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Week beginning Monday March 27th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2017. In assembly on Monday we reflected on the story of the woman from Samaria and how she was surprised when Jesus spoke with her and sought a drink. She was taken aback by Jesus' reaction due to the traditional dislike that had fostered for many years between Jews and Samaritans. It is a pertinent story for Lent as it demonstrates the power of *forgiveness and Reconciliation* perfectly. Towards the end of the assembly I challenged the children to think about what kind of water Jesus offered the woman, I thought this might prove a difficult question until Blanka in Y2 told everyone that Jesus gives all of us “Living Water”. I couldn't have put it better myself. A word of thanks to Mr Barton for leading our “Retreat Day” yesterday, it was a lovely way to mark our Lenten journey for 2017.

Family Mass Sunday March 19th 2017 at 10.00am. A huge thank you to everyone that came to Mass last Sunday to support both Parish and school. It was lovely to see the Church so full. Thanks to Y3 in particular who, under the guidance of Mrs Attwood, recited a prayer of commitment demonstrating that they are getting ready in earnest for their First Holy Communion. Thanks to Mrs Prentice and the choir, to Esther in Y6 for reading, to Oliwia and James in Y3 for bringing up the Offertory gifts and thanks also to Mr Barton for overseeing the Mass. Finally I want to write and thank the staff for giving their time on Sunday. I have written and spoken about this many times before, however it is important that I formally recognise again my gratitude to everyone for coming along to support our school and parish last Sunday.

School Mass. Thanks to Y5 for leading the Liturgy this morning. Next week (31/3/17) our Mass will be a KS1 Mass led by Y1/2.

Parent Consultation Evening. These are now over for the spring term, however Miss Finn's parents evening will be next ***Wednesday 29th from 1.00pm-5.00pm. Call the office for an appointment.***

Easter Break. School closes for the Easter break on **Friday April 7th at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on Tuesday April 25th.**

Confirmandi visit to St Chads Cathedral. Thanks to Mr Barton for taking our confirmandi to St Chads on Tuesday. Thanks also to one of our governors, Mr McConnell for guiding them around the Cathedral.



Y4 Class assembly. A reminder that this is next **Friday 31/3/17 at 9.15am.**

Sarehole Mill. Y4 paid a visit to Sarehole mill midweek and were excellent ambassadors for St Margaret Marys (despite the rain!!). Thanks to Miss Ward and her team of helpers.

Maryvale Institute. Wednesday saw Mrs Chandler visit Maryvale Institute with Y1. Again their behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to Y1 and Mrs Chandler.

Bike Shelter Thefts. The Police are involved in trying to find who the culprit is, I am seeking advice about relocating the shelter and in the meantime I ask that everyone remains vigilant. I wrote earlier this week in a separate letter and it may well be worth not leaving your bike/scooter in the shelter after the end of the school day.

Car parking. I have received a couple of complaints this week about people parking and driving dangerously before and after school. I once again ask for everyone's cooperation in making sure we drive and park considerately in and around school.

Mother's Day Assembly. Thank you Nursery/Reception, thank you Miss McGeechan, thank you Mrs Crossen, thank you Mrs Whitty and ***Happy Mother's day to Mums everywhere!!***

Extra Curricular Clubs /Holy Week *All our clubs will finish for the spring term next week*

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday March 27th 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 March 24th 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	90%
Reception C	94%
Y1F	98%
Y1C	96%
Y2C	95%
Y2D	95%
Y3	98%
Y4	95%
Y5	94%
Y6	97%
Weekly Average	95%

Happy Birthday: Lily-Ella Taylor, Oscar Shijo and Nieshawn De'Loyola

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head Teacher

