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Week beginning Tuesday May 8th 2018

Thought for the week:

“It takes courage to grow up to become who you really are”

Easter 2018. Our assembly on Monday focussed on the previous Sunday's Gospel when Jesus said that he was “the true vine”. This Vine however cannot bear fruit unless it's connected to a branch. We spoke about how we can only truly grow when we are connected to a family. Together we talked about how we are part of the St Margaret Mary family, a family that can help us grow in love, grow in forgiveness and grow in goodness. To enable us to do this we said that this week we could use Jesus as an example, enabling us all to grow that little more.

Sacramental Programme 2018. Our First Holy Communion Masses begin next weekend (*May 12th*) with the final Mass taking place the following Saturday (*May 19th*). Many thanks to everyone that came along to the workshops this week led by Mr Barton. There was a really healthy turnout so many thanks to everyone for their support. The arrangements for the next two weeks were outlined by Mr Barton but if anyone has any questions/queries please pop in and see me. I have a couple of First Holy Communion dresses and if any family could make use of them then again please call in and see me.

The First Holy Communion Masses are the most important events in the school year and I would ask everyone to keep the children in their prayers over the next couple of weeks in particular. I would like to take this opportunity in advance to thank everyone who has been involved in preparing the children, families, friends, teachers and parish, a big thank you to everyone. I must at this point mention Father Simon by thanking him for his support and patience in moving Holy Communion to three Masses. As our school continues to grow it has necessitated having extra Masses. I am very grateful to Father Simon for his input with this, it really is much appreciated.

Y3 visit to Alton Castle. As part of their final preparations for Holy Communion Y3 visited Alton Castle yesterday. This is now an annual trip when the children take part in a retreat day to reflect on and consider what it means to be making their First Holy Communion. Many thanks to Ms Ward, Ms Riley and all their team of helpers for taking the children on what is always a lovely day. A day that this year was blessed with nice weather, well done to Y3!

Y5&Y2 Mass. Thanks to Y5 and Y2 for their mass this morning, next Friday will be led by Y1 and Y4.



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May Procession. Our May procession takes place on *Wednesday May 9th* this year. Mr Barton will be writing to everyone asking for flowers which will then be used to decorate the prayer garden and the grotto at church. Thanks in advance for your support.

Foodbank Donations. Thanks to everyone for their support in donating items of food for our foodbank, Mr Boylan one of our governors will make sure they go to a good home at St Chads Sanctuary. It really is a perfect way of being “grateful” and generous “our two virtues for the half term ahead.

Term Dates. School breaks up for half term on **Friday May 25th**, returning 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*.

Y4 visit to Kenilworth Castle. On Wednesday I accompanied Y4 to Kenilworth Castle. Despite the monsoon conditions we had a lovely day and the children were a credit to take along. I want to thank Y4 for inviting me along, thanks to the children, Mrs Attwood, Ms Parkes and their team of helpers for an enjoyable educational visit.

KS 2 SATs. Y6 begin their SAT s on *Monday 14th*. Can I please urge all Y6 parents to make sure that our oldest children get a good night’s sleep next week, this will enable them to perform to their potential when completing the tests, a good sleep and breakfast will set them up for the challenges that lie ahead, challenges I’m sure our oldest children will rise to if their performance so far this year is anything to go by.

Attendance for week ending May 4th 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec F	99%
Rec W	95%
Y1F	95%
Y1C	94%
Y2L	98%
Y2D	99%
Y3R	98%
Y3W	98%
Y4A	98%
Y4P	91%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Ethan Luutu, Elim Tsegai, Oluwadamilola Taiwo, Shay Gahan, Romiley King, Mateusz Kepa and Dominik Michalowski.

Please pray for: The boys and girls in Y3 about to make their First Holy Communion.

Mrs Bryan. Mrs Bryan returns to school next week after her maternity leave. I’m sure you will join with me in welcoming her back to school.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

A reminder school is closed for the May Day Bank Holiday on Monday; for once we may be blessed with good weather!

M. Aldred Head teacher



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