



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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*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

## Faith-filled:

We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.



## Hopeful:

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

## IMPORTANT DELAY PROCEDURES

Following the Governments Delay announcement last night, the following must be followed:

- **Any child who has a temperature of 37.8 or higher will not be permitted to come to school for at least 7 days**
- **Any child who has a new cough will not be permitted to come to school for at least 7 days**
- **Any adult collecting a child who has either of the above symptoms should avoid school site for at least 7 days**
- A non-contact thermometer is being used in school to ensure pupils who are feeling unwell and are displaying ANY symptom are identified promptly and collected from school.
- All school trips and excursions, including swimming are cancelled until further notice. We will inform individual classes about refunds as soon as possible.
- All school events where parents are invited into school such as INSPIRE workshops and Star Pupil assembly are cancelled until further notice.
- School assemblies will continue to take place but no visitors will be invited.
- The library is closed after school to both children and adults.
- Additional deep cleaning is taking place throughout the day at school.
- Pupils with underlying medical conditions have been identified and parents will be contacted immediately should school be concerned about their health.

Further plans are in place as a precautionary measure should the Government escalate the strategy further such as contingency plan being in place to ensure that some learning could take place in the event of a school closure or pupils having to self isolate.

**Guardian Angels will ALWAYS act within the best interests of our children and families and if you require any support, please do not hesitate to call the school office**



### **This week's Gospel:**

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)

Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?"

Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life."

"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

"I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. "My Samaritan ancestors worshipped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days.

Many more believed because of his message, and they said to the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world."

### **New School Library- WE LOVE TO READ**

Our New Library officially opened its doors on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – WORLD BOOK DAY. All pupils now have access to our new and improved selection of texts throughout the school day including break and lunch times.

Pupils can use the library during school time only until further notice.



**Fundraising** Well done to Year 4C and Year 4B who have led our Lenten fundraising this week. We will keep the totals secret until all year groups have the opportunity to lead some fundraising.

### **Year 2 library**

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Shard End Library this week. They were able to explore a range of texts and to further their knowledge on their topic 'Indian Spice' The children's behaviour was outstanding as always.



### **Heartlands Charity Assembly**

Today Heartlands Hospital Charity visited school to tell the children all about the charity and the works that they do. A huge thank you to Annabelle from the charity who took the time to talk to our children.

### **Parent's Evening**

Thank you to all parents for your understanding and positive comments regarding the postponement of parents evening. Your support really does make a difference.

### **Year 3 trip – Conkers**

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Conkers this week. Please have a look at our school Twitter to see the fantastic curriculum links with their Stone Age Topic. Thank you to Miss Gately, our teaching assistants and parent volunteers who enabled this trip to be a great success.



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



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

Safeguarding your children is the most important thing to us. To ensure we follow the correct procedure when dismissing your child, we would like to remind all parents that if you wish for your child to be collected by a friend or other family member, you must ensure that you phone the school office and inform the class teacher.

If the school is not informed, we will not be able to release your child to someone who has not collected before or is not recognised by the staff member. Please, also ensure that the person collecting knows your collection password.

Thank you for your support in safeguarding every child!

#### **This week we wished a very 'Happy birthday' to:**

Ava (Year 1)  
Inzwirashie (Year 2)  
Kyle (Year 4B)  
Dylan (Year 5)  
Ava (Year 6)



#### **Attendance for last week** **Article 28 (right to education)** **Well done Year 2**



EYFS	95.9%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4C	94.6%
Year 4B	93.8%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	93%
Overall Total for School	95%

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



### Dates for your diary

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School time	Lenten Activities - 20p per go Children can bring money to school every day to have a go on a stall at break time.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Time	Faith in Action Raffle – 50p per ticket, great prizes to be won. You can buy tickets at school and at church.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	School time	St Patrick's Day – Please pay £1 on ParentPay if you wish your child to wear non-uniform and green
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	CANCELLED	<del>Mass – Year 6 – All invited</del>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	CANCELLED	<del>EYFS trip to Wonderland, Telford. If your child is attending, please check that you have paid for this trip on ParentPay</del>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	CANCELLED	<del>EYFS Mother's Day workshop (Will will start the day off with a collective worship pray to Mary)</del>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	CANCELLED	<del>Parishioner Easter Lunch in the School Hall – Please call school office for tickets</del>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Lunch time	Easter Lunch for pupils (please see letter sent home – If you would like your child to have a lunch, please complete slip and return by Frid 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	CANCELLED	<del>Y3 Assembly – Parents, come and watch this fantastic assembly performed by your child</del>

*God of love, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in. Amen.*



*Wishing you all a restful weekend  
God Bless*

*Helen Milligan  
Head Teacher*

*Andrew Spindlow  
Deputy Head Teacher*





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# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your  
eyes, nose, and mouth  
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come  
into contact with your mouth  
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items  
such as bedding, dishes,  
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately





