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**Week beginning Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“It’s not what you look at that matters it’s what you see”**

Dear Parents,

**LENT 2019.** Mr Barton led school on Monday with a reflection about last Sunday’s Gospel. He focussed on the theme of “doing that little bit extra”, doing that something special to help us all ensure that we are “living Lent”. He told us it is never too late to do that something extra and that Lent affords all of us the perfect opportunity to do so. **School Mass.** Thank you to Y4 and Y1 for leading our Mass today. Our next mass will be a KS2 Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Violin Lessons.** Recently school was offered the opportunity to participate in some violin lessons to run alongside the Brass provision we already offer. Every Tuesday morning Y3 will have the opportunity to learn, play and perform the violin. Both classes had a taster on Tuesday and Ms Travers class will begin in earnest next week. Mrs Bryan’s class will follow later in the summer term. If this proves successful and popular, we will carry it on in to 2019-2020. I am indebted to Mr Birnie at the music service for thinking of our school and for giving us this opportunity to widen our Music provision even further. It is hoped Y3 will put on a concert for parents late in the summer term.

**Saving money.** Representatives visited Y6 from the Halifax Bank on Tuesday afternoon. They came into school to talk to our oldest children about the importance of “looking after” your money and the services that are available to young and old alike. The children really enjoyed the session and found it particularly informative. It was a real pleasure for me to welcome back one of our ex pupils who led the workshop, James Maguire left St Margaret Marys 16 years ago!! It was lovely to welcome him and his colleagues back to school for what was a useful presentation for Y6, thanks to all concerned.

**Professor McGinty and the Ancient Greeks.** Our time travelling historian Professor McGinty paid a flying visit to Y5 on Tuesday. The children really do look forward to these visits and this week was no exception. They are such interactive sessions and this week included the staging of a wedding from Ancient Greece. Please look at our twitter feed to see what happened.

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



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

**Parents Evening 2019.** Thanks to everyone that came along to the extra session on Wednesday, your support as always is much appreciated.

**Science Day 2019.** What a day we all had on Wednesday, exploring, investigating, hypothesising, predicting and experimenting. Every year group spent the day doing all of the above and more! We then came together to feedback with two lovely assemblies on Wednesday afternoon highlighting everything that went on and everything the children discovered. It really was a super day, thanks to all the staff for their work throughout Wednesday and in particular I would like to thank Mrs Bryan for organising the whole day.

**Y1P INSIRE Workshop.** Thanks to Ms Parkes for overseeing 1P's workshop yesterday. Thanks to those that managed to come along your support is much appreciated.

**KS1 SATs Workshop.** Thanks to Mrs Chandler for leading our workshop yesterday, thanks to those that came along.

**Y6 Visit to the Jewellery Quarter.** Thanks to Mr Barton for overseeing our visit to the jewellery Quarter yesterday to support their topic on "The Mayans".

**Litter Pick.** A quick thank you to our Councillors and Mrs Chandler for helping the local "litter pick" this morning. **Spring Term 2019.** We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Attendance for the week ending March 29th 2019**

Year Group	Weekly %
Rec W	98%
RecF	98%
Y1P	97%
Y1F	97%
Y2C	93%
Y2M	100%
Y3B	99%
Y3T	98%
Y4R	99%
Y4D	94%
Y5M	98%
Y5A	97%
Y6B	93%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Please pray for:** Please pray for Mr Duffy who is poorly.

**Happy Birthday to:** Nieshawn, Valentina, Ava, Steve and Oliver.

***Happy Mother's Day!!!!***

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



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