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### Week beginning Monday January 20th 2020.

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

**“Character is what you know you are, not what others think you have”**

Dear Parents,

**The Baptism of Jesus.** Our week began with Mr Barton leading our Gospel assembly all about the Baptism of Jesus. Throughout school, we have a number of display boards depicting certain events in the life of Jesus; his birth, his first miracle and the last supper are just some examples. Outside Y5 is a display board showing the Baptism of Jesus, it is located at the top of the staircase and most of KS2 pass by it every day. When we are baptised we become members of God’s family, our forehead is anointed with chrism with the sign of the cross. The beginning of every act of collective worship is everyone together, making the sign of the cross. This is a sign that we are all members of God’s family and in our case the family of St Margaret Mary’s, thanks to Mr Barton for leading our assembly on Monday.

**School Mass.** Thanks to Y4 and Y1 for leading our mass this morning. Next week (Friday 24<sup>th</sup>) will see Y5 & Y2 leading our Liturgy.

**Sacramental Programme 2020.** Due to the numbers involved, we will have to have three masses at 9.00am and 11.00am on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> and 9.00am on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. I am most grateful to Father Simon for his help with this, making sure we can all fit in the church can be a logistical challenge. Mr Barton will confirm all the final details shortly.

**Reception Class 2020** If you know anyone who has not yet submitted their application form for a place in our school for next September please follow the advice below as a matter of urgency.

*“Urgent – Parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2020. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting a member of the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service on 0121 675 0555.”*

**Building Work.** From February 2<sup>nd</sup> (for approximately two weeks), the redundant gas pipe beyond the far end of the car park will be removed. This will mean some additional traffic, a crane and heavy machinery in that particular area. Please take extra care coming to school.



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**“Stay and Read”** What a great turnout by Y2H/Y2M for our first “stay and read” sessions this week. Thanks to Mrs Heslegrave for organising it and special thanks to all the parents that came along to stay and read with their child.

**“Peter Pan”** KS1 visited the Rep on Wednesday for a modern interpretation of the classic story Peter Pan. The children told me they had a fantastic time and in particular liked the “sparkly costumes” and the “dancing!” Thanks to all the staff that accompanied the children to what seemed to be a super show.

**Y5 INSPIRE Workshop.** Thanks to Y5 families that came along yesterday, next week (23rd) Y4 will be hosting their workshops.

**EYFS Meetings.** Thanks to those that could come along earlier in the week to talk and meet with Ms Rathbone about the Early Years curriculum.

**Spring Term 2020.** We break up for half term on **Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>**, returning on **Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> February** at the usual time. We break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 1.00pm, returning for the summer term on **Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Attendance for the week ending January 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Year Group	% Attendance
Rec M	97%
Rec R	90%
Y1J	98%
Y1P	99%
Y2H	95%
Y2M	98%
Y3C	97%
Y3P	99%
Y4M	99%
Y4Y	97%
Y5A	97%
Y5M	99%
Y6B	97%
Y6M	97%
<b>Weekly Average</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Happy Birthday:** Josiah, Liz, Karlton and Oliver.

**Please pray for:** Anyone in our school family that is feeling anxious. Anxiety is a very debilitating condition and something we can’t always see and understand.

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

M. Aldred Head Teacher.



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