



Guardian Angels School

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This half term's virtues are:

<i>Intentional</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Prophetic</i>
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Dates for your diary		
Monday 26 th February		School re-opens at 9.00am
Tuesday 27 th February	9.30am	Mass – Led by year 4
Thursday 1 st March 2018	9.10am-3.15pm	National Space Museum for Year 2
Friday 2 nd March		World Book Day for Guardian Angels- non uniform-book character-donation of £1
Thursday 8 th March	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday 9 th March	9.30am	Year 4 assembly – Y4 parents invited
Monday 12 th March		Science week – See letter sent home
Friday 16 th March		St Patricks Day – non uniform-wear green - donation of £1
Friday 23 rd March	9.30am	Year 5 assembly – Y5 parents invited
Wednesday 28 th March	9.30am	Y3- Station of the cross assembly – Y3 parents invited
Friday 13 th July	School finishes at 1:30pm	Summer Fayre starts at 2pm

Music Mark School Member

Guardian Angels have been recognised because of the value we place on music, as a Music Mark School. Services for Education have recognised that we deliver high quality musical outcomes for our pupils.

Open Door Policy

Please note that Guardian Angels operate an "Open Door" policy. If you have a concern, **make an appointment** and your concern will be acted upon. This is the best way to ensure the welfare of your child and the smooth running of the school and to alleviate any serious concerns.

School Attendance

Regular or prolonged absence from school can lead to loneliness. It can make it harder for your child to get along with other children and make friends.

Staying safe online-outside school hours:

The outcome of a recent survey of Y6 pupils is the revelation that a large proportion are using social media sites where the minimum age requirement is 13 years and over. We are concerned that children are accessing a number of sites such as Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat.

It is vitally important that you are aware of the dangers of this situation and are monitoring your child's usage.

Parents please, be extra vigilant at all times when your child is using social media sites, including online gaming. Please talk to your child about the dangers of signing up to social community sites. It can happen that children may be threatened and become fearful as a result of ugly exchanges. Together, we must keep our children 'internet safe' at home. The following websites will help you:

www.nspcc.org.uk www.saferinternet.org.uk www.safetynetkids.org.uk

Parents – please see the important information attached to this newsletter to protect your children from online cyber-bullying. Please read and keep in a central place in your home. Refer to it frequently.

Niamh & Shalom (Y6) have compiled the following E-Safety tips from a discussion with Year 6 pupils. Here are some of them:

- 1. Don't use your real name for your account**
- 2. Make sure your child does not send inappropriate pictures**
- 3. Don't talk to anyone you don't know**
- 4. Never share personal information**
- 5. Never accept an invitation to meet up with a stranger, tell a trusted adult**
- 6. Report, then block anything that is inappropriate or mean**

Safeguarding Pupils Against Extremism

The government has issued an important resource to support the school community against extremism.

www.educateagainsthate.com

It is important that we all understand how fortunate we are to live in a country, guided by democratic values. Liam Byrne (MP) has met with Year 6 to explore how our voices are heard. Pupils questioned him on issues that affect this community. Later in the year, they will be visiting the Houses of Parliament. Respect and dignity for every person and the ability to give a point of view without threat of violence are key values enshrined in our democracy.

Early Reminder: First Holy Communion: Saturday 19th May 2018

Due to Health & Safety considerations, we must stress that only one row of seating will be available for each family. Only those on Miss Carroll's attendee list will be accommodated safely. We actively encourage extended family and friends to celebrate with you at family gatherings and parties, following the service.

Playground Safety Reminder

A gentle reminder that the use of bikes, scooters or skateboards on the school playground is not permitted. This includes the MUGA too. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you. Please also ensure that all children and siblings do not play with any equipment on the playground after school hours. Health and safety considerations are important with this matter.

Special Mention

Connie (Y4) is in the process of completing her project folder on the "Romans". We are delighted with the amount of research and the many titles she has chosen to include. Her model of a Roman shield is fantastic. Well done!

School Kitchen

A recent hygiene inspection took place at Guardian Angels; a top grade of 5 Food Hygiene rating has been awarded. Well done to our kitchen team!

Birthdays

This week, we have wished a 'happy birthday' to Elwood – Y1, Daniel – 2J, Noah – Y6. We wish them many happy returns.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

WELL DONE 2H

Rec – 91.3% Year 1 – 92.7%

2H – 96.3% 2J – 95.4%

Year 3 – 88% Year 4 – 94%

Year 5 – 93.8% Year 6 – 81%

Overall total – 91.5%

Star of the Week

We look forward to congratulating:

Arshad and Julia - Rec

Layla C, Aubrey and Phillip - Y1

Cerys and Briea-May - 2J

Julian and Maisie - 2H

E'shae and Lucas - Y3

Joshua, Tia and Bethany - Y4

Zak D and Joshua – Y5

Harrison, Luke, Ella and Grace – Y6

Parents of these pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 26th February 2018 at 9.10am

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

The PREVENT agenda-protecting pupils against extremism. Look at the government website:

www.educateagainsthate.com

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Parents be vigilant at home and be aware of dangers of your child signing up to online community sites.

Reception Class 2018

If you have applied for a Reception place for September 2018, please remember that you need to complete a supplementary information form in addition to the online application through Birmingham City Council. This is available from the school office.

Y5 Mass - Ash Wednesday

Well done to Y5, Mrs Potter and her team. A number of parishioners were most impressed with the respectful way our pupils conducted themselves. The singing was in part-harmonised. Many thanks to Mrs Martin-Westall for her input with hymn practice.

Garden of Hopes and Dreams

Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend and view this beautiful exhibition.

This was an aspirational display, linked to the PSHE curriculum. Well done to Mrs Potter, who was responsible for organising this event, and thank you to all staff members for your effort in making this such a wonderful event!

First week of Lent

We pray for the Church: that she may be a sign of God's light and goodness in our world, and a beacon of hope for the most vulnerable.

We pray for our families, our school family and the world family. Help us to share our loving concern for others, through prayer, fundraising for the poor and vulnerable. Help us to do more for our families.

A separate letter has been sent out to all families to share what Guardian Angels School is doing for Lent.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Johnson

Mrs H Milligan

Mr A Spindlow

Miss E Keating

*The
Season
of
Lent*

