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Week beginning Monday January 13th 2020.

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. 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. Mr Barton 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 Mr Barton and KS2 for leading our first mass of 2020 last Friday, this week (Friday 17th) will see Y4 & Y1 leading our Liturgy.

Sacramental Programme 2020. Due to the numbers involved, we will have to have three masses at 9.00am and 11.00am on Saturday April 25th and 9.00am on Saturday June 6th. I am most grateful to Father Simon for his help with this, making sure we can all fit in the church can be a logistical challenge.

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.

Reception Class 2020 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 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2020. 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 today (**Monday 13th**).

Parking at School. *Please use the car park considerately especially in the darker evenings.*



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“Stay and Read” Mrs Heslegrave wants to begin “stay and read” sessions for different year groups. Simply put, parents will have the opportunity to stay in school for half an hour at the beginning of the allotted day and read with their child. This will take place in the classrooms and (if you can spare half an hour) would be a lovely way to begin the day. Mrs Heslegrave has written to her class who will be the first to take part (Tuesday 14th) so please do return the slip if you can make it. “Stay and Read” will be rolled out to other year groups through the spring/summer, thanks in advance to Mrs Heslegrave for all her work in setting up this new initiative.

“Peter Pan” Wednesday January 15th. KS1 are visiting the theatre on Wednesday, please ensure consent slips have been returned.

Y6 INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Y6 families that came along last Thursday, this week (16th) Y5 will be hosting their workshops.

Spring Term 2020. We break up for half term on **Friday February 14th**, returning on **Monday the 24th February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 3rd** at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on **Monday April 20th**.

Attendance for the week ending January 10th 2020

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	90%
Rec R	90%
Y1J	100%
Y1P	90%
Y2H	97%
Y2M	95%
Y3C	90%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	97%
Y4Y	99%
Y5A	93%
Y5M	86%
Y6B	97%
Y6M	93%
Weekly Average	94%

Happy Birthday: Sinon, Nathan M, Ryan R, Victoria and Millicent.

Please pray for: St Margaret Marys as we enter 2020 together.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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