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



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### Week beginning September 16th 2019.

#### Thought for the week:

**“Take everything you like seriously except yourself”.**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass Sunday September 22nd 10.00am.** *Everyone is invited to our Mass on Sunday 22nd. 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. ***Please also note the separate letter coming home with this letter entitled a “certificate in Catholic practice”.***

**“Grateful and Generous”.** Mr Barton led our school assembly on Monday introducing our two Gospel Virtues for this half term. He challenged all of us to be “grateful” and “generous” in everything we say and everything we do.

**“Y3&Y6 Mass.** Thanks to the children in Y3/6 for leading our Mass this morning. Next Friday (20th), it will be the turn of Y5 and Y2.

**Secondary Transfer 2019-2020.** A reminder that the online admissions web site is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the end of October to submit their application form, if any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

**Autumn 19 Dates.** Spare copies of these can be found in the school office and on our website, please make sure you have a copy so as not to miss anything.

**Roald Dahl Day.** The costumes were brilliant! Thanks to everyone for your support.

**School Uniform.** Thank you for sending the children back to school looking so smart in their red uniforms. Thank you for your support with our uniform policies, it really is a tradition we can all be rightly proud of. Can I remind everyone that **NO** jewellery of any kind is permitted in school and that trainers are not allowed. Thank you to everyone for your support with these matters.

**Reception/Nursery 2019-2020.** Well done to all our new children for settling in so well, well done also to the EYFS staff for all their efforts and hard work this week.

**Breakfast Club 2019-2020.** The cost per day is £3. Mrs Gray runs our breakfast club and opens it at **7.45am** each morning. The children will receive their breakfast and then head out onto the playground at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in using this facility, please call into school.



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**Dinner Money 2019-2020.** The cost for dinners is £11.75 a week to be paid on a Monday.

**Milk Money 2019-2020.** The cost of milk is £1.30 per week; please do encourage your child/children to have milk as a healthy option. Likewise, with break time snacks please can I ask you to encourage your children to have a healthy snack.

**Breakfast Club 2019-2020.** The cost per day is £3. Mrs Gray runs our breakfast club and opens it at **7.45am** each morning. The children will receive their breakfast and then head to class at 8.30am. If anyone is interested in using this facility, please call into school.

**Alton Castle 2019 Monday September 16th –Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>.** I hope everyone is packed and raring to go next Monday. As indicated in previous letters the children need to bring their bag with them to school on Monday morning. They will then leave after lunch at 2.30pm approximately. Can I reiterate that **electronic gadgetry of any kind whatsoever is not permitted**, these are lost and or broken which can lead to great distress. Can I also remind everyone that the children can bring with them some money; this however **should be no more than £10** as there won't be a lot of time available to spend it. We will group text all families as the children arrive and as and when they leave, the staff will post regular updates on Twitter for all to see/follow (see homepage of the school web site) and in case of emergencies we will contact you immediately.

Can I thank in advance Ms McCarron, Mr Barton, Mrs Croft and Mr Mulligan for taking our children away and organising our residential experience. Alton Castle will provide memories that will last a lifetime and it is always such a special visit, many thanks to all concerned.

**Y6 INSPIRE Workshops.** Thanks to those Y6 families that managed to come along on Tuesday. Y5 will host their workshops on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**Attendance for weekending September 13th 2019**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec B	
Rec M	88%
Y1P	
Y1J	98%
Y2B	92%
Y2M	94%
Y3C	90%
Y3P	96%
Y4R	93%
Y4M	99%
Y5M	97%
Y5A	91%
Y6B	
Y6M	
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Happy Birthday:**

**Please pray for:** Our school and particular all our new children and families as we start this New Year together.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher



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