



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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30th November 2018

Guided by the teachings of the Church we pray, work, celebrate, and care for each other and other people using the gifts we have been given by God the Father, Son and Spirit.

This half term's virtues are:

Faith-filled	and	Hopeful
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Dates for your diary		
Tuesday 4 th December 2018	9:15am	Mass – Led by Y3G – Please, join us. All are welcome
Thursday 6 th December 2018	9:30-10:15am	EYFS workshop - Creative
Friday 7 th December 2018		Non-uniform day – Bottle donations please

Invitation to Mass

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 4th December at 9.15am for our School Mass which will be led by Year Y3G.

All families are invited to **family Mass** on the first Sunday of each Month at The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church:

This Sunday 2nd December 2018 at 9.45am.

Please join the FIA (Faith In Action) for tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits which will be served in the porch following Mass. We hope to see you there!



Admission for Reception Class September 2019

If you have a child due to start school in a Reception class in September 2019, please apply online on www.birmingham.gov.uk and also complete the Supplementary Information Form, which is available from the school office. Please return this form as soon as possible. The closing date for a Reception place for September 2019 is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

St Chad's Trip This Wednesday – Year 6

In preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, Year 6 visited St Chad's Cathedral on Wednesday. Pupils participated well in the tour of the Cathedral, finding out many historical facts about the Reformation whilst deepening their knowledge of their faith. Pupils also participated in Mass respectfully and marked Red Wednesday with all at St Chads. The behaviour of Year 6 was outstanding and this was commented upon by several members of the public- well done Year 6.

Red Wednesday

On Wednesday, people across the UK stood together in solidarity for the world's persecuted Christians. Leading the way in the Diocese was St Chad's Cathedral, which was floodlit red for the whole week to incorporate this special day. This week in school, we joined in lighting up red in solidarity for faith and freedom.

Non-Uniform – Donations

Thank you so kindly, to all the children and parents who have continually donated for the school fayre, which will be held on Friday 14th December 2018. Our liturgy leaders are working together with their classes to decide which charities they would like to donate to during Advent. We will keep you informed of their wise decisions.

New Menu

Please take a look at our new lunch menu which will take effect from Tuesday 4th December 2018. We look forward to exploring new flavours and additional options each day at school.

Website Update

Please take time to have a look at our school website <http://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/> where you can see all our latest updates, Twitter feed, information to support the curriculum and our newly created 'Our Faith' section that has key information and snippets of the Catholic Life of Guardian Angels.

Our Website

Have you seen our 'Snippets of Faith' on our website? Visit this area to see what is happening at Guardian Angels.



Did you know that you can also access the weekly RE homework in the 'Our Faith' area? RE homework gives the opportunity for families to carry out fun 'Enrichment' tasks alongside the weekly Wednesday Word. All pupils who complete the task receive 10 house points reward as well as seeing their work proudly displayed around the school.

Mass

Thank you to Miss Hulme, Mrs Freeman, Miss Ryan and Y3H children for the celebration of Mass this week. A respectful Mass where the children's behaviour was, as always outstanding. It was a joy to hear the bidding prayers that the children had written in class- well done!

Reminder: Confirmation 30th January 2019

Due to health & safety considerations, we must stress that only one row of seating will be available for each family. We actively encourage extended family and friends to celebrate with you at family gatherings and parties, independently of the service.

Term Time Leave and Holidays

Following an unusually high number of requests for term time leave, please take the following into consideration:

From 1st September 2013, amendments to the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#) made clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

Term time holidays continue to cause significant concern and debate. While there are many different views, the direct correlation between attendance and attainment is undeniable. Absence from school interrupts teaching and learning and compromises progress. Therefore, we strongly discourage pupil leave of absence during term time. The expectation is that such leave would only be authorised in the most exceptional circumstances.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are still on sale at a cost of 20p each or a strip of 5 for £1.00. They will be available for pupils to purchase at break and lunch times. Pupils may bring money into school to purchase these up to 14th December.

Together with Mary in Advent During Advent



On a day and at a time of your own choosing - each family is invited to pray the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. A sheet will be available next week to help those people who are less familiar with the Rosary. It is hoped that many will use the opportunity to invite friends and family to come and join them in a time of prayer and for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. It is a good way to mark the particular religious significance of Advent. It is an especially valuable thing to do for families with children - perhaps combining in with the fun of lighting of the Christmas Tree for the first time, and taking a short time to remember the fundamental reason we celebrate Christmas. Rosary leaflets are available in the entrance hall and a copy will be sent home with the Wednesday Word.

THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SHOWN THE VIRTUES OF FAITH-FILLED AND HOPEFUL THIS WEEK ARE:

Jesse (Rec), Keenan (Y1), Tayla (Y2), Caiden (3G), Finley (3H), E'Shae (Y4), Lillie-Mai (Y5) and Jemma (Y6)

These children will be given an award on Monday 3RD December 2018 at 2:40pm - Please attend to support your child

E-SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK

Be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the law.

SAFEGUARDING TIPS OF THE WEEK

Whenever you're about to post something online, pause and just imagine someone in authority, someone you respect, reading that post or looking at that photo. If that feels uncomfortable, don't do it

ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 19-11-2018. WELL DONE YEAR 4!

Group	Attendance
Reception	94.6%
Y 1	96.1%
Y 2	85%
3 H	93.9%
3 G	94.6%
Y 4	98.3%
Y 5	97.2%
Y 6	95.7%
Overall total	94.5%

STAR OF THE WEEK

We look forward to congratulating:

Ava and Jan	Rec
Anaya and Tilly	Y1
Casey and Charlie	Y2
Meghan and Riley-Rose	3G
Sophie and Holly	3H
Madison and Jake	Y4
Lowen and Logan	Y5
Robin and Lucas	Y6

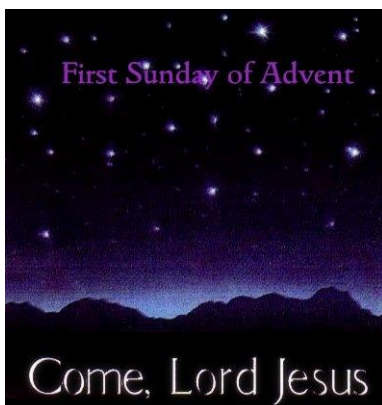
Parents of selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 2:40pm

BIRTHDAYS 2018/2019

This week we wish a 'happy birthday' to:

Blake (Rec), Francis (Y1), Layla P (Y2), Grace (Y4) and Katie (Y6).

Many Happy Returns!



Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all your people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have a great weekend!

God Bless

Mrs H Milligan

Mr A Spindlow



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