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Week beginning Monday October 16th 2017.

Thought for the week:

“Knowing what’s right isn’t as effective as doing what’s right”

Dear Parents,

Whole School Mass Feast of St Margaret Mary October 16th 2017. Next Monday will begin with a whole school Mass for our feast day. There will be treats in school throughout the 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. Monday is a special day in the calendar, so please come along to Mass if you can, Happy Feast Day to everyone!

Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3W and Y3R Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th December

The programme begins with a workshop on *Thursday November 30th at 1.30pm in school.*

Building Update. Testing of the ground where the new extension is to go was completed earlier this week. No issues arose so the original timescale set out is still very much on track. Additional fencing was erected earlier this week also as well as some additional signage earmarking the two entrances into school. The children coming straight into school is also something that is working well, the gates will be opened at 8.30am prompt and the children can get straight down to work as soon as they come to school. I want to thank the staff for their support and cooperation with making this such a positive way to start the school day. I have also received confirmation from the city council that the improved and enlarged standing area (by the gates) is to be completed over half term. Likewise the new entrance to the car park will be completed shortly also.

Cashless school. From January 2018 it is hoped that the school will become a “cashless school”. We are currently investigating ways that families can pay dinner money/milk money and trips electronically. There are a number of systems that offer families the opportunity to pay via a link on the school website using a credit/debit card. This should make paying trip/milk/dinner money much easier for both school and parents. As soon as I know more I will write separately to everyone, the aim is however to make the school “cashless” by January 2018.

Half Term Break. Half term ends on *Friday October 20th* with school returning on *October 30th.*

Parents Evening. Further advance notice that this will take place after half term on **Wednesday November 1st and Thursday November 2nd.** Please look out for a letter to sort out an appointment time.



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Admissions 2018. Next September our published admissions number will be 45. *Once more I write urging people who want a place at St Margaret Marys to please complete one of our school forms (it is called a supplementary information form and can be downloaded from the admissions section of the website or can be collected from the office). As of today our school has already received 40 applications for next September, our open morning is next Thursday (19th) at 9.15am.*

Harvest Assembly 2017. It is that time of year again when we write seeking your help and support. Could you donate a tin of food for our Harvest Assembly, if every child brought one item into school we would have over 300 tins. The tins will be displayed in the hall for our assembly next week; they will then be collected and taken to St Chads Sanctuary, a local centre that helps those in most need in our city.

Y5 Class Assembly. Thank you to Mr Barton and Y5 for their lovely assembly this morning. I believe Winston Churchill made an appearance!! (Well Done Dylan).

Y4 Fire Service Visit. Monday saw two officers from Perry Barr Fire station visit Y4 to talk about “Fire Safety”. Thanks to Mrs Attwood for overseeing the visit.

Y3 visit to Broomey Croft Farm. Miss Ward, Miss Riley and their team of helpers took Y3 to the farm on Wednesday to enrich their topic “Food Glorious Food”. Thanks to all concerned and well done to the children for representing our school so well.

Extra Curricular Clubs. The year groups are changing after half term to give everyone an opportunity to have a go, please look out for the letters from Mrs Logue.

Walk to School. Our “walk to school” will sadly have to be suspended indefinitely as the building work starts to take shape. Thanks to everyone that has supported this over many years, hopefully when things settle back down we will be able to get it going again.

Attendance for week ending October 13th 2017

Year Group	% Attendance
Y1F	97%
Y1C	97%
Y2L	99%
Y2D	98%
Y3R	95%
Y3W	100%
Y4A	96%
Y4P	94%
Y5	96%
Y6	94%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Emma Kozuch, Callum Tran, Maria Nowak, Janelle Wambura, Abel Shaine and Tianna McSharry

Well Done!! To our footballers who maintained their promising start to the season with another win and a narrow defeat last week. We currently sit third in the league.

Please Pray for: The Jones family at this sad time for all of them. Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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