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ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARGARET MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Week beginning October 10th 2016.

Thought for the week:

“You grow up the first real day you laugh, at yourself!”

Dear Parents,

School Council Assembly. Monday saw our new school councillors introduce themselves to school. The School Councillors were elected by their peers and will now lead a number of initiatives throughout the year. They will work closely with their classes; liaise with Miss McGeechan and feedback to me and the school at regular intervals. I want to congratulate them on their appointment and I look forward to working with each and every one of them in the year ahead. They are: Victoria and Shayden (Y1) Mimi and Kobi (Y2) Rubie and James (Y3) David and Arianna (Y4) Nicole and Alfie (Y5) Brandon L. and Esther (Y6) **Our house captains this year are:** St Patricks Vicandria and Owen, St Andrews Kelson and Samrawit, St Georges Fe and Elisa, St Davids Ciara and Tyra.

Class Mass. Thank you to KS1 for our Mass this morning, next week (14th) is our school feast day and will be a whole school Mass.

School Feast Day 2016 Friday October 14th A reminder that on the feast of St Margaret Mary we have some treats for the children (Mrs Logue will be writing with details early next week) and our day always begins with whole school Mass. Our feast day Mass will begin at 9.15am so please do come along and join us if you can. The actual date of our feast day is the 16th, details of what we have planned for next Friday will be sent to you shortly.

Harvest Assembly 2016. Today marks CAFOD's Family Fast Day so it is an appropriate day to mention our Harvest Assembly. **Any tins/cans are now most welcome.** Our assembly for the children will be on 19/10/16. Any tins and cans this year will be donated to the Sanctuary project based at St Chads Cathedral. This is an organisation set up primarily to deal with homeless people in Birmingham. If everyone donated one tin we would have over 300 items to pass on to those most in need, so please do give generously. .

Phonics Meeting for Reception and Y1 parents. A huge thank you to all of those families that managed to come along to the Phonics meetings on Wednesday. We had nearly 50 families represented across the two meetings so a big thank you to everyone for your support. I hope the sessions proved useful and informative. Thank you to Mrs Chandler for leading the meetings.

Black History Month. This began on Monday and I want to write again and thank Miss Dunne for organising our month of activities celebrating black History.

INSPIRE Workshop Week. Further notice that this begins next **Monday October 10th**.

Parents Evening. With school continuing to grow it has become necessary to split parent's evenings over two nights. Without this not everyone would be able to fit into the hall. Mrs Logue will be writing to everyone shortly with all the details.

Pupil Premium/Sports Premium 2016. Pupil Premium and Sports premium are two separate funds that school receives. Pupil Premium is aimed at helping those children that are disadvantaged whilst Sports Premium is to be used to encourage sport and physical fitness across school. The school is held to account as to the impact of both funds on school, details of how the governors intend to use our Pupil/Sports Premium can be found on our website.



Y3/4 Football Team. Well done to those girls and boys in Y3/4 who represented our school at a mixed football tournament last night. Mr Barton said they equipped themselves very well and represented our school admirably. I mention it often but once again the boys and girls proved themselves excellent ambassadors for St Margaret Marys by the way they behaved and played. Thanks to Mr Barton and Mrs Croft for overseeing the team.

EYFS 2016-2017 Open afternoon. Our open afternoon is on *Thursday November 17th at 1.30pm* in school.

Y5 Class Assembly. This takes place on *Friday October 21st at 9.00am.*

Half Term. School breaks up for half term on *October 21st* returning on *Monday 31st October.*

School Website. www.stmgmtmry.bham.sch.uk Please take a look at our website and follow us on Twitter.

Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday October 10th 2016 3.15pm-4.00pm

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Netball	Y5&6	Miss Dunne
Monday	Computing	Y4	Miss McCarron
Monday	RE	Y3	Mrs Hayes
Tuesday	D+T	Y2D	Mrs Attwood
Tuesday	Dance	Y1	Mrs Gray
Wednesday	Gymnastics	Y4	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art	Reception, Mrs Crossen's class	Mrs Crossen
Thursday	Maths	Y3	Miss McGeechan
Thursday	Sport	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science	Y2B	Mrs Bryan

Attendance for week ending October 7th 2016.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception H	98%
Reception C	98%
Y1F	98%
Y1M	97%
Y2D	98%
Y2B	97%
Y3	97%
Y4	98%
Y5	97%
Y6	94%
Weekly Average	97%

Happy Birthday: Munachimso Onyiuke, Kershayla James-Richards, Piotre Szwonek, Nicole DeLoyola, Sancia Saju, Samrawit Misghina, Alfie Donnelly and Bethany Million.

Please pray for: Please pray for anyone in our school family who is anxious or troubled in any way.

Finally a note about our school governors. This year we have recruited a number of new governors to come on board and support our school as we move forward. We have a dedicated group of governors who serve school tremendously well so to secure these new governors is a positive step for everyone. The governing body have three key functions; they hold the school to account for its performance, they ensure the school is run in a prudent financial manner and they set the vision and direction the school takes. Governors do a great deal of work often unseen by many of us, I want to thank Father Simon, Mr Walczak, Mrs McConnell, Mr Stanczak and Mr McConnell for agreeing to join our governing body. I look forward to working with them in the years and months ahead.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher

