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Week beginning Monday March 22nd 2021

Thought for the week:

“A good head with a good heart is always the best combination.”

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus/National Day of Remembrance. Next week school will mark 12 months since we all entered lockdown for the first time. Towards the end of March last year was a surreal time in school with nobody really sure what was happening or what was going to happen. Personally, I thought things would return to “normal” much sooner than they have; indeed, we are all still waiting for things to get back to normal one year later. School has remained open throughout the pandemic but alas not for everyone, the children have missed a significant chunk of last year and this and the staff have had to work in a way none of ever expected to do.

The past year has seen so many people affected in lots of different ways. People have been asked to shield, families have been unable to meet, care homes have not allowed visitors and tragically, many people have succumbed to the virus. Our school community, like every other, has been affected with some families now dealing with the grief of losing a loved one.

Next week we will unveil a plaque in our prayer garden as a permanent memorial to all those that have been affected by coronavirus and the children will complete various activities in class reflecting on the past 12 months. Mr Barton will lead a virtual assembly on Tuesday to begin the day, a day of reflection, a day of prayer and a day of remembrance. Thank you in advance to Mr Barton for his work in organising the day.

FSM Vouchers. The vouchers will be emailed out in the final week of term to eligible families. The office will text relevant families as and when the vouchers will be accessible.

St Patrick's Day. Belated Happy St Patrick's Day and thanks for supporting “green day” so enthusiastically.

Shakespeare Week. Thanks to Mrs Heslegrave and Ms McCarron for organising Shakespeare week in school, please look at our Twitter feeds for examples of some super work this week.

Music lessons. Violins and brass began in earnest this week, thanks to all those involved. It was lovely to hear trombones, trumpets and cornets filling the air once more.



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Summer Term Teacher Days. School will be closed for all pupils on *Wednesday April 28th and Friday June 25th*. *Please make a note in your diaries.*

Sacramental Programme 2021. Please find below the definitive dates for the sacramental programme for the remainder of the year. This has taken exhaustive planning as we are still very much dealing with the restrictions affecting all of us. My sincere thanks to everyone concerned for their understanding and patience. However, by the first week of July all of Y3, 4 and 6 will have received the relevant sacrament, if anyone needs to discuss any part of the above then please contact school.

<i>Sacrament</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation First Confession Y3</i>	<i>Monday March 29th</i>	<i>11:00am Mr Barton/Mr Aldred to oversee.</i>
<i>First Holy Communion Y4</i>	<i>Friday 7th May Friday 14th May Friday 21st May</i>	<i>9:15am 2 parents only to attend.</i>
<i>First Holy Communion Y3</i>	<i>Friday 11th June Friday 18th June Friday 2nd July</i>	<i>9:15am 2 parents only to attend.</i>
<i>Sacrament of Confirmation Y6</i>	<i>Wednesday June 9th</i>	<i>5:00pm 2 parents and sponsor only to attend. 7:00pm</i>

HOLY WEEK AT ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH 2021

27th March Vigil Mass with blessing of palms.

Palm Sunday, 28th March, 9.30am and 11am Mass

Maundy Thursday, 1st April, 7.30pm

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Good Friday, 2nd April 2pm Stations of the Cross; 3pm DIVINE LITURGY.

Holy Saturday, 3rd April 11am 'Świecenie potraw Wielkanocnych'

3rd April 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL MASS EASTER DAY, 4th APRIL 9.30am and 11am MASS

Home time routines. Thanks for your patience with some of the changes we have had to make to our home time routines. Trying to keep everyone safe is challenging and I appreciate we have had to change a few routines, hopefully now we have settled on a suitable procedure.

Easter Holiday. School breaks up for the Easter break on **Holy Thursday April 1st at 1:00pm.** **School returns for the summer term on Monday April 19th.**

Please Pray For. All those affected by the pandemic in our school, parish and family. Many thanks for your support and cooperation with all these matters.

M Aldred. Head teacher.



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