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Thought for the week:
'Pray, Fast, Give.'

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for March 2023



For victims of abuse
 We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering..

Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents,

Holy Week

This week we were really pleased to share our prayer services with our parents. Our Holy Week is planned to prepare us to undertake our faith journey as we approach Easter. The children were very reverent and the teachers prepared them very well. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for making them so prayerful and powerful.

Y3 Reconciliation

Our pupils in Year 3 received their first confession this week. Thank you to Fr Simon and the Year 3 team for preparing the children so well. This is a special time of the year for the pupils in Year 3 as they now focus on the next stage of their faith journey in preparing for Holy Communion in June.

Sacramental Dates for Year 3 Parents

Holy Communion for Y3P is on Saturday 17th June at 11.00 am and Y3T Saturday 24th June at 11.00 am.

Young Writers

Thank you to Mrs Heslegrave for organising our Young Authors project. We have received a copy of 'A Twist in the Tale' and we are very proud of the 76 pupils from upper key stage two who have been published. We have added a few books to our library collection. Well done to all our budding authors.

PE Days

Please be aware that some PE days will be different for the summer term. The school office have sent texts today to each year group to inform you of any changes. Can I please remind parents that children must wear leggings/joggers, white t-shirt and red jumper/cardigan. Trainers must not be worn to school, children wear their shoes throughout the day and only change their footwear for the PE lessons. Thanks in advance for your support.

Summer Uniform

As you are aware the summer term is approaching. A reminder that red polo shirts and grey trousers/shorts can be worn by the boys and girls can wear red checked dresses and cardigans if they wish to.

Home time September 2023

Governors will be writing to parents after the Easter holidays to inform you that from September 2023 the school day will end at 3.00 pm. This ensures that the requirement of 32.5 hours provision is met. I wanted to give you plenty of notice to ensure that you are aware of the changes that will take place from September.

Dinner Costs

Cityserve, our school meal providers have informed school that lunches will be rising from £2.50 to £2.60 from 1st April. This is an unavoidable cost increase. We are lucky to have a cook on site who prepares the lunches daily and who takes pride in what the kitchen offers to the pupils. I can assure you that everything is cooked on site and is very fresh, we are lucky to have such a marvellous Cook.

St Margaret Mary Parish Church

There will be a number of vigils and masses held at the church during Holy Week. Feel free to look at the Church's website for times and dates for all events next week.

**School re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 17th April at the usual time.
 May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Easter Break.**

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

Prayer of the Month

**May I know you
 more clearly,
 Love you more
 dearly,
 Follow you more
 nearly,
 Day by day.**

Amen.



Diary Dates

All After school

clubs:

All will commence again on 24th April.

**Y5G Swimming on
 Wednesday 19th
 April**

**Y3P commence
 swimming on
 Tuesday 18th April**

**Y3 School mass on
 Friday 21st April at
 9.15 in church**

Learning Corner



Create and design your own Easter Cards for next week.

Assembly Awards:	Gospel Virtues	Good Work	Achievement
Nursery	April	Eliana	Luella
Reception	Linde & David S	Molly-Ava & Eliana	Moyosola & Maja
Year One	Amaya & Louis	Michael & Bella-Rose	Krystal & Khayra
Year Two	Efrata & Salvador	Luca & Grace M	Oscar & Aarieya
Year Three	Sahara & Aiden	Dhian & Fabian	Raena & Sana
Year Four	Siyena & Teodors	Joel & Anashe	Blossom-Anne & Alan
Year Five	Beulah & Carter	Hope & Ava-Grace	Abigail & Oluwasikemi
Year Six	Chimamanda & Logan	Ebele & Nieshawn	Valentina & Sesuna



April, Zikora, Ta'Jae

Leila and Nieshawn.



Snippets of news from
our School Parliament

Last week the Parliament raised a whopping £201.50 for green day!!

Thank you to the whole School Parliament who organised an event this week. We thoroughly enjoyed the Cross competitions, the Egg Decoration, Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Raffle. Well done to all our winners.

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: 95%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS THIS WEEK:

EYFS Attendance = 96% Y1 Attendance = 97%
 Y2 Attendance = 95% Y3 Attendance = 91%
 Y4 Attendance = 94% Y5 Attendance = 93%
 Y6 Attendance = 96%

Article of the Week



Article 5 & 18 Jobs of parents and carers



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

