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Week beginning Monday October 7th 2019. Thought for the week: "Commitment is an act not a word".

Dear Parents,

Gospel Assembly. Our week began with Mr Barton leading the school through a reflection on Sunday's Gospel. The theme of the assembly was "Sharing" as Mr Barton told us, about how the rich man in Sunday's Gospel treated Lazarus. We spoke about the different things we can share; we spoke also, about how sometimes it can be difficult to share for lots of different reasons. Finally, Mr Barton told the children that perhaps one of the most important things to share with each other is our time. Taking time to help, care, talk, listen and share with others is our challenge for the term ahead.

Harvest Time. Following on from the theme of sharing I want to thank everyone for sending in some food for those less fortunate than ourselves. Our younger children held an assembly yesterday and Key Stage 2 celebrated Mass this morning with a display of all the food that was sent in. All the donations will be sent away to local foodbanks/St Chads Sanctuary helping those that are most in need in our local community. From the word **HARVEST**, you can make the word **STARVE** but you can also make the word **SHARE** so a big thank you to everyone for sharing your food with those in need.

KS2 Mass. Thanks to the children in KS2 for leading our Mass this morning. Next Friday (11th), it will be the turn of Y5 and Y2.

<u>Y3 visit to Packwood House.</u> First thing Monday morning Ms Pritchard, Mrs Coates and their team of helpers set off for Solihull with Y3. As part of their topic looking at different types of gardens, they visited Packwood House. Packwood House has a fascinating history and some beautifully landscaped gardens. Packwood House is known for its collection of Yew trees that are imposing sight throughout the year, it also has a walled kitchen garden and a stunning woodland trail around a lake. Thankfully, Y3 returned before the rain set in on Monday, after enjoying a super day exploring the gardens of Packwood House. Thanks to everyone concerned.

<u>Multiskills.</u> Our week also began in a very active fashion with our oldest children taking part in multiskills. Our sports coach Mr Crooks hosted a fun and busy day all organised by Mrs Williams. Thanks to both for a very lively start to Monday!

Y3C Class Assembly. Thanks to Y3C and Mrs Coates for their lovely assembly this morning.



<u>Y1 visit to the Back-to-Back houses.</u> Tuesday and Wednesday saw both Y1 classes take a trip back in time to visit the "Back to backs" in Birmingham city centre. I would urge everyone to go along if you haven't already, and take a look at a fascinating piece of social History on our doorstep. Many thanks to Mrs Jones, Ms Parkes and their team of helpers for leading the visit.

<u>Y3 INSPIRE Workshops.</u> Thanks to those Y3 families that managed to come along on Tuesday.

<u>Art Day.</u> Ms Parkes organised Art Day across school on Wednesday, in each class the children were painting, sculpting, drawing, creating, designing, producing, displaying and discussing all things Art. The results of which can be found on our website, thanks to Ms Parkes for her efforts in organising the day.

School Council/Parliament Assembly. Thanks to Ms McCarron for our assembly yesterday and thanks to all our councillors/Liturgy leaders and Wellbeing warriors that will be representing our school for 2019-2020. Again, please look at the website for further details.

Violin Lessons for Y3. A letter came home to Y3C on Wednesday asking for your support with our Violin lessons. The children in 3C will be bringing home their Violins this week please do encourage them to practise.

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Happy Birthday: Jasmine, Eva, Grace, Haniel, Alfie, Laila, Abigail, Bethany, Zoe, Keshayla, Munachimso and Zion.

<u>Please pray for:</u> We have spoken to the children this week about October being the month of the Rosary, our Liturgy Leaders will be praying the Rosary throughout October and I would encourage everyone to take some time throughout this month to pray the Rosary.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support with these matters. M. Aldred Head teacher

