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### Week beginning November 12th 2018.

**Thought for the week:**  
**“We will remember them”.**

Dear Parents,

**Welcome Back.** A warm welcome back to everyone to the second part of the autumn term. The lead up to Christmas is always a hectic time with an awful lot going on. Please keep abreast of all the relevant diary dates on the school website [www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk).

**Remembrance Sunday.** This Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) is Remembrance Sunday, a day when we pause, reflect and consider the sacrifice that so many have made across a number of different conflicts for our country. We have set up our Book of Remembrance in the hall where we can remember members of our family that are now with Jesus, this weekend we are also remembering those that gave their lives so that we may be free. I am indebted to Ms McCarron for the beautiful display of poppies in the school hall, a photo of which can be found on our twitter feed.

**School Mass.** Thank you to Y6 and Y3 for leading our Mass this morning.

**First Holy Communion 2019.** First Holy Communion this year will take place on Saturdays May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr Barton will write to everyone next week with all the details.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 2018.** Y3B will make their First Confession on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Y3T will make their First Confession the following week on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, again at 1.30pm. The parental workshop for both classes will be on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm in the school hall.

**Parents Evening.** Nursery and Rec W class will have their re arranged parents evening on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00pm onwards.**

**Whole School Assembly.** Our week began with a visit from our PCSO Tracy Baker who talked to KS2 about the danger surrounding fireworks and Bonfire night. I am grateful to Mrs Chandler for organising the assembly.

**Anti-Bullying Week 2018 “Choose Respect”.** Next week will see school once again host “Anti Bullying Week”. This is a series of activities/presentations and workshops all around the theme this year of “choose respect”. Two examples are the workshops being led by PCSO Baker on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and the “Odd socks competition” on the same day. Anti-Bullying week is now an established part of school life and I will write more next week. In the meantime many thanks to Mrs Chandler and Ms McCarron for organising Anti Bullying Week 2018.



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**Extra-Curricular Clubs.** As the evenings draw in please can I ask that everyone is prompt in collecting their children for after school clubs. Being late can sometimes be unavoidable but it can also cause our youngest children to become upset when nobody is there to collect them. Please can I ask everyone to be as prompt as possible on the relevant evenings.

**Admissions 2019.** 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 55 applications for Reception next September already, so please ensure you complete a school supplementary information form.*

**Nursery places 2019.** School is now accepting applications for a full time place in Nursery next September. The process is simply call into the office and the staff will direct you to complete the relevant form. Can I stress the need to fill in one of our forms to secure a place for next September; school already has 30 names on the list so please make sure you complete the form if you require a Nursery place for 2019.

**Christmas Cards 2018.** Please note that the deadline has now expired for artwork to be returned. The “Cauliflower Card Company” will refund any families that missed the deadline. I want to thank Ms Finn for overseeing what is always a special initiative to be involved with.

**Attendance for the week ending November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	98%
RecF	97%
Y1P	96%
Y1F	95%
Y2C	95%
Y2M	98%
Y3B	98%
Y3T	97%
Y4R	98%
Y4D	96%
Y5M	97%
Y5A	97%
Y6B	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Maya, Maja, Michal, Kieron, Sienna, Lucian and Siyena

**Please pray for** Please pray for all those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country in previous and more recent conflicts. Also, please pray for Bernard Coney RIP and the Coney 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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