



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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11th January 2019

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:

Eloquent	and	Truthful
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Dates for your diary		
Monday 14 th January 2019	2:40pm 9:10am 11:00am	Star pupil/Virtues assembly (selected pupils only) Y3 Inspire workshop for parents (Maths/English) Y4 Firefighters workshop (pupils only)
Tuesday 15 th January 2019	9:15am	Mass – Led by Y6 (all invited)
Thursday 17 th January 2019	Lunchtime	Roald Dahl - dress up for Theme dinner (Pupils wishing to have sandwiches pay £1 to dress up) All payments must be on ParentPay (no cash please)
Friday 18 th January 2019	11:00am	Y4 last day swimming

Invitation to Mass

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 9.15am for our school Mass which will be led by the teachers.

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

Sunday 3rd February 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!



Happy New Year

We hope that you have had an exciting and restful Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! This term brings many engaging activities- please keep checking the dates on newsletters and our website, as well as the many photos on our school Twitter account.

Roald Dahl Day

We look forward to our Roald Dahl Day lunch at school on Thursday. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book, if your child is not having the special themed lunch, they may come to school dressed as their favourite character for a donation of £1.00 towards school fund.

Attendance

Just a reminder that our target for whole school attendance is 97%, so please make every effort to ensure that your child comes to school every single day. Some facts about school attendance:

- 90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks
- Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. HOWEVER, 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in both primary and secondary schools
- Remember - the only legally accepted reasons for not being in school are illness, holiday approved by school (exceptional circumstances) or a day of religious observance

Mass

Thank you to all the teachers who led the celebration of Mass this week. As always, the behaviour of all children during this whole school collective worship was respectful and reverent. It was a delight to see parents, visitors and parishoners and we warmly welcome you all to every school Mass.

'Friends' Association

A huge thank you to all involved in supporting the school throughout the Autumn term – we are so lucky to have you on board and are extremely grateful for all your efforts in our variety of events.

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.

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**.

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.

Uniform

We have attached the uniform policy for you as a reminder. Please note that school policy also includes extreme hair styles, coats, bags and PE kits. Please ensure your child has the correct items to avoid class teachers needing to speak to you in January.

Golden stamps

Following a number of queries from parents and children, I wanted to clarify and remind all of the purpose of Golden Stars. Almost two years ago, the school council told us that children who ALWAYS complete homework, behave well, wear the correct uniform, come to school and on time every day are not recognised enough for their achievements. We listened to their concerns and with them developed the golden stamp reward system. Pupils that follow the Golden rules are rewarded with a stamp. At key points, the children who have collected different amounts of stamps receive a prize of recognition. Golden stamps are rewards rather than sanctions.

For any system to work well, there must be rules and unfortunately, those rules cannot be implemented upon discretion by teachers to ensure a sense of fairness to all. If there are any queries regarding why a golden stamp has not been awarded please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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

Beau (Rec), Isabella (Y1), Thomas (Y2), Laila (3G), Sophie (3H), Jude (Y4), Olivia (Y5) and Tayla (Y6)

These children will be given an award on Monday 14th January 2019 at 2:40pm - Please attend to support your child

**WELL DONE YEAR 2
ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 17-12-2018**

Group	Attendance
Reception	93.6%
Y1	93.9%
Y2	99%
3H	86.1%
3G	97.1%
Y4	95.5%
Y5	85.9%
Y6	96.7%
Overall total	93.5%

STAR OF THE WEEK

We look forward to congratulating:

Group	Selected Pupils
Reception	Jan and Lucas
Year 1	Francis and Amelia
Year 2	Finley and Phillip
Year 3G	Tommy and Louis
Year 3H	Thomas and Lewis
Year 4	E'shae and Jakub
Year 5	Liam and Ava
Year 6	Kalum and Daniel

Parents of selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 14th January 2019 at 2:40pm

E-SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK

Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home- Try to reach an agreement with your child on the guidelines which apply to Internet use in your household.

BIRTHDAYS 2018/2019 - Many Happy Returns!

This week, we wish a 'happy birthday' to:

Riley (Y1), Olivia (Y5) and T-Jay, Anabelle and James (Y6)

SAFEGUARDING TIPS OF THE WEEK

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Guardian Angels School are - Mrs Milligan, Mr Spindlow, Miss Foote and Mrs Tennant. If you have a safeguarding concern please speak to one of these staff.



*God of love, we are members of one worldwide family. As we gather at your table we give thanks for your love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and help us to show your love to others in all that we do.
Amen.*

God Bless and hope you have a good weekend!

Mrs H Milligan

Mr A Spindlow



**This is a Good School
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