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**Week beginning Monday May 20th 2019**

**Thought for the week:**

**“Success is not final, failure is not fatal it is courage to continue that counts”**

**First Holy Communion 2019.** Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. The two Masses were both wonderful occasions with the children being a credit to our school, their families and themselves. It was lovely to see the church full of so many families, all there to share in what is always a really special day. I would ask that everyone keep the final group of children in their thoughts as they complete preparations for our final Masses this Saturday.

I thanked everyone involved last week but I want to mention again my sincere thanks to the Y3 staff for all they have done in preparing the children. A special note of thanks for Mr Barton for overseeing the whole programme at what is a particularly busy time. I will write with details of when the certificates are to be given out as soon as our final Mass is over.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y5 and Y2 for leading Mass this morning, next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> our Liturgy will be led by the sacramental classes Y3 and Y6.

**Academic year 2019/2020.**

Autumn term 2019	Spring term 2020	Summer term 2020
Thursday September 5th to Friday October 25th	Monday January 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday February 14th.	Monday April 20th to Friday May 22nd
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Monday November 4th to Friday December 20th	Monday February 24th to Friday April 3rd	Monday June 2nd to Friday July 18th
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

**Term Dates.** School breaks up for the Whit half term on **Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>**, returning for the final half term on **Monday June 3rd**. School breaks up for the summer holidays on **Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm**, please also note that there are three more Teacher Days this term **Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



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**KS 2 SATs.** The KS 2 SATs are over for another year. Y6 took the tests this year in the main school hall and their classroom. They did their best and for that they need to be commended, they turned up on time and have worked hard all week, well done to every one of them.

Many thanks must go to Mr Barton for all he has done this year in getting our oldest children prepared for the SATs. It is an enormous task as above and beyond the content the children need to know, they also need to be taught the skills needed to successfully take a test. The results should be back with us sometime in June; these will then be shared with parents in the end of year reports to come home in July.

**KS1 SATs.** Y2 have been taking their tests over the last two weeks as well, they have been working very hard with Mrs Logue. They are nearly finished! Well done to all of Y2 for trying their best.

**Wellbeing and Mindfulness.** Can I encourage everyone to look at our website, click on the wellbeing tab located on the homepage and consider all the things that have been going on around being mindful and our mental wellbeing. School under the guidance of Mrs Logue is investing a lot of time and energy into the whole area of mindfulness and wellbeing. It is also a priority on our school improvement plan this year and is already having a significant impact across school, as evidenced in feedback from the children and families. Please do take a look.

**Attendance for week ending May 18th 2019**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>% Attendance</b>
Rec F	95%
Rec W	96%
Y1F	90%
Y1P	98%
Y2C	95%
Y2M	93%
Y3B	99%
Y3T	91%
Y4D	96%
Y4R	95%
Y5A	93%
Y5M	96%
Y6B	99%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>95%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Oscar, Kyle, Adam, Diana and Gracie – Mai

**Please pray for:** Finally, many families will remember Mrs Christine (Chris) Allen who worked as a peripatetic pianist here at St Margaret Marys for many years. Chris worked in school every Friday playing at concerts, Masses and assemblies up until July 2016. She was a talented musician who enriched many an occasion and someone who was a trusted friend and colleague of our school. Sadly, Chris passed away last week after a short illness, I would ask everyone to remember her and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation with these matters.

M. Aldred Head Teacher



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