



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Newsletter No. 13

7th December 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 11 th December 2018	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	9:15am	Mass – Led by Y2 – Please, join us. All are welcome
Wednesday 12 th December 2018		Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper Day (No donations)
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Lunchtime	Pupils will be enjoying Christmas Dinner and Panto today!
Thursday 13 th December 2018	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Think Tank
Friday 14 th December 2018		Last day for Christmas Hat Competition EYFS/KS1
Friday 14 th December 2018		Last day for Christmas Shoe Box Competition KS2
Friday 14 th December 2018		Non-uniform day – Cake donations please
Friday 14 th December 2018	3:30pm	Christmas Fayre

Invitation to Mass

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 11th December at 9.15am for our School Mass which will be led by Year Y2.

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

Sunday 6th January 2019 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**.

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.

Parents Catholic Life Questionnaire

Thank you so very much for your feedback and contribution to this questionnaire. Here are a few of our headlines:

97% of parents feel that Catholic Life is well led in school.

98% of parents feel that their child receives a broad and balanced Religious Education based on the life and example of Jesus Christ.

Our Target:

14% of parents were unsure of whether their child makes good progress in RE.

In response to this, we have developed a new annual report that clearly outlines this area. This will be available to parents towards the end of the summer term; we hope that this will be useful.

Pupils Catholic Life Questionnaires

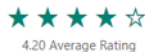
200 of our pupils answered our recent questionnaires. A few headlines are:

How interesting, engaging and fun are RE lessons?

[More Details](#)

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Responses



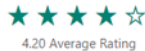
To improve further: some pupils (15%) feel that they do not have enough involvement in assemblies or collective worship. To further improve this, we will ensure all children take a more active role in Mass and collective worship.

Do you enjoy Mass?

[More Details](#)

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Responses



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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION- ONLINE NEWSLETTER- 2019

As you may already be aware, our Eco Council are working towards achieving the Earth Mark. This award focuses upon how we can become more sustainable as a planet and reduce the schools carbon footprint. Our aim is to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. With this and diminishing school budgets in mind, we will be moving to an e-news letter from January 2019 in an attempt to reduce the amount of paper we are using as a school. There will be a small number of paper copies that are available upon request from the school office. Our weekly newsletter is and will continue to be available on our school website and can be emailed to you weekly by adding your email to the 'subscribe' section on our website.

Mass

Thank you to Miss Gately, Ms De Waelle and Y3G children for the celebration of Mass this week. A respectful Mass where the children's behaviour was, as always outstanding. The children spoke clearly when reading and the bidding prayers written by the children were very relevant at both local and national level. Thank you to those parents and visitors who attended Mass, please join us next week if you are able to.

EYFS Workshop

Thank you to all parents that came to our Pray and Stay session on Thursday. The morning was a great success with fun and faith at the heart of the session/. Please have a look on our website for more information.

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.

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

Beau (Rec), Saoirse (Y1), Dylan (Y2), Laila (3G), Harrison (3H), Jakub (Y4), Katie (Y5) and Kyza (Y6)

These children will be given an award on Monday 10th December 2018 at 2:40pm - Please attend to support your child

E-SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK

Try to put a computer in a family room or take mobile devices off children at bedtime so it is easier for you to supervise your child's online activity.

SAFEGUARDING TIPS OF THE WEEK

Talking to Kids about Alcohol - An informative, guide from the Alcohol Education Trust with tips and guidance on how to approach the issue of drinking with children and teenagers.

Click on the link for more information.

<http://www.alcoholeducationtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/parent-guide.pdf>

STAR OF THE WEEK

We look forward to congratulating:

Miguel and Erin	Rec
Colm and Julia	Y1
Elwood and Ellarna	Y2
Leah and Briea-May	3G
Joshua and Martyna	3H
Kai and Dylan	Y4
Tristan and Shanae	Y5
Amelia and Anabelle	Y6

Parents of selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 10th December 2018 at 2:40pm

ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 26-11-2018. WELL DONE RECEPTION!

Group	Attendance
Reception	97.9%
Y 1	97%
Y 2	96.4%
3 H	95.1%
3 G	94.7%
Y 4	95.7%
Y 5	96.5%
Y 6	97%
Overall total	96.3%

BIRTHDAYS 2018/2019

This week we wish a 'happy birthday' to:

Cassius (Rec) and Corey (Y4)

Happy Birthday to Maisie (Y4) too, who celebrated her birthday last week.

Many Happy Returns!



Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son, Jesus. In this season of Advent, help us to prepare for his coming as well. Help us to use this time of waiting to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others around the world. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Have a great weekend!
God Bless

Mrs H Milligan

Mr A Spindlow



**This is a Good School
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