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**Week ending Holy Thursday April 1st 2021.**

**Thought for the week:**

**“Forgive them for they know not what they do”**

Dear Parent

**Holy Week in school 2021.** This week has seen the whole school community stop and reflect on the events of Holy Week. From the first virtual assembly on Monday everything we have done has had Holy Week at its centre. Thank you to everyone in school for marking this week in such a thoughtful manner.

**Holy Week and Easter Mass times at St Margaret Marys Church**

**1st April Maundy Thursday. Mass will be at 7.30pm.**

**2nd April Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at 2.00pm followed by Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm.**

**3rd April Holy Saturday. 11.00am “Blessing of the Baskets” “Swiecenie potraw Wielkanocnych”.**

**3rd April Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil.**

**4th April Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am and 11.00am**

I have spoken to the children at length this week about how important it is that we focus on the events of Holy Week. Please take your child/children along to Church over the Easter period, after all without this week our school and parish would not exist.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation 2021.** Congratulations to all the children in Y3 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday. The children made their first confession ensuring now that they are in a state of grace with God enabling them to move forward to make their first Holy Communion in June/July. Many thanks to Father Simon for his help and support with First Confession this year. Restrictions meant we had to organise things differently this year and I am very grateful to Father for his patience and understanding. Thanks also to Mr Barton for overseeing the children on behalf of Mrs Attwood and Ms Pritchard.

**First Holy Communion Y3/Y4.** These masses will begin on our return from the Easter break. A reminder that those families who wish to use the Friday as a special “family day” then please feel free to do so. The children can spend the day with their families, have a meal/party and need not come into school if families wish, just let Mr Barton or myself know what your plans are.



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**End of Term.** A final reminder that we break up from school for the Easter holidays **tomorrow Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1.00pm** we return to school at the normal time on **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Summer Term Teacher Days.** School will be closed for all pupils on ***Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>.*** ***Please make a note in your diaries.***

**FSM Vouchers.** The vouchers have been emailed out today to eligible families. The vouchers are eligible for the two weeks of the Easter break.

**Dinner Money.** Please can any outstanding monies be paid by tomorrow. Can I please ask that large debts are not built up and that any outstanding amounts are paid accordingly.

**Lent 2021.** Thank you to everyone for joining in and donating money for all our various charities this year, despite not being here for a significant part of this term we have still managed to collect the following:

***“Green Day” for Father Hudson’s raised £200.***

***“Easter Egg raffle” has raised £300 so far for CAFOD.***

**A grand total of £500 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE.**

**Please pray for:** Please pray for everyone in our school and parish that Easter brings all of us good health and many blessings.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who works in our school for all of their efforts this term. Since the children returned it has once more felt like school was returning to something akin to normality. The staff have been tremendous in settling the children back into the routine of school and hopefully the summer term will be even more like the “normal” we all once knew.

In particular, I would like to thank the governors and Father Simon for their support and advice this term, their commitment to St Margaret Marys, its children and staff is much appreciated.

**Finally, I would like to wish all our families a Happy and Holy Easter, and look forward to welcoming everyone back on April 19<sup>th</sup>**

M. Aldred Head teacher.



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