



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Newsletter No. 25

Friday 22nd March

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:

Learned	and	Wise
<p>Learned: Learning how God wants us to live our lives. Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us to. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.</p>		<p>Wise: Knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.</p>

Dates for your diary		
Monday 25 th March	2:40pm 9:15am	Star pupil/Virtues assembly (for selected pupils only) Mass- led by Y5 – Annunciation of the Lord (all invited)
Friday 29 th March	9:15am 11:00am	Y2 assembly (Y2 parents invited – please attend to support your child) 3H – First day swimming (every Friday until 24 th May 2019)

Invitation to Mass

All are welcome to join us on **Monday 25th March 2019 at 9:15am** for our school Mass, which will be led by Year 5 (all invited to attend).

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

Sunday 7th April 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!



RE Inspection Report

I hope that you all had the opportunity to read the inspection report from our recent RE inspection. If you did not, please follow the link below or ask for a hard copy at the school office. Well done to all at Guardian Angels; children, staff, parents and governors!

<http://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/about-us/ofsted-report>

Mass

Well done to Year 6 who led Mass this week. They are truly a shining example to others in school, showing what it means to be a witness to their faith. We warmly welcome any parents who would like to join us at Mass - simply come along! Please note that Mass next week will be on **Monday 25th March at 9.15am.**



Early Notice: First Holy Communion: Saturday 22nd June 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, following the service.

Year 2 SATs Meeting

Miss Hickey led two extremely informative Year 2 SATs meetings on Thursday for our Year 2 parents. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Parents who were not able to attend will receive an information pack that will be sent home with your child. Thank you Miss Hickey!

Year 3 Timetable Workshop

Thank you to Year 3 parents who attended the maths workshop this week and to Miss Gately and Miss Hulme for organising the event. The presentation and parent resources are available on the school website for any parents that would like to find out more about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, which will be introduced to all schools in 2020. Follow the link to the 'Maths Curriculum' area: <http://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/maths>

Easter Fundraising

During Lent and Easter, children throughout the school will be organising a range of events and activities to raise money for charities of their choice. All activities are priced at 20p each. The teachers and children have come up with a list of fantastic ideas to make this period a success. This includes our traditional Reception Bake Off, Guess the Teacher, cake sales and much more. If you have not received the flyer for these events, please contact the school office.

Pupil Places Available

We have places available for pupils in our Year 2 and Year 3 classes. Please contact the office for more information.

School Meals Price Increase - 1st April 2019


School meals will increase by 5p per day from 1st April 2019. **A school lunch will cost £2.35 per day which is £11.75 per week.** This reflects inflation of food costs. If you have any queries regarding school meals, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Holy Communion Dresses

A parent has contacted us and is willing to donate two Holy Communion dresses in ivory colour, size 6-8 years old. They are both in very good condition. If you are interested in having a dress, please contact the school office.

Resources to Use At Home during Lent

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT



Each year, through Mother Church, God 'gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ' (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – 'for in hope we were saved' (Romans 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, 'the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God' (Romans 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

For the full message go to <https://bit.ly/2SpbYm0>

Walk with Me Prayer

Lord God, our light and our salvation,
We praise you for your gifts of life and faith.

We thank you for the desire
that you have planted in our hearts,
our yearning to see your face.

Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in your presence.

Give us faithfulness in the present life
so that we may come to know
and praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters,
in the life to come.

We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.
Amen

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



BIRTHDAYS 2018/2019 - This week, we wished a 'happy birthday' to:

Aubrey and Adrian (Y2) and Juliusz (Y4)

Many Happy Returns!

E-SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK

Do not post any personal information online – like your full name, address, email address or mobile number.

SAFEGUARDING TIPS OF THE WEEK - Reminder

Communicate, communicate, communicate! Please keep on talking through any worries or concerns with your child. We are here as a team to ensure your child feels safe at all times.

THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SHOWN THE VIRTUES OF LEARNED AND WISE THIS WEEK ARE:

Erin (Rec), Oliver (Y1), Elwood (Y2), Ashton-James (3G), Scarlett (3H), Miah (Y4), Aimee (Y5) and Katie (Y6)

These children will be given an award on Monday 25th March 2019 at 2:40pm. Please attend the assembly to support your child

ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 11-03-2019
WELL DONE YEAR 1

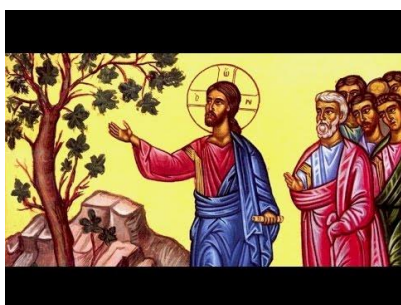
Group	Attendance
Reception	95.6%
Y1	98.7%
Y2	96.9%
3H	97.5%
3G	93.1%
Y4	93%
Y5	96.7%
Y6	95%
Overall total	95.8%

STAR OF THE WEEK

We look forward to congratulating:

Group	Selected Pupils
Reception	Dolce and Firefunmi
Year 1	Benjamin and Tilly
Year 2	Casey and Sophie
Class 3G	Sinead and Emily
Class 3H	Robert and Hanna
Year 4	Maisie and Jake
Year 5	Ava and Lacey-Jay
Year 6	Tayla and Kyza

Parents of the selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 25th March 2019 at 2:40pm



Creator God, you gave us a world full of wonderful things. May we share these fairly with each other so all people have the chance to grow and live happy lives. Amen.

God Bless and we hope you have a good weekend!

Mrs H Milligan (Head Teacher)

Mr A Spindlow (Interim Deputy Head Teacher)



**This is a Good School
OFSTED 2018**

