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Week beginning March 18th 2019

Thought for the week:

“Success is not the key to happiness; Happiness is the key to success”

Dear Parents,

LENT 2019. Lent has well and truly begun for all of us at St Margaret Marys. The “challenge” that lies ahead for all of us is to continue to think of ways we can do that something extra during the next 40 days. During Lent, traditionally we give things up, this year I asked the children to think of not only giving something up but also doing something extra. That “something extra” could be a little extra to help someone, a little extra to look after someone, a little extra to support someone or a little extra to care for someone. Mrs Logue led the school on Monday and spoke about a lovely idea that the children could embrace, she spoke to them about undertaking 40 acts of kindness for their forty days of Lent, a lovely and simple way to do something extra during Lent 2019. Lent is a perfect time for all of us to re-examine our lives, to become more “self-giving” rather than “selfish”. To put others first and to be aware of the feeling of others. Lent can offer us an opportunity to consider how what we say and what we do can impact on others after all “it is in giving that we receive”.

Family Mass. How lovely it was on Sunday to see our parish church so full. It was a truly fitting way of marking the start of Lent as a parish and school community. A huge thank you to everyone that came along to make it such a special way to begin our Lenten journey. Indeed a simple way of doing something extra could be to go to Mass each week to mark the season of Lent, a time to refresh and replenish our faith.

RE Monitoring Visit. In November 2015, St Margaret Marys was deemed outstanding by the Diocese when it was inspected. The inspection (Section 48 inspection) looked at all aspects of RE in school and today we were visited again by the Diocese for a “monitoring visit”. The purpose of the half-day visit is to once more consider all things RE in school and to look at the progress school has made since its last inspection. I am writing this before the visit has concluded but I wanted to thank Mr Barton and Ms McCarron for their work in preparing for the visit. I want to also write and thank all the staff who went above and beyond once more for our school.

Y1 Library Visit. The week began with Y1 paying a visit to Perry Common Library. Thanks to Ms Finn and Ms Parkes for overseeing the session in our local library. Reading books for



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pleasure is something that sadly seems somewhat to be diminishing, so any trip to the Library is a worthy one, thanks to all concerned.

Secondary Schools 2019. Another reminder that by now our oldest children should have received their secondary school for next September. If anyone hasn't been given the name of their school or wants to talk about the school, they have been offered please pop in to the office.

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

Spring Term 2019. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12th at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on Monday April 29th.**

Change of Dates: Please note the date for Y2C class assembly will have to be put back a week to **Friday March 22nd at 9.00am.**

Fire Service. Y4 received a visit from the local Fire Service on Wednesday and listened to a presentation all about Fire Safety. Thanks to the firefighters and Miss Dunne/Riley for overseeing the visit.

Green Day. Thanks for everyone's support with Green Day yesterday.

Y2C INSPIRE Workshop. Thanks to Mrs Barker for leading our workshop yesterday and thanks to all the parents that came along.

Attendance for the week ending March 15th 2019

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	98%
RecF	93%
Y1P	99%
Y1F	93%
Y2C	96%
Y2M	99%
Y3B	98%
Y3T	98%
Y4R	95%
Y4D	100%
Y5M	99%
Y5A	96%
Y6B	99%
Weekly Average	98%

Please pray for: Our school and parish as Lent continues. Please also remember David Richardson and his family in your prayers. David received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass last Sunday.

Happy Birthday to: Daisy – Ella, Kim, Zayan and Olivia

Many thanks as always for your co-operation and support with these matters.

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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