



ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM ST. MARGARET MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week beginning September 24th 2018.

Thought for the week:

"Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there". Dear Parents.

<u>Family Mass Sunday September 30th 10.00am.</u> Everyone is invited to our Mass on Sunday 30th. Both Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us. This Mass will be an ideal opportunity to say hello to all our new families and for all of us to start our new year together as a school family.

<u>Parish Fun Day.</u> The weather relented and a healthy turn out resulted in a good time being had by all. Mrs Logue ably manned the school's bottle stall so many thanks to her for giving up her time last Saturday.

<u>Y2&Y5 Mass.</u> Thanks to the children in Y2/5 for leading our Mass this morning. Next Friday (28th) it will be the turn of Y4 and Y1.

<u>Harvest Collection.</u> At this time of year, we write to everyone asking them for donations to our Harvest Festival. Please do support us if you can, 1 tin per family would give us nearly 400 cans of food for the needy in our city.

Gospel Values. Mr Barton led the school on Monday with our assembly. He told the children that our focus this half term would be on the values, "compassionate" and "loving". Seeing the good in others, speaking the truth and letting the light and example of Jesus shine through all of us are what we will be aiming to do this half term. Donating to our Harvest Appeal is also an ideal way of demonstrating "compassion" and "love".

School Drive. A reminder that in the interests of everyone's safety, **the school drive will only be open to pedestrians**. **The main gate will be locked between 9.00-3.00pm** and visitors to school in a car will need to use the car park next to church. Before 9.00am the gate will be open so users of our Breakfast Club will be able to drive up to school in the normal way, exercising great caution as always. The pedestrian gate will be in use throughout the day.

<u>Extra-Curricular Clubs.</u> Please make sure school knows who is collecting your child/children after clubs have finished. Please can I also stress that Y6 children will not be allowed to walk home without formal permission from their parents. Your support with this matter would be much appreciated and avoid unnecessary confusion/delays at the school gates.













<u>School numbers.</u> Each year group is now completely full; there is however a pressing need for any families who require a place in Reception/Nursery next year (September 19) to fill in our "Supplementary Information Form". If this form is not filled in it is likely that your child will not secure a place at St Margaret Marys. *I cannot stress enough the need to come into the school office (or download it from the website) and complete our school form.* Currently Nursery is 70 % Catholic most of whom will be transferring to Reception in 2019. The current Reception classes are 71% Catholic so places will be at an absolute premium next year (despite having two Classes). Please make sure you fill in one of our forms if you are intending to apply for September 2019.

<u>Y1 visit to the Black Country Museum.</u> Y1 had a super day on Tuesday travelling back in time at the wonderful Black Country Museum. Ms Finn and Ms Parkes both commented as to how good the children were, so well done to all concerned.

<u>Y2 visit to Fire Station.</u> Y2 enjoyed visiting Erdington Fire Station midweek, always a worthwhile visit. Thanks to Mrs Chandler/Ms Mochan for overseeing the trip.

<u>Y5M INSPIRE Workshop.</u> The date for this will need to change, Mrs Logue will advise everyone accordingly of the new date/time.

<u>Y1 Maths Workshop</u>. Thanks to Mrs Chandler for leading the session yesterday, I hope those that braved the weather found it useful.

Attendance for week ending September 21st 2018

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	94%
RecF	99%
Y1P	96%
Y1F	96%
Y2C	99%
Y2M	99%
Y3B	99%
Y3T	98%
Y4R	100%
Y4D	97%
Y5M	96%
Y5A	95%
Y6B	98%
Weekly Average	98%

Happy Birthday: To everyone that has a birthday this week.

<u>Please pray for:</u> Our school and in particular the new families as we begin our journey together.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head teacher











