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ST. MARGARET MARY'S
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Week beginning Monday June 19th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, it is also to sit down and listen”

Dear Parents,

Trinity Sunday. Our week began with our usual Monday assembly, this week I concentrated on the “Holy Trinity”. I asked everyone if they were more than one thing to different people. Are they a sister and a daughter? A son and a brother? Indeed all of us are different things to different people. I asked the children what they thought they could do to be more like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They said to be more like God we need to think before we act, think before we speak and listen to those that need our help.

Confirmation 2017. This takes place next **Thursday June 22nd at 7.00pm.** Please keep Y6 in your prayers. Thank you to those families that came along midweek for our workshop. Many thanks to Mr Barton for organising the session, I look forward to seeing everyone again on the 22nd.

School Mass. Thanks to KS1 this morning for leading our Liturgy.

School Audit. School has been audited this week by the local authority. This is an extremely robust process that looks at a wide variety of different aspects of school life. It considers Safeguarding, Attendance, Governance and the financial systems we have in place. I am indebted to Father Simon as Chair of Governors, Mrs Logue as our Safeguarding lead for their input during their interviews. In particular however I want to thank Mr Connaughton our Business Manager who has overseen the whole week. An audit requires significant preparation beforehand and extensive work and discussions during the days the auditor is on site. Many thanks to all concerned.

School Photographs. These should be back sometime next week.

Y4 Trip to Aston Hall. Thanks to Miss Ward and Y4 for representing school so well on Wednesday. It was a lovely day and a super time was had by all.

Harvington Hall. As part of their preparation for Confirmation Y6 paid their now annual visit to Harvington Hall on Thursday. This is now an established item on the calendar and one that everyone really enjoys. At first glance Harvington hall resembles a traditional moated house. However it contains many secrets, secrets that I'm sure the children have now told you about. Many thanks to Mr Barton, Mrs Cooney and Mrs Teague for accompanying the children, special thanks to Y6 for being wonderful ambassadors for St Margaret Marys.



Y3 Trip to Alton Castle. To celebrate their First Holy Communion Y3 visited Alton castle for the day yesterday. Alton Castle is in a beautiful setting, a place to reflect, relax and take stock. I want to thank Mrs Attwood, Mrs Fernandez, Mr McCormack and Mrs Croft for overseeing the visit; it really is a truly fitting way to mark Holy Communion 2017.

End of Term. We break up for the summer holiday on ***Friday July 21st at 1.00pm.*** We return to school on ***Tuesday September 5th.*** ***A reminder also that school is closed to the children next Friday June 23rd and Friday June 30th for Teacher Days.***

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday June 19th 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm

| Day | Club | Year group | Teacher |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| Monday | Computing Club | Y2 | Miss Dunne/Mrs Croft |
| Monday | SATs Club | Y6 | Miss McCarron |
| Tuesday | D&T Club | Y3 | Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft |
| Wednesday | Gymnastics club | Y1F | Fit 4 Schools |
| Thursday | Art Club | Reception | Mrs Whitty/Mrs Graham |
| Thursday | Sports club | Y5/6 | Mr Barton |
| Thursday | Science Club | Y4 | Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton |

Attendance for week ending June 16th 2017

| Year Group | % Attendance |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Reception M | 93% |
| Reception F | 100% |
| Y1F | 98% |
| Y1C | 94% |
| Y2C | 97% |
| Y2D | 93% |
| Y3 | 94% |
| Y4 | 92% |
| Y5 | 99% |
| Y6 | 97% |
| Weekly Average | 96% |

Please pray for: Y6 as they finalise preparations for Confirmation next week.

Happy Birthday: Naomi Dembowska, Kelse – Anne O’Brien, Gabrielle Bhebhe, Shanray Spence, Maddyson Drummond and Lewis Soldiew.

Happy Father’s Day to dads everywhere!

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters
M. Aldred. Head teacher

