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### Week beginning September 23rd 2019.

#### **Thought for the week:**

**“Good advice may be ignored but that is no reason not to give it”.**

Dear Parents,

**Family Mass Sunday September 22nd 10.00am.** *Everyone is invited to our Mass on Sunday 22nd. Both Father Simon and I extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along and join us.* This Mass will be an ideal opportunity to say hello to all our new families and for all of us to start our new year together as a school family.

**Y2&Y5 Mass.** Thanks to the children in Y2/5 for leading our Mass this morning. Next Friday (27th), it will be the turn of Y4 and Y1.

**Secondary Transfer 2019-2020.** A further reminder that the online admissions website is now open and the secondary school open sessions are about to begin. Y6 parents have until the end of October to submit their application form. If any family needs to talk or is unsure about this process please come in to school for a chat. It is a very important decision and my advice would be to visit all your potential schools.

**School numbers.** Each year group is now completely full; there is however, a pressing need for any families who require a place in Reception/Nursery next year (September 2020) to fill in our “Supplementary Information Form”. If this form is not filled in, it is likely that your child will not secure a place at St Margaret Marys. ***I cannot stress enough the need to come into the school office (or download it from the website) and complete our school form.*** Currently Nursery is 84 % Catholic, most of whom will be transferring to Reception in 2020. The current Reception classes are 65% Catholic so places will be at an absolute premium next year (despite having two classes). Please make sure you fill in one of our forms if you are intending to apply for September 2020.

**Alton Castle 2019** Everyone returned safely on Wednesday afternoon! They were in need of some sleep and all had enjoyed a wonderful time at Alton Castle. The staff told me that the children were a credit to take away and they represented our school in exemplary fashion. Well Done to all of them!! A huge thank you to Mr Barton, Miss McCarron, Mrs Croft and Mr Mulligan for giving up their time to take our children away. I cannot stress enough what a huge responsibility this is, thanks to each one of them. Thanks also to our parents for following their adventures on Twitter and supporting school in getting all the children ready to go.



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Finally, Alton Castle may be over this year but planning has already begun for our next visit in 2020! I will write with details nearer the time to our current Y5 families. The dates for our visit in 2020 will be **Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**School Library.** If anyone has any unwanted books in good condition please let me know. Our new school Library would provide the ideal new home for them.

**Y5 INSPIRE Workshops.** Thanks to those Y5 families that managed to come along on Thursday.

**Y4 Wellbeing Assembly.** Thanks to Mrs Coates for overseeing our wellbeing assembly for Y4 on Tuesday.

**Spanish.** We are very lucky here at St Margaret Marys to have Senora Fernandez as part of our staff team. Our Spanish lessons have now begun once more across Key Stage 2 and are a joy to behold. Muchos gracias Senora.

**Violin Lessons for Y3.** School has also been successful in securing the services of an additional teacher from the Music Service. Mrs Davis is coming into school teaching the Violin to firstly Y3C and after half term to Y3P. These lessons are taking place across Wednesday afternoons and the plan is for a concert for all of Y3 some time near to Christmas.

**Y5A Class Assembly.** Our first class assembly of 2019 will be led by Y5A (Mrs Attwood) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> in the school hall at 9.00am.

**Attendance for week ending September 20th 2019**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	94%
Rec R	97%
Y1J	98%
Y1P	97%
Y2B	97%
Y2M	99%
Y3C	97%
Y3P	98%
Y4M	96%
Y4R	98%
Y5A	96%
Y5M	98%
Y6B	99%
Y6M	99%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Violet Wesley, Hanna Ezuz and Cleopatra Filip-Datcu.

**Please pray for:** Our parish and school communities that they continue to grow stronger in the year ahead.

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

M. Aldred Head teacher



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