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Y6 Visit to the Council House. Our eldest children visited the Council House on Tuesday as part of their “Government and Monarchy topic”. They had a tour of the council chamber and got to see where local democracy takes place in our city. During their visit, they met some local councillors and visited the Mayor’s office. Thanks to Mr Barton and Ms McCarron for organising the trip.

Parents Evening. Letters should 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. **Please note that Y4R will have their Parents Evening on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th November, I have written separately about this to parents in Y4R.**

Collecting and dropping off time. A plea to any parents that walk their dog to and from school when dropping/collecting children. Please can I ask that ALL dogs are kept on a lead and under control. Crowds of children can make dogs excitable and this can then scare some children. Your support with this is much appreciated.

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

Attendance for week ending October 18th 2019

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Rec M | 88% |
| Rec R | 98% |
| Y1J | 99% |
| Y1P | 99% |
| Y2B | 96% |
| Y2M | 99% |
| Y3C | 98% |
| Y3P | 100% |
| Y4M | 97% |
| Y4R | 99% |
| Y5A | 95% |
| Y5M | 96% |
| Y6B | 99% |
| Y6M | 99% |
| Weekly Average | 97% |

Happy Birthday: Ariela, Liliana, Emma, Callum and Abel.

Please pray for: Our School, Our Parish and everyone connected with the family of St Margaret Marys during this the week of our feast day.

Please also keep The Forrest family in your prayers.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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