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Week beginning Monday April 23rd 2018.

Thought for the week:

“Alleluia Alleluia!”

Easter 2018. The Easter season continues, and at school we will be focussing upon the events leading up to Pentecost. Our assemblies will consider the events after Easter Sunday up until the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. This will begin on Monday when the assembly will focus on “Good Shepherd Sunday”. Mass this morning spoke to us about the importance of being witnesses, Father Simon spoke about the different kinds of witnesses there are and how we could all be witnesses of the truth here at St Margaret Marys.

This term will also have as its primary focus the Sacramental Programme. In May Y3 will be making their First Holy Communion whilst in July Y6 will be receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Mr Barton has written to all Y3 families as to how Communion will now be organised. There will be three separate Masses over two weekends on May 12th and May 19th respectively. The workshops in school however will be done in classes, Y3W (Miss Ward’s class) will have their workshop on Wednesday May 2nd and 3R (Miss Riley’s class) on Thursday May 3rd. If any Y3 family have not received a letter, then please call into school for a copy. **It is ESSENTIAL that each family is represented at the respective workshop as at each session Mr Barton will explain how each Mass is going to be organised.**

Car Park Update. I spoke to the local authority again this week and have arranged to meet with their representatives next week. I stressed the need for the kerb to be lowered and widened at the entrance of the car park as soon as possible. They assured me that this work was going to happen soon.

Term Dates. School breaks up for the Whit half term on **Friday May 25th**, returning for the final half term on **Monday June 4th**. School breaks up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 20th at 1.00pm**, please also note that there are two more Teacher Days this term **Friday June 22nd and Friday July 6th**.

Dinner Money. A reminder that the cost of a school dinner rose by **5p to £2.30 per day**. The cost per week is now **£11.50**, across a 6 week half term this would equate to £69. If anyone is still experiencing any difficulties with Parentpay then please call into the school office and Mrs Cooney and Mrs Clegg will help you sort out any difficulties, you may be having.



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Academic year 2018/2019. At their meeting at the end of term the governing body ratified the academic term dates for next year, I have inserted an updated copy below for everyone.

Autumn term 2018	Spring term 2019	Summer term 2019
Thursday September 6th to Friday October 26th	Monday January 7th to Friday February 15th.	Tuesday April 30th to Friday May 24th
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday November 5th to Friday December 21st	Monday February 25th to Friday April 12th	Monday June 3rd to Friday July 19th
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Please note that school will be returning two days later than originally planned in September.

Reception 2018 Places have now been allocated for 2018-2019. If anyone wants to talk about this or hasn't heard the name of the school, they have been allocated then please come into school for a chat.

Nursery 2018. We will be writing to relevant parents/families soon with details of our Nursery class for 2018-2019.

School Visits. These begin again in earnest next week, a reminder that without your permission we are not able to take your child/children on an educational visit. Please can I ask that all consent forms are completed and returned promptly. Your support with this matter is much appreciated.

Attendance for week ending April 20th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec F	94%
Rec W	95%
Y1F	93%
Y1C	99%
Y2L	98%
Y2D	96%
Y3R	99%
Y3W	98%
Y4A	97%
Y4P	100%
Y5	97%
Y6	97%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Zion Carby-Gordon, Esrom Solomon, Thomas Gray, Yocabel Solomon, Katrina Dzene, Ocean Hemmings, Eliza Wiatr and Franciszek Hanczyc.

Please pray for: Teresa Brolan who is poorly.



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