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Week beginning Monday January 14th 2019.

Thought for the week:

“It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you don't stop”

Dear Parents,

The Epiphany. Monday saw the spring term begin and in many ways the Christmas season draw to a close. We marked this with our assembly when for the final time this year the children looked at our crib in the hall. Our focus was the three visitors that brought Gold Frankincense and Myrrh. Gifts fit for a king, gifts for a king born in a stable. I spoke to the children about how in many ways the different visitors that came to the stable in Bethlehem like the three kings or the shepherds for example, demonstrated that Jesus came for all of us. Regardless of whom we are or where we are from Jesus came at Christmas for everyone.

School Mass. Thanks to Miss McCarron and KS2 for leading our first mass of 2019 this morning, next week (Friday 18th) will see Y4 & Y1 leading our Liturgy. Special thanks to Father for blessing our new class crucifixes during Mass.

Sacramental Programme 2019. Due to the numbers involved, we will have to have four masses at 9.00am and 11.00am on consecutive Saturdays. I am most grateful to Father Simon for his help with this as otherwise I am not sure everyone would actually fit in the church.

“The Tiger that came to tea” Our first week back saw KS1/EYFS visit the Town Hall to find out what happened when the tiger came to tea!?!?! Many thanks to Mrs Chandler/Whitty for overseeing the visits. The children had a super time with all of us dancing along with the tiger!

“The Snow Queen” KS2 were treated to an interpretation of the “Snow Queen” yesterday, a lovely way for them all to start the New Year.

School Closures. I hope that it will not happen again this year, but in the unlikely event of school having to close because of snow local radio stations, the school website and group texts will let everyone know.

Dates for the term ahead. All the dates for the term ahead are now on the website www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk please make sure you take a look as this term there are a number of visits and assemblies across the school.



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ParentPay. If anyone has any problems, whatsoever then please call into school and Mrs Clegg/Cooney will be able to help you.

Reception Class 2019 If you know anyone who has not yet submitted their application form for a place in our school for next September please follow the advice below as a matter of urgency. *“Urgent – Parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2018. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 675 0555.”*

Extra Curricular Clubs. These begin next week (**Monday 14th**).

Spring Term 2019. We break up for half term on **Friday February 15th**, returning on **Monday the 25th February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12th**, returning for the summer term on **Monday April 29th**.

Parking at School. Please do not park on the zigzags at the bottom of the school drive and please use the car park considerately especially in the darker evenings. Can I also ask everyone to park considerately on Golden Eagle Gardens, local residents have been blocked in and have rightly contacted school. Please can everyone park sensibly on the surrounding roads.

Teacher Days 2019. In 2019, our remaining teacher days will be Friday April 5th 2019, Friday June 28th, Friday July 5th and Monday July 22nd.

Attendance for the week ending 11th January 2019

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec W	98%
Rec F	95%
Y1P	98%
Y1F	90%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	95%
Y3B	98%
Y3T	99%
Y4R	91%
Y4D	93%
Y5M	96%
Y5A	93%
Y6B	97%
Weekly Average	95%

Happy Birthday: Ryan R, Millicent S, Victoria C, Cerys L, Shirah S, Nathan M and Lamek B.

Please pray for: St Margaret Marys as we enter 2019 together.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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