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ST. MARGARET MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Week Beginning Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“Every minute of anger loses sixty seconds of happiness”**

Dear Parents,

**Easter 2017.** The Easter season continues with the advent of May. This is a special month for our school as it not only marks the time of First Holy Communion for Y3 but it also gives us the opportunity to think about Mary. Throughout May we will have a prayer focus devoted to Mary in the school hall and we will also be hosting our May procession later in the month.

**First Holy Communion - Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am and 11.00am** *Thank you to those that came along on Thursday and thanks also to Mr Barton for leading the workshop.*

**School Mass.** Thank you to Miss McCarron and the wonderful Y6 readers for leading our Mass this morning. Our next school Mass will be on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by Y2.

**Reception 2017.** Once again this year the process of securing a place here at St Margaret Marys has been a challenging one. Unfortunately a number of families have been left without a place. In September 2017 our Reception classes will be 85% Catholic. Can I urge everyone that needs a place for 2018 to please consider the fact that without a Baptismal certificate securing a place for 2018 may well be problematic. The school already has names on our waiting list for 2018 (and 2019!) please call in and see me if you want to chat about any of the above. Also if anyone wants to talk to Father Simon he can be contacted on 0121 373 0069 or alternatively after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**Class Assembly.** A note for Y1 parents, the Y1 Class Assembly is on **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am** in the school hall.

**KS 1/2 SATs.** Y6 and Y2 begin their SAT s on Monday. Can I please urge all Y6 parents to make sure that our oldest children get a good night's sleep next week, this will enable them to perform to their potential when completing the tests, a good sleep and breakfast will set them up for the challenges that lie ahead, challenges I'm sure our oldest children will rise to if their performance so far this year is anything to go by. I want to thank in advance Miss McCarron for everything she has done in preparing the children; she really has worked very hard and deserves great credit for this. Likewise to Miss Dunne and Mrs Bryan a big thank you for preparing our Y2 children so well for their tests next week.

**School Website.** All the times and dates for the term ahead (and next year) are on the school website, along with lots of other information, please do pay it a visit.



**School Term Dates.** This half term ends for the children on **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> returning on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> at the normal time.** We break up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1.00pm.** Please note that **Friday(s) June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> are Teacher Days and school will be closed for the children.**

**Holidays in term time.** School has received a few letters recently requesting time off in term time. Please can I ask that holidays are not taken in term time as schools are no longer able to authorise any absences. Please do call into school to see me if you think this may apply to you.

**Y1 Library Visit.** Thanks to Mrs Chandler for organising Y1 and their trip to Birmingham Library on Wednesday, the children really enjoyed visiting what is a wonderful resource.

**Extra Curricular Clubs: Week beginning Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 3.05pm-4.00pm**

Day	Club	Year group	Teacher
Monday	Computing Club	Y2	Miss Dunne/Mrs Croft
Monday	SATs Club	Y6	Miss McCarron
Tuesday	D&T Club	Y3	Mrs Attwood/Mrs Croft
Wednesday	Gymnastics club	Y1C	Fit 4 Schools
Thursday	Art Club	Reception	Mrs Whitty/Mrs Graham
Thursday	Sports club	Y5/6	Mr Barton
Thursday	Science Club	Y4	Mrs Bryan/Miss Crowton

**Attendance for week ending May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception M	95%
Reception F	93%
Y1F	100%
Y1C	97%
Y2C	99%
Y2D	98%
Y3	95%
Y4	98%
Y5	99%
Y6	98%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Please pray for:** Y2 and Y6 as they complete their tests next week.

**Happy Birthday: Elim Tsegai, Julia Oleksa, Oluwadamilola, Shay Gahan, Romiley King, Mateusz Kepa and Dominik Michalowski.**

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred. Head teacher

