

# **Guardian Angels School**

**Newsletter No. 1** 

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### This half term's virtues are:

Compassionate	and	Loving
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Dates for your diary		
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am-12:00pm	Year 5 - Swimming begins
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September		Year 6 – Bikeability all week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm	Star Pupil Assembly (parents will be invited at the new time)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm	Healthy Lunches Assembly for KS1 parents and pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9:15am	Mass – led by year 4
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	1:30pm	Parishioner's Tea
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September		Non-uniform day – cake donations (cake sales)

#### **Welcome Back**

It has been a delight to welcome our pupils back to school following the summer break. They all look very smart in their new school uniforms and we thank you for adhering to the uniform policy. A warm welcome to all of our new families. We also welcome Miss Gately, our Year 3 teacher, and Mr Martin, our Year 4 teacher, to the staff team; we hope that they will enjoy being a part of our Guardian Angels family. We hope that pupils, parents and staff feel refreshed after the summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

#### <u>Mass</u>

The pupil's behaviour was exemplary at our start of term Mass yesterday which was celebrated by Fr John O'Brien. We look forward to our weekly Mass starting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, at the **new time of 9.15am**, when Father Michael returns from holiday.

#### **Appointments with Staff**

Here at Guardian Angels we have an open door policy. This means that we welcome conversations and meetings with parents when needed. Please do be aware that staff are not always available immediately to speak with parents. This is due to other scheduled appointments and responsibilities for supervising children. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment via the school office. Please remember that your child's class teacher is the first port of call for communication.

# **Star Pupil Assembly**

Our first Star Pupil Assembly of the academic year will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the <u>new time</u> <u>of 2.30pm.</u> Parents of pupils who are selected to receive an award during the assembly are warmly invited to attend. If your child is due to receive an award, you will be notified via text message and names will be published on the weekly newsletter.

#### **Healthy Snack/Packed Lunch**

A balanced healthy diet enables pupils to learn. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure that fruit and vegetables form part of their lunch boxes. Pupils in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) can bring a healthy snack to eat at play time. All Key Stage 1 pupils (Reception- Year 2) receive daily free fruit in school. To encourage pupils to eat a healthy snack and lunch the majority of the week, pupils are permitted to bring a sensible 'treat' on Fridays. This could be a chocolate biscuit with their lunch or a packet of crisps for break time and please ensure lunch boxes are labelled on the outside as some pupils have the same design lunch boxes. Fizzy drinks are not permitted at any time. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day to keep them hydrated.

To remind you, if your child wishes to change their dinner preference, the school office must be notified two weeks in advance.

#### **School Dinners**

Please look out for our 'Theme Day' dinners. This is an excellent chance for pupils to sample the excellent range of food on offer from our school kitchen. All Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. Please contact the School Office for further details. Key Stage 1 parents and pupils will be invited to an assembly on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm to give more information about healthy lunches.

#### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with the child's name and class; this helps to prevent items getting lost. Remember- no extreme haircuts are permitted (including shaved patterns) and only plain stud earrings-no hooped or gemmed earrings. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **School Planners**

To reward pupils excellent behaviour, there is the opportunity to receive a golden stamp each day. For your child to receive their golden stamp each day, there is a number of things they must do:

- Attend school
- Arrive at school on time
- Wear correct uniform
- Have their PE kit
- Complete homework
- Try hard in lessons
- Be well behaved
- Get their planner signed each night by an adult

Rewards are in place for pupils at different points throughout the year. If your child loses their planner, there is a cost of £5.00 for a replacement.

## **Homework Guidance**

Homework is important to support your child's progress in school. To help your child achieve their best when completing homework, the following guidance is suggested:

- Provide a peaceful place away from distractions
- Find a good time to do the homework
- Value your child's homework
- Read at home each night, ensuring that the planner is signed

## **PE and School Sport**

Please see the information regarding PE at Guardian Angels. PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and it is vital that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Failure to have their kit on their PE day will result in them missing PE and not receiving their golden stamp for that day. Although we try to ensure that PE takes place on a set day, sometimes we may need to make changes.

Day	Classes
Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 1, Year 4 and Year 3H
Thursday	Year 2, Year 4 and Year 3G
Friday	Reception and year 5

# PE Kit

- Plain black P.E bag
- Plain black shorts or plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings for cold weather
- Yellow Guardian Angels T- shirt
- Black jumper for cold weather
- Plimsolls for Reception, Year 1 and 2
- Plimsolls or trainers for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

# **Reminder**

Please can parents remember to walk all children into the school premises when bringing their child to school in the morning.

# **Parking**

It is essential that parents park carefully and respectfully.



## **Medical Conditions and Personal Details**

Please ensure that you notify the office of any changes to contact information of medical conditions as soon as you possibly can - Thank you.

# **Special Mentions**

To all of Year 6 for their amazing talents. Well done!

# Safeguarding Tip of the Week

This website gives teachers, parents and school leader's practical advice and information on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation.

http://educateagainsthate.com/

#### **E-Safety Tip of the Week**

Most children use the internet to improve and develop in relation to schoolwork and personal interests. Children should be aware that not all information found online is correct, accurate or relevant.



God of love, help us to share your love with others. Open our hearts so that we might welcome all who are in need and do our best to make sure that all people have enough.

Amen.

Have a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Milligan Mr A Spindlow

