

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM ST. MARGARET MARY'S **CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** Perry Common Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 7AB

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Week beginning Monday February 13th 2017. Thought for the week:

"Don't burn your bridges you may need to cross them again one day" Dear Parents,

"Let your Light shine". We began this week with our usual Monday assembly. This week I spoke to the children about last Sunday's Gospel. A reading when Jesus told us to "let our lights shine..." I challenged everyone to think of ways that they could let their light shine in the weeks ahead. The children said that they could, care for one another, try their best, pray for those less fortunate and look after anyone that is feeling poorly. We went on to discuss what life would be like without light, doing the above however would make sure that all of us keep our lights shining here at St Margaret Marys.

School Mass Thank you to KS1 for leading our Mass this morning. Next week (15/2/17) it is a KS 2 Mass led by Y4, all are welcome. Please note the change of day next week to Wednesday.

Alton Castle October 2nd-October 4th 2017 A further reminder that the initial meeting for next year's residential is *Thursday February 16th at 2.00pm* in the school hall. Please do make every effort to attend. At the meeting Mr Barton will talk about how the trip is organised and what kinds of activities the children will experience. Together we will discuss what to bring and what not to bring and also talk about the cost of the visit. It will also give people the opportunity to talk privately with Mr Barton or myself if you are worried or concerned about any aspect of the residential.

<u>Y3 Class Assembly</u> A note for Y3 parents your class assembly is next *Friday 17th at 9.00am in* the school hall.

Brass Concert Tuesday 7th. Congratulations to all those children that represented school last Tuesday at St Michael's in Boldmere. Mr Birnie was so proud of everyone so well done to all concerned. Thanks also to Mr Birnie for organising the evening.

"Safer Internet Day" Tuesday of this week saw school address the important issue of staying safe online. Please look at the Twitter feed for examples of what we did in class. Thanks to Miss McCarron and Miss Dunne for their work in leading the day in school.

<u>Teacher Days</u> The dates of our remaining Teacher Days this year are <u>April 24th</u>, June 23rd, June 30th and July 24th.









Half Term Half term begins next Friday February 17th when we break up. We all return to school on Monday 27thFebruary at the usual time. A further reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday April 7th at 1.00pm. We return for the summer term on Tuesday April 25th at the usual time.

<u>School Dinner Money.</u> Please can all dinner monies be paid on <u>Monday 13th</u> please in readiness for the half term break.

Breakfast Club. Similarly all Breakfast monies need to be paid on the 13th.

Attendance at school. The last two weeks has seen our excellent attendance dip somewhat. I understand it is the time of year when coughs and colds occur, but please can I ask that we all do our best to make a real effort to come to school if we can. Your continued support with this is much appreciated.

<u>Next Week</u> *Thursday 16th* is non-uniform day for February birthdays; it is also the date for the Alton Castle meeting (see above). *Friday 17th* is Y3 class assembly (see above) and the School Council will once again be seeking your support in collecting tins/cans for their foodbank.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday February 13th 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm			
Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Computing Club	Y4	Miss Dunne
Monday	Maths Club	Y6	Miss McCarron
Tuesday	D&T Club	Y2	Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft
Wednesday	Gymnastics club	Y3	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art Club	Reception	Mrs Crossen/Mrs Whitty
Thursday	Sports club	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science Club	Y1	Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton
Attendance for week ending February 10th 2017			
	Year Group	% Attendance	
	Reception M	88%	
	Reception C	95%	
	Y1F	95%	
	Y1C	94%	
	Y2C	94%	
	Y2D	98%	
	Y3	99%	
	Y4	97%	
	Y5	92%	
	Y6	94%	
	Weekly Average	95%	
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Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher







