



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No. 26

*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.

## School is CLOSED to the majority of pupils until further notice.

School is open to the children of key workers BUT ONLY IF THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION. IF A PARENT IS WORKING FROM HOME, OR AT HOME WITH SIBLINGS, YOUR CHILD MUST NOT COME INTO SCHOOL!

Please help us to protect our children and staff.

Dear Children,

All of the staff at Guardian Angels are missing you. Your teachers will be calling you by telephone, if they have not already, before Easter. They are really eager to talk to you and see how you are getting on at home.

If you do not have access to your user name or password for any of our online learning, please ask your parents to email: [enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk) with your name, class and the platform that you need the password for (such as BGFL or Times Tables Rock Stars)

We know that you are working hard at home and wanted to let you know that we are too. We are working to make sure you have the homework you need whilst our school is closed and to make sure that we are ready for when we open our doors up to you, whenever that may be. I know that this must be a strange time for you, but we are all in this together and if you have any worries, you can talk to your families or your teacher when they call.

We all have a very important job to do at this time. We have to work together to wash our hands and to not visit our friends and family, who do not live with us. This will help to stop the spread of this virus. Well done and thank you to all of you who are helping to do this already.

Keep smiling and we hope to see you very soon.

God bless

Mrs Milligan and all of us at Guardian Angels



### **The majority of our children now need to stay at home until further notice.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so, while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and on our school website.

### **Whilst school is closed, we will keep in touch with you in the following ways:**

- The school website will be updated with any new information
- The text message service will be used to send short messages
- The weekly newsletter will continue with key information and notices. This is available on our school website. If you have signed up to the service, this is emailed directly to you.
- The schools Twitter account will be updated with any new information

### **Phone Calls Home**

- If you receive support from social services, you will receive phone calls from a Designated Safeguarding Lead to speak **to you and your child twice per week** and where possible a home visit will take place.
- If your child has additional needs, whether this is a Special Educational Need or Pastoral need, you will receive phone calls from a member of staff in their class and/or our SENDCO Mrs Potter, to speak **to you and your child twice per week**.
- All other pupils will receive a phone call once every two weeks, to speak **to you and your child** ideally this will be from a member of staff in their class.
- These calls will be from the main school number or a NO CALLER ID number. Where possible, we will strive to send a text to alert you to the day of call.

### **What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn in the following ways:

- In addition to the tasks sent home, children now have access to a 'Homework' tile on BGFL365. This provides a weekly plan and links to resources for classes to use.
- Our Twitter page has links to new resources and information that we discover daily.
- The school website has a wealth of resources and information such as:
  - \*\*\*\*\*Home Learning\*\*\*\*\* area
  - Knowledge organisers
  - Year group guides with full spelling lists and curriculum expectations.
  - POW projects and topic webs
  - Links to websites, suggested book lists and games

<https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/home-learning>



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### **\*\*\*\*\*HOME LEARNING\*\*\*\*\***

Over the next few weeks you will be staying at home and doing your learning there.  
Every week after Easter, your class teacher will be posting some learning for you to do at home.  
Please click on your class page to find the weekly learning for your class.

EYFS  
YEAR 1  
YEAR 2  
YEAR 3  
YEAR 4  
YEAR 5

Online Mass can be accessed by going to : <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>

There is also a Virtual Children's Liturgy at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5095942131288155403>

This week's Gospel: John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45. Below is the shortened version.

The sisters sent Jesus a message: "Lord, your dear friend is ill."

When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this illness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for."

"Your brother will rise to life," Jesus told her.

"I know," she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and all those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord!" she answered. "I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people who were with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. "Where have you buried him?" he asked them.

"Come and see, Lord," they answered.

Jesus wept. "See how much he loved him!" the people said.

But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. "Take the stone away!" Jesus ordered.

Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, "There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!"

Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?" They took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father, that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me." After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave clothes, and with a cloth round his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go."

Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.



### **Parent Governor Election**

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed two parent governors. There was no vote required as there were two vacancies and two applications. Your appointed parent governors are:

- **Katy Law- New to our governing body**
- **Rachel Butler- returning to our governing body**

We thank you both for giving your time and expertise to our school.

### **Free School Meals Vouchers Update**

We are working closely with Birmingham City Council to provide vouchers to families who are eligible for Free School Meals. Until these vouchers are available from the council, we will continue to provide packed lunches to those who are entitled and would like them.

This week, 10 meals have been made each day and only 2 collected. If you have requested a lunch and no longer require it, please let us know via email so that we can prevent waste.

Leftover food has been donated to those in need within our Parish. Thank you to Fr Michael for arranging this.

### **Key Worker Provision**

You will have received a text this week with information about Easer Holiday provision. This is for parents/carers who are key workers and there is NO ALTERNATIVE than for your child to be looked after at school during the Easter Holidays.

Provision is offered for the following dates only:

Week 1- Monday 6th April- Thursday 9th April (NO PROVISION AVAILABLE ON GOOD FRIDAY)

Week 2- Tuesday 14th April - Friday 17th April (NO PROVISION AVAILABLE ON EASTER MONDAY)

As this is over the Easter Holiday, one of two strict criteria that must be fulfilled to be eligible. REMEMBER, THIS SHOULD ONLY BE USED IF THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. Your child is safer at home, observing social distancing.

1. You are a Key Worker and are a single parent where there is NO CONTACT with second parent
2. BOTH parents are Key Workers with unavoidable cross over of shifts

PLEASE NOTE: this provision may be at a different location and there may not necessarily be Guardian Angels staff present. Arrangements will be confirmed with parents of children who are accepted.

The online form MUST be completed by SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020. NO FURTHER APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE

### **Key Worker Provision- After Easter**

We will be in touch with parents over the coming week to organise Key Worker provision. Please look out for a text with a link.







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

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

Is your child worried about the current developing situation? Child line can help visit:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>



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

Lexi and Lilly (Year 1) Adrian (Year 3) Riley (Year 4B)

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via emailing [enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk).

We anticipate that our limited telephone lines will be extremely busy over the next weeks, so please **only contact the school office in an emergency.**

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use **NHS 111 online**. Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

#### **Dates for your diary**

**We will update you as soon as we have any information about return to school dates.**

**In the meantime, please look after yourselves and all of the staff of Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School are holding you in our prayers and thoughts.**

*Loving God, show us how to share your love and hope with others around the world, and to make a change so that all your children may live the life you want for them. Amen.*



*May God's Blessings be upon all His people at this time,*

Helen Milligan  
Head Teacher

Andrew Spindlow  
Deputy Head Teacher

