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St Margaret Mary's Letter:

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

As a school this half-term, we are growing to be 'Curious and Active'.

Growing our Virtues: In classrooms & across the school this half-term we are growing and demonstrating the virtues of being '**curious and active**'. As a school we are focusing upon being **active** in our engagement with one-another, with the world we are a part of and changing what we can for the better. We are growing to be inquisitive & engaged, asking questions & being **curious** to the world around us.

Walk-to-School Week & Clean Air Day:

I would like to start by saying a huge thank-you for the wonderful support that we received with yesterday's St Margaret's Road Closure. I felt very proud of everyone's efforts & I am very aware that this meant a number of you had to adjust your normal ways of travelling to school & that this had knock-on effects for many of you. However, what was evident for all to see, & commented on by so many parents & children, was the calmness of the start & end to the school day. It was lovely to see families cycling down the road, families being able to relax & chat as they walked, without the worry of car traffic, vehicles being turned in the road & cars mounting pavements. Next week we will be organising a quick survey & feedback on the week as a whole & look at ways in which we can build on this moving forward, to ensure that the road & journey to school is as safe & pleasant as possible. Once again thank-you for your support & watch this space!

World Migrant & Refugee Day: A big thank-you to all of the children, staff & parents who supported our own clothes day, last Friday in aid of Refugees & migrants around the world. Your generosity raised £455. This is a fantastic amount that will go to Salford Diocese & Caritas who will donate it on our behalf. Thank-you again!

Sacramental Programme & Parish News:

A reminder that the First Holy Communion & Sacramental Programme for our children in Year Four has started again. As I am sure you can remember & appreciate, this was started in Year Three & paused due to the national COVID-19 restrictions. Fr Andrew & the Parish Catechists have communicated individual mass times with our parents & children to take place through the months of October & November. We send them our prayers & best wishes as they make their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. As a school we will find a way to mark & celebrate this very special occasion, when our children have received the sacrament.

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day:

On Friday we celebrate the special Feast Day of St Margaret Mary. This is a very special day in the calendar of the school. The children will be focusing on the life of St Margaret Mary and the themes of Mission, being saintly & Building God's Kingdom throughout the day. We will also look at how St Margaret Mary connects our school community; past, present & future together. As befits a special day of reflection & celebration we are inviting all children & staff to come in their own clothes on Friday, with small class celebrations planned.



Once again a reminder that if a family member or person who you or your child has been in close contact with develops symptoms or tests positive, your child should not come into school & you need to let the School Office know as soon as possible [this also includes any siblings as well]. **Please do not hesitate to contact school as soon as possible, if you require any further support or guidance with this & all matters. As always we will do all that we can to support & advise. Thank-you for your support with this.**

SeeSaw Parent Invitation: As mentioned earlier this week, we have set up a Family Link with your child's Seesaw account. With this, you will be able to receive notifications when work is set & when feedback is given, as well as when your child has submitted their work. You will also be able to communicate with your child's teacher, if needed. The Family Invite Links have been sent home this week. You will need the 'Seesaw Family' app and it works in the same way as your child's account (i.e a QR code or 12 letter code is given to login). A further guide is on the school website.

Finally I would like to share with you the news of our recent Head Girl, Head Boy & Pupil Responsibility elections across Y6 over the last few weeks. I am very proud of the way our Year Six children have all settled into the new term, particularly given the obvious challenges this has presented. They have done so in a calm, focused & importantly caring manner. As such a number of them have been very keen to take on additional responsibilities in supporting the Mission of the school & helping our younger children. This is a really important part of their journey & experience through St Margaret Mary's. I am pleased to share with you the following:

Head Girl – **Ruby** Head Boy – **Oliver** Deputy Head Girl – **Ariam** Deputy Head Boy - **Manasseh**

In addition to this the following children have been appointed to prefect roles; Scarlett C, Lacey, Nifemi, Lois, Rimi, Scarlett P, Myles, Kye, Jessiekay, Samrawi, Ikem, Olivia, Rebecca, Gerald & Jack.

Well done to all, we know you will do a brilliant job!

Once again, thank-you for all of your support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Take care & God Bless!

Mr Sutton
Headteacher



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X

