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Thought for the week:

'Try harder, dream bigger, do better.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for January 2023



For educators
 We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Y3/4 Mass

Many thanks to all the readers, offertory children and altar servers today. We celebrated the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of Teachers. Thank you to Miss Travers for organising the mass. It was lovely to see so many parents join us today.

Y1/2 Key Stage Liturgy

Many thanks to Mr Mulligan for his Liturgy on St Paul today. Saint Paul is often considered the most important person in the history of Christianity after Jesus Christ. He was one of the first Christian leaders. Paul's life and his writings make up 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament in the Bible

Strike Action

As you know I have written to all parents about the closures in school next Wednesday 1st February. A reminder that only Nursery, Year 1 and Year 4 classes will be open on that day.

Parking and use of the school driveway

Please can I ask that parents **do not** drive up to the school office (including taxis) and block the gates. The access is for emergency vehicles only. The gates adjacent to the school entrance/car park belong to Fr Simon and his family. Daily Fr Simon could be called out to a hospital/hospice to give the last rites to a sick patient. **Please support us by parking off site and walking up the drive if you need to collect your children from the office at all times of the school day.**

Geography Day

Many thanks to Miss Pritchard our Geography Coordinator for organising some super events this week. Each class were assigned a continent to explore and investigate. The theme of the day was to study an aspect of human and physical geography. The children enjoyed a plethora of activities, well done!

Parents Evening

As you are aware letters for parent meetings have been sent out. Please ensure you send your slips back. It is very important that you take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher especially as we reach the half way mark of the academic year. You will be able to see their books. Teachers will be sharing strengths and developments at the meeting.

Inspire Workshops

Our Inspire workshops commence next week. We begin on Monday with EYFS, Tuesday Y1 and Y2, Thursday Y5 and Year 6. We have rearranged the planned Inspires for Years 3 and 4 to take place on Thursday 9th February.

Height and Weight Nurse Visit

We have rearranged the visit for the school nurse to carry out the Height and Weight measurement visit. This will now take place on Wednesday 8th February. A reminder to parents that unless you contact the office to remove your child from the list they will meet with the Nurse on this day.

Y2 Trip Rearranged

We have been very lucky to secure an alternative date for Y2 to visit Selly Manor Museum as part of their 'Tudors' topic. The children will now go on Friday 3rd February for the day and will be back for usual home time routines.

Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents

A reminder that Reconciliation for Y3 pupils will take place on Monday 27th March and Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.

Please Pray for

We ask you to keep our school and parish community in your prayers for the sick and departed we especially think of the Meron and Dyke families at this time.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.
 Mrs J Logue

Prayer of the Week

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen



Diary Dates

All After school clubs:

Monday— Y1 and Y6
 Tuesday— Y2 and Y5
 Thursday—Y3, Y4 & Y5

Y5/6 Mass in Church on Friday 3rd February at 9.15 am

Y4 Class Assembly for parents in school hall Friday 3rd February at 9.00 am.

No Brass lesson on Friday 3rd February

Learning Corner



Keep working on your times tables and see if you can beat your last score!

Assembly	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	Reighn	Joshua	Eliana
Reception	Zakariah & Robert	Aria & Mervyn	Amelia & Amara
Year One	Ethan & Daberechukwu	Jeremie & Marnie	Yanet & Romy
Year Two	Jacob & Derick	Lillian & Tayana	Antoni & Grace
Year Three	Leah-Maria & Skyler	Jenson & Aiden	Isabella & Ralphy
Year Four	Olivia & Jacob	Richard & Gloyanne	Eva & Rosie
Year Five	Elidana & Carter	Makail & Adiam	Nadia & Katrina
Year Six	Nathan & Gabriela	Valentina G & Chisom	Ebele & Nevaeh



Halle, Esme, Lamek, Owen,

Oluwasikemi

& Josiah.



Many thanks to our Altar Servers, Readers and Offertory helpers in Mass today.

Lily-Mae, Skyler, Olivia, Ta'Jae, Jasmine, Jenson, Marcel, Paris, Chimamanda, Valentina G, Ugonna and Jordan



Snippets of news from our School Parliament

Thank you to Mrs Young for organising our January Birthday non-uniform day. I hope everyone with a birthday in January has a lovely day!

We are looking forward to our next event taking place on Tuesday 31st January.

Attendance Notice Board

It is vital that your child is on time and in school every day, unless there is a medical reason for them not being here. If your child is off school and we haven't seen them, you may receive a visit from myself, Mr Mulligan or Mr Barton as part of our Safe and Well checks. Please remember that our children have a right to an education - this is laid out in UNICEF's Article 28 - A Right to an Education.

Our overall attendance: 96%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 92% Y1 Attendance = 95%
 Y2 Attendance = 94% Y3 Attendance = 96%
 Y4 Attendance = 99% Y5 Attendance = 97%
 Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 17 - Safer Internet Day



Good attendance at St Margaret Mary means being in school at least 95% of the time [180-190 days]

