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Week beginning Monday September 21st 2020

Thought for the week:

“You can if you think you can but you can't if you think you can't”

Dear Parents,

Autumn 2020. PE and Music lessons began again this week. This brought a further semblance of normality back to school life. The Violins, trumpets and trombones dovetailed with each year group doing PE in the school hall. It was lovely to welcome back Mrs Davis, Mrs Prentice and Mr Ali to lead our Music provision. Likewise, the children were enjoying using the hall for PE once again thanks to Mrs Williams. On a separate note, some after school clubs started up again this week. School currently cannot run as many clubs as we would like but hopefully as the year progresses we can increase the choice available.

EYFS 2020-2021. Congratulations to all the boys and girls in Reception who completed their first week as a full class together. I popped in and out to say hello and overall the children seemed really settled. A huge thank you to Ms Rathbone, Ms Monaghan, Ms Banks, Mrs Slattery, Ms Crowton, Ms Rowley and Mrs Croft for all their hard work this week in getting Reception started in school.

Coronavirus. Guidelines have changed this week as to how school is to respond to a positive case of Coronavirus. In essence, however we still need to seek advice from Public Health England before we take any course of action. No doubt, you will have read, seen or heard of schools in the local area having to send year groups home to self-isolate for two weeks. So far, that has not been the case here at St Margaret Marys, how long this will remain the case is anyone's guess. My understanding is that there are issues in applying for and getting a test. As a result, the results of the test can also be delayed. I urge everyone again to exercise common sense, we are heading into the autumn and all of us will pick up colds along the way. If however you or your child/children present with a high temperature, a new and continuous cough and a loss of taste/smell then you **must seek a test and stay off school until you have the results**. The last thing any of us want is to disrupt the education of certain year groups, so please if you or your child are displaying the symptoms please self-isolate and apply for a test. If we all continue to “follow the rules” then maybe we can avoid sending home a year group/bubble.



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Visitors Policy. Because of Coronavirus and the guidelines, we have been issued with both nationally and now locally, school has had to revise its “Visitor Policy”. In short, school is discouraging all but essential visitors/meetings for the near future. Please can I ask everyone to try to avoid coming up to school unless it is urgent/essential as this could potentially help stop the spread of the disease.

Parents Evening 2020. Parents evening (week beginning Monday October 19th) will take place via a telephone conversation with your child’s teacher. Mrs Logue will write further about this shortly. Sadly, we have also been advised to cancel our traditional “open morning” for new parents. I will try to reschedule this for later in the year depending on how things play out.

Secondary Transfer 2021. I understand that some schools are hosting virtual open evenings later this half term. Please do keep abreast of the respective schools websites for the details. Leaflets from certain schools should have been sent home to our oldest children earlier this week.

Virtual Learning 2020. School has set up individual year group Twitter accounts. Please follow your child’s year group and if you are not on Twitter click on the link which is on the home page of our website. Here you will be able to see what work your child is doing in class, help them further and complete some of the activities with them. This will be invaluable if any year group is absent for any length of time as the teachers will be able to upload work for the children to complete whilst at home. In theory, this should minimise the disruption of any potential absences.

Sacramental Programme 2020-2021. Father Simon and I have written to the current Y7 about Confirmation, Mr Barton has written to Y3/Y4 about First Holy Communion/Sacrament of Reconciliation. If anyone has not received any information, please contact school.

PE Kits. A further reminder to make sure that PE kits are brought into school. We are fortunate this year in being able to have Mrs Williams teach PE across all year groups. Her speciality is PE and this can only benefit the children having someone with this level of subject specialism teaching the children.

Contact details. I write again to please make sure school has your up to date contact details. I cannot stress enough how important this. Please let the office know if your details have changed, whether that be a mobile number or your e-mail address. This letter is only sent out electronically (and displayed on the website) so to access it school **MUST HAVE** the correct e-mail address.

Car Parking. Your continued support and understanding using the car park is much appreciated. Please park and use the space considerately. In particular can I please ask for the disabled spaces to be kept clear, as space is very much at a premium at the moment.

Change of Date. Due to the current circumstances we find ourselves in I have had to change the date the children will return to school after half term. ***Reception to Y6 will now return on Thursday November 5th (a day later than originally planned). I do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.***

Please Pray For. Everyone at St Margaret Marys.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M Aldred. Headteacher.



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