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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.

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day:

Today we have celebrated the special Feast Day of St Margaret Mary throughout the school. Children across the classes have looked at the life of St Margaret Mary, her calling & how this is linked to our Mission.

Thank-you for supporting this special day in our school community. It has been lovely to see children & staff come to school in their own clothes as part of marking this special day. Special thanks to Mrs Doyle for the delicious cakes we have enjoyed as part of our celebrations. Some beautiful work & reflections have taken place across the school in classes, as well as amongst our staff body. **Please see school twitter for examples.**

We remind ourselves of how special it is to be a part of the St Margaret Mary's Family & we keep using our unique gifts & talents to make a positive difference in the world.

SeeSaw Set-Up: A reminder that all parents should now have their '**Family Link**' to your child's Seesaw account. These were all sent home last week & are really important to supporting not only homework but also remote learning as & when it is required. As I am sure you can appreciate if your child has to stay at home for a period of time, or work from home due to COVID-19 this is crucial. The expectation from the DfE & on schools is that if a child or family are self-isolating for any length of time, then school work is set straight away & completed by all children accordingly, unless a child is ill. I know many parents have activated this so far, but also a number have not. Therefore I am asking that you make yourself familiar with this over the next few days & let us know by the end of next week if you need any further support from school or help in setting it up. I am sure you can appreciate the importance of this.

Using the Family Link, 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. 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 available on the school website for further, helpful information.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards Deadline: – A reminder that this Monday 19th October is the final day for Christmas Card Designs being returned to school. Given the times we find ourselves in, now more than ever is this the opportunity to personalise a special Christmas Card for family & friends. If you require any further information please contact the School Office asap.



School Dinners: It has been really pleasing to see a return in the uptake for school dinners over the last few weeks. Mrs Doyle & Mrs Byrne have worked really hard to look at how we can ensure a healthy, hot meal provision for all children, under the current, difficult circumstances. I am very pleased to announce that we are now in a position to do so & the responses from the children have been very positive.

Daily the children have the option of a delicious hot meal, which includes; cook's choice - ranging from roast dinner, curry & rice, fish & chips & pasta-bake with garlic bread etc... to jacket potato with a range of fillings. If you would like your child to have a school meal please arrange for this via the School Office ahead of the week, with appropriate payments being made.

School Council: A special congratulations to our elected School Council children across the classes, this year.

**Ian – Y1J Daniel – Y1-2M Ted – Y2O Grace – Y3K Darcie – Y3-4D Uzonna – Y4T Neveah – Y5T
Noah R – Y5M Noah DS – Y6G Jack – Y6C**

I know that they will do a fantastic job supporting the mission of the school & being the voice of their classmates.

Special Message from Ruby & Oliver [Head Girl & Head Boy]:

I have attached a special introduction letter from our Head Girl & Head Boy, Ruby & Oliver, who will be working closely with staff, children & parents this year.

Lunchtime Organiser Advert: I am writing to inform you of the opportunity to join the St Margaret Mary's Staff Team as a Lunchtime Organiser. This is an important role in supporting the well-being & pastoral care of all of our children. Please see the website & vacancies tab for further information. Closing date for applications is Friday 30th October at midday. If you require any further information about the role please do not hesitate to contact us.

A reminder that school closes for the half-term break next Friday at the normal time. As highlighted in the school calendar, we will reopen on **Tuesday 3rd November**. A reminder that any holiday leave must be requested via the School Office & will be unauthorised during term-time unless for exceptional circumstances.

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

Mr Sutton
Headteacher



Feast Day of St Margaret Mary

**Today we honour St Margaret Mary. St Margaret Mary knits us all together as a school family and a community.
Past, Present and Future**

