

loving hopeful  
attentive curious  
faith-filled learned wise  
generous grateful  
eloquent discerning  
intentional compassionate  
truthful active



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### Week beginning Monday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“It is never too late to be what you might have been”**

Dear Parents,

**“Eloquent and Truthful”** Mr Barton led school on Monday in introducing our Gospel Virtues for the half term ahead. He spoke to the children about the meaning of being “eloquent” and “truthful” and gave everyone examples of how we all can live out these virtues in school. The children also watched a clip from “The Miracle Maker” showing the time when John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. We watched it for two reasons, firstly to mark the feast day celebrated in Church the previous Sunday but also it demonstrated perfectly how to be “Eloquent” and “Truthful”.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y4 and Y1(wonderful singing!!) for leading our Mass this morning, next week (Friday 25<sup>th</sup>) will see Y5 & Y2 leading our Liturgy.

**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.

**Foodbank Collection.** Thanks to everyone who contributed to our foodbank collection midweek, thanks also to Mrs Chandler for overseeing it.

**Wellbeing Assembly.** Thank you to Mrs Logue for leading our first wellbeing assembly of 2019 on Thursday. We are having a concerted effort in school this year to focus on not just the physical wellbeing but also the mental wellbeing of all the children. Unfortunately today there is still a stigma attached to the whole area of mental health, this is despite the fact that there are so many people (children included) that are suffering every day with issues connected to mental wellbeing. If someone breaks their arm, we see a sling and see what is wrong with them, unfortunately, we can't see sometimes when people are mentally unwell but this doesn't mean it is not there. Recognising it, talking about it and doing something about it was what our assembly promoted yesterday, something I feel that is very important.

**Severe Weather.** The first snow is forecast for the weekend in the unlikely event of school having to close local radio stations, the school website and group texts will let everyone know.



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**Dates for the term ahead.** All the dates for the term ahead are now on the website [www.stmgtry.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stmgtry.bham.sch.uk) please make sure you take a look as this term there are a number of visits and assemblies across the school.

**Reception Class 2019** As of today we currently have 62 children on our waiting list for 2019. This will only increase, so please see once more the advice below. 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 2014 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 675 0555.”*

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

**Brass Concerts.** Thanks to all the children that took part this afternoon, many thanks also to Mr Ali for all his efforts in putting together what is always a spectacular concert.

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

**Attendance for the week ending January 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Josiah, Liz, Karlton and Oliver

**Please pray for:** St Margaret Mary’s school and parish.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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