



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Newsletter No. 7

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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.*

Dates for your diary		
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.45am	Commitment Mass @ Church (Holy communicants and confirmandi)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	2.40pm	Star Pupil and Virtues Assembly
	6.00pm	MAC Director information evening - see details on flyer attached
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	Year 1 Harvest Assembly – Year 1 parents invited
	1.30pm	Parishoners Afternoon Tea- in the GAP room
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Non-Uniform Day – children's tombola donations please
		School Closes at 2pm for Half Term Break

## Invitation to Mass



All are welcome to join us on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at 9:15am for school Mass led by Year 5

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

**The Faith in Action Group would be grateful of any donations for their tombola - these can be handed to the main school and would demonstrate this half terms virtues: Grateful and Generous.**

## A Note from Mrs Milligan

What a week! You can see from the length of this week's newsletter that there has been a jam-packed week for all of our children and staff. We have seen the curriculum enhanced by educational and spiritual visits, pupils have been raising funds towards our school fund playground project by attending our Key Stage 1 disco and there was a beautiful Mass prepared and offered by our Year 6 pupils who are well into their journey preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in January.

**A special thank you to all of our staff who stay after working hours to ensure our children have the very best opportunities here at Guardian Angels- it does not go un-noticed and it is very much appreciated!**

## Good Luck Mrs Barber

Today we say farewell to Mrs Barber who works in our school office. Although she has only been with us for a short time, she has made a big impact and will be missed by all. Good luck for the future and we look forward to seeing you soon.

## EYFS Class September 2020

If you have a child due to start school in September 2020, we ask you to visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions) and submit an online application by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. (The final closing date). If you are applying for a place at Guardian Angels you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) this is available from the School Office or on the website, please complete this form and return to the school office. Most importantly make sure you provide the information requested, it is vital that proof of Baptism is included with this form if your child has been baptised Catholic

**Open day - 12<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm and 3.30pm**



### Year 2 Visit to Cannock Chase Museum

As part of their exciting topic, 'The Home Front' Year 2 visited Cannock Chase Museum on Monday. They found out about the lives of children in World War 2, investigated evacuation and even participated in some acting. It has been fantastic to see how the children have brought their new knowledge back into the classroom and how they are now applying what they have learnt to their topic projects. Well done Year 2- Outstanding behaviour and attitudes towards your learning.

### Year 3/4 Football Competition

Well done to Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who participated in the football tournament on Monday at the Aston Villa Academy. The pupils' behaviour was impeccable as always and they won four matches and drew in one. Congratulations!



### Year 6 Visit to St Chad's Cathedral

Members of the public and volunteers from St Chad's Cathedral have commended our Year 6 class for their excellent behaviour and participation at the Cathedral on Tuesday. The pupils showed how attentive and discerning they are throughout their visit and discovered the history of the Cathedral as well as exploring many saints in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in January. Congratulations Year 6 on such a successful visit

### Inter House Sports Competitions

This week, there have been a number of competitions that have taken place in school. Pupils competed in their saint houses during their PE lessons. The over school winners of the Inter House Competition will be announced next week.

### The God Who Speaks- The Year of the Word

This year has been designated as The God Who Speaks- The Year of the Word. There will also be a specific focus on St. Matthew's Gospel. The 'year' will officially start on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. The aim of The God Who Speaks- The Year of the Word is 'Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word.' On the last page of the newsletter, is the official prayer of The God Who Speaks- The Year of the Word for you to share at home with your families. Each week, we will also include a Fun Fact about the Bible. Any child who can tell Mrs Milligan the Fun Fact of the week will be rewarded with 10 house points.

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of the Bible are sold  
each year!



Bible Fun  
Fact # 1



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES OF SCHOOL EVENTS

**Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church Tombola**  
**Date:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
**Time:** After Mass  
**Venue:** The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church

Prizes to be won at the November Family Mass along with refreshments.



### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Christmas Fayre and Non- Uniform Days**

**Our Christmas Fayre will be held on:** **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 3.15pm**

To raise much-needed funds for our school and children, we ask that all families contribute to the fayre by donating prizes in return for wearing non-school uniform. The themes for donations are below and we ask that all donations be new, unused and unopened products. If you do not wish to donate, your child should wear school uniform to school on these days.

#### **Non-uniform days are as follows:**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Children's gift donation**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Adult gift donation**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Chocolates donation**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Bottles donation**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Cakes or Sweets donation**

### **Year 1 Harvest Assembly**

**Date:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Time:** 9.30

**Venue:** School Hall

Year 1 parents are invited to come to watch Year 1 perform their Harvest assembly.



### **Harvest Food Donations**

It is Harvest time again. Last year, we received many items of food donated by the children and families of Guardian Angels School. This was gratefully received and duly donated to 'The Kingfisher Food Bank' and to the elders living within our Parish.

If you are able to donate any items this year (tins of food, biscuits, tea bags, tinned fruit etc.), please send them into school with your child as soon as possible and no later than **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. We would appreciate it if you could check the expiry dates before doing so. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

### **Commitment Mass**

Those children receiving the sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Communion this year and did not attend the Mass on , Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October must attend Commitment Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45 at Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church.



### **Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)**



#### **Safeguarding tip of the week:**

#### **Talk to someone about online safety**

Whether you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.

**0808 800 5002**



### This week we wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Chloe and Oliver (Rec) Ava-Tia (Year 1)

Tia (Year 3) Joshua (Class 4C)

Heidi (Year 5) Joshua (Year 6)



### Attendance Article 28 (right to education)

Well done Year3!!



Reception	91.2%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	98.3%
4B	97.2%
4C	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95.3%
<b>Overall Total for School</b>	<b>95.3%</b>

**Our whole school target is 97% Please ensure that your child is in school every day possible.**



### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Article 29 (goals of education)

There pupils have been 'Aiming High' and displaying this half term's virtues.  
We look forward to congratulating:



Group	Star Pupils	Virtues
Reception	Jacob C and Ruby-Lou	Harrison
Year 1	Jesse and Dolce	Beau
Year 2	Erin and Oliver	Zara
Class 3	Daisy and Adrian	Elias-Blue
Class 4B	Mason and Riley	Kaycie
Year 4C	Olivia-Mae and Madison	Holly
Year 5	Elijah and Gerard	Willow
Year 6	Joshua and Oscar	Connie

**Parents of the selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 21st October 2019 at 2:40pm**

#### **Grateful:**

We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us.

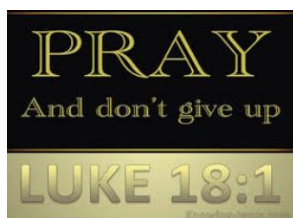


#### **Generous:**

We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others, as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.

#### Well done!

Congratulations Shanae for achieving player of the match at the weekend! Shanae achieved this even after being asked to remove her glasses for the game. Well done!



*God who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world. May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard.*

*Amen.*

God Bless and we hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs H Milligan (Head Teacher)

Mr A Spindlow (Deputy Head Teacher)





# Director Vacancies

## Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC



### The Board of Directors are seeking new members

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC, a group of thirteen Catholic schools based across Solihull, Birmingham and Warwickshire, are creating a Multi Academy Company (MAC). There will be 12 Primaries and 1 Secondary school in this Academy. We are coming together to protect Catholic Education for the long term future of the communities we serve and to support high standards of education for the benefit of current and future pupils.

We are forming a Board of Directors and require volunteers with a range of skills that can support our plans for the future of local Catholic education. Your skills will help lead the MAC in its mission by setting the strategy and supporting the Executive team in achieving the high expectations of a Catholic education across all age ranges.

Applications from individuals with experience in School Improvement, Catholic Education, Finance, HR, Legal, strategic planning and managing change would be particularly welcomed.

An information evening to explain this role will be held at:

Birmingham Diocesan Education Service

Don Bosco House,

Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA

6pm on Monday 21st Oct

Please confirm your attendance by email to:

[academies@bdes.org.uk](mailto:academies@bdes.org.uk)

When: From November 2019

Other: Foundation Directors are required to be practising Catholics. Co-opted roles will be considered.

For further information log onto:

[www.bdes.org.uk/new-academies.html](http://www.bdes.org.uk/new-academies.html)



# OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Living God,  
you walk alongside us and  
speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
listens to our hopes and fears  
and shows us how to live for one another.

Send us the Holy Spirit  
to open our hearts and minds  
so that we may be your witnesses  
throughout the world.

AMEN

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.  
R. This day and every day.

Our Lady of the Annunciation PRAY FOR US. St Matthew PRAY FOR US. St Jerome PRAY FOR US.

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