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Week ending February 15th 2019

Thought for the week:

“Positive anything is better than negative nothing”

Dear Parents,

Family Mass Sunday March 10th at 10.00am Our “Family Mass” for this term will take place just before the beginning of Lent on March 10th. All of Y3 and Y6 (Confirmandi) need to be present however it would be lovely to see each year group represented in the choir as we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

School Mass. Thanks to Y5 for leading our Mass today, after half term (Friday 1st) we will see KS2 leading our Liturgy.

Whole School Assembly. Thanks to Mr Barton for starting our week with a lovely assembly about being “called to follow Jesus”. It really was a thought provoking way of beginning the new week together.

Y4R Class Assembly Friday February 15th. Thanks to Miss Riley and Y4 for their lovely assembly this morning.

Reception 2019. To date we have had 151 people apply for a place in September. After ranking each person according to the admissions criteria, the local authority will set about sorting out the places that will be offered. If you have applied, have not applied, are thinking of applying ***can I stress the need to fill in one of the school’s supplementary information forms and return it to the office. By doing this we will definitely know that your child is a baptised Catholic.***

Nursery Class. A reminder for Nursery parents that after the Easter holiday Nursery will be finishing at ***11.30am*** on a Friday.

Alton Castle 2019. Straight after half term I will be writing to Y5 with all the details about Alton Castle, Mr Barton will also be hosting a meeting about the trip, explaining everything Y5 parents will need to know. Please look out for the letter during the first week back.

Wellbeing and Mindfulness Please look at the website (www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk) there is a new tab on the left hand side of the homepage with some ideas/activities/advice about all things to do with “wellbeing and mindfulness”. Can I also say a huge thank you to those parents that could come along to Mrs Logue’s “mindfulness meeting” on Wednesday afternoon. There was a healthy turnout so a big thank you to all concerned.



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Teacher Days 2019. In 2019, our remaining teacher days will be *Friday April 5th 2019, Friday June 28th, Friday July 5th and Monday July 22nd.*

Arriving to school. After half term, we plan to change slightly the way children come into school. Everyone (Nursery-Y6) is now to enter school through the double gates, the arrangements for home time will remain the same with both gates being in use. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

Spring Term 2019. We break up for half term today **Friday February 15th**, returning on **Monday the 25th February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12th**, returning for the summer term on **Monday April 29th**.

St Edmund Campion/Cardinal Wiseman. Both Y5 classes visited our two local secondary schools to see wonderful performances of “Hairspray” and “The Wizard of Oz”. These are always really good productions and very enjoyable for the children to attend. Thanks to Miss McCarron and Mrs Williams for organising the trips.

Tree Planting. Y5 were out again tree planting on Wednesday with the help of the Witton Lodge Community Association. Thanks again to Miss McCarron for overseeing the tree planting at the rear of school. Please see our twitter feed for some photos of the children.

School Council Assembly. Thanks to Mrs Chandler and our councillors for their assembly on Wednesday.

Attendance for the half term ending February 15th 2019

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	97%
RecF	96%
Y1P	97%
Y1F	90%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	97%
Y3B	98%
Y3T	97%
Y4R	97%
Y4D	95%
Y5M	97%
Y5A	95%
Y6B	97%
Half Termly Average	97%

Please pray for: Our school and parish.

Many thanks as always for your co-operation and support with these matters. I hope everyone has a restful half term.

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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