



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.

The Virtues of the Half Term

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. 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.



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.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1 st September 2020	Inset day- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 2 nd September 2020	School opens to all.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Breakfast Club and Plans for September 2020

As the school prepares for a 'new normal' in September, there will be many parts of the school day that will be different from the beginning of the last academic year. We are currently finalising all of the plans for September and will send a letter to you all as soon as possible, explaining many of the adjustments we are making to ensure that school is as safe as possible for all of our pupils to return.

Unfortunately, when we return to school in September, we are not able to offer a Breakfast Club. This is due to the safety measures required by the current Government guidelines. We will keep this under constant review. The Governing Body and I understand that this may be disappointing for many of our parents and children and we want to assure you that every option has been considered, but we must put the safety of our pupils and staff first. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenienced causes and we thank you for your understanding at this unprecedented time. We will continue to update you should any developments take place over the summer break.

This Weeks Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9.

That same day Jesus left the house and went to the lakeside, where he sat down to teach. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it, while the crowd stood on the shore. He used parables to tell them many things.

"Once there was a man who went out to sow corn. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it burnt the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants. But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants produced corn; some produced 100 grains, others sixty, and others thirty."

And Jesus concluded, "Listen, then, if you have ears!"



Next Week's Twitter Challenge- #RRSTwitterChallenge

Did you know that as a Rights Respecting School we are working towards achieving Silver recognition? You can help us by joining in in this week's Twitter Challenge! It also links in so well with our Transition week work too!

Rights Respecting Schools – Twitter week challenge!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Article 7 - birth registration, name, nationality, care Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.</p> <p>Create a collage all about you. Use your favourite colours and textures, cut our images that tell us who you are. Create a real life collage and upload a picture of all the items that make you who you are. Decorate your name, can you look at your birth certificate.</p>	<p>Article 14 - Freedom of thought, belief and religion Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.</p> <p>REFLECTION</p> <p>Try to spend a few minutes being quiet and still. Think about the beliefs that matter most to you...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do you think a child should be allowed to choose their own beliefs? Why is it important that a child is supported by their family to make a decision about their faith and beliefs for themselves? Are there ways that you can respect and support students in your school that may have different beliefs to you? When you're back in school you might want to ask about their beliefs to find out more, you could even celebrate a special day with them. 	<p>Article 24 - Health Care - ensures that every child has the right to the best possible health.</p> <p>Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy.</p> <p>How many ideas can you think of to help you be healthy?</p> <p>Can you make a healthy meal plan and upload to BGFL or twitter?</p>	<p>Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.</p> <p>This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.</p> <p>Write a creative story, a poem, a short play script or a piece of art using the title 'Head My Voice'. Share it with your teacher and class.</p> <p>Find out about a child or young person who made sure their voice was heard. You could choose Malala Yousafzai or Greta Thunberg or see if you can find out about somebody less well known.</p>	<p>Article 28 - the right to education</p> <p>Every child has the right to an education.</p> <p>Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.</p> <p>Imagine you have been asked to create your ideal lesson timetable for a day or a week at home or in school. Plan it out and decide what you would include and what you would leave out. Make sure it will provide children with a really good quality education!</p>

Year 6's Last Week at Guardian Angels

Next week, we will be sending our current Year 6 pupils off into the big wide world of secondary school. We know that they will all be amazing and strive to be the very best that they can be.

This year we have not been able to give the send-off that we had initially planned, but we hope that they will enjoy their last week in school. Mr Johnson, Mrs Martin and Mrs Hughes have a few tricks up their sleeves! We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 pupils back to Guardian Angels in the not too distant future, but only when it is safe to do so. An amazing class of talented individuals that have shown such resilience during this time!

Transition 2020

We cannot wait to get back into the classrooms fully in September. Next week's home learning has been based around transition into new year groups as well as core subject areas.

Teachers have been busy preparing videos and tasks for you to enjoy next week. Please visit the Home Learning section on the school website on Monday for more information. Here is who your child's teacher will be in September.

Reception Class	Miss Carr, Mrs Potter, Mrs Gazey
Year 1	Miss Tonks
Year 2	Miss Carroll
Year 3	Miss Gately
Year 4	Miss Beckett
Year 5 H (Formerly 4C)	Miss Hickey and Mrs Martin
Year 5 B (Formerly 4B)	Mrs Burrell and Mrs Martin
Year 6	Mr Johnson and Mr Spindlow



Summer Holidays

School will be closed to all from Friday 17th July 2020 as we have some very exciting health and safety works taking place. As you know, safeguarding is the golden thread that runs throughout our school and along with our Catholic faith, underpins all of our policies and practices.

During the summer break, the school will be having a whole new fire alarm and lock down system installed as well as full site coverage of CCTV and external security Maglock doors fitted to ensure the health and safety of our children, staff and wider communities.

Due to the nature of these works and the fact that the whole site is affected, the school will be closed to all over the summer holidays.

Free School Meals Vouchers

To help parents to know what to expect and when, here is what you should be receiving and when if your child is in years 2,3,4 and 5 or they are in Years 6,1 or Reception and are not returning to school.

PLEASE CLAIM ALL OF YOUR VOUCHERS BEFORE THEY EXPIRE- WE BELIEVE THAT SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY VOUCHERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN REDEEMED AFTER 20TH JULY.

		<u>One child</u>	Two Children	Three Children
14/07/2020	Summer Holiday Vouchers 6 weeks of vouchers (£15 per week)	£90 will be provided for each child before we break up for the summer.		

The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church

The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church opens its doors once again for Mass. Please visit the Parish Website for more information as it becomes available: <https://shardendcatholics.wixsite.com/shardendcatholics/weekly-bulletin>



IMPORTANT: Year 3 First Holy Communion

The new provisional date for the CURRENT Year 3 pupils first Holy Communion is:

Saturday 19th September 2020 (Times TBC)

Please be aware there could be further delays and restrictions depending upon the Governments advice and guidelines closer to the date. We will continue to update you weekly through the newsletter.

School Fund

School Fund is £15 per family and is payable at the beginning of each year or £5 per term via ParentPay. This fund helps to subsidise extra curriculum activities and trips. All monies are used for the children.



COVID 19 Response and Home Learning

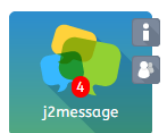
Next week marks the last week of home learning in the format that we have become so used to over recent months. I would like to thank the staff for preparing the home learning so diligently since the end of March. I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers who have been excellent teachers during this unprecedented time. Thank you to our whole community for working together and keeping each other safe!

Today, you will receive a link to complete a questionnaire asking for your opinion on our COVID19 response and our home learning offer. We have received so many personal emails and comments from parents and I want to thank all of you for your kind words.

We deeply value your feedback and it will help us to reflect and improve for the future, something we at Guardian Angels are always striving to do! Thank you in advance.

Communication

- Over the next weeks, class teachers will be making calls to speak to all children who have not yet returned to school. This will be from either the school phone number or NO CALLER ID. We would like to speak to ALL children before the summer break.
- Your child's class teacher may not be available to answer the phone queries at school as they have done for many weeks as they are now allocated to groups of children who are in school. To adapt to these changing circumstances, each year group will receive a text message with a forms link. This will give parents the opportunity to raise questions and for them to be answered via email or text throughout the week.
- The office will continue to be manned during normal school hours. If you have an urgent message or enquiry, please call 0121 747 2782 between 9am and 3pm. If the staff member cannot answer your questions straight away, we will arrange for the most appropriate member of staff to call you back.
- As always, you can email the school with enquiries at any time and we will always try to answer as soon as we can. enquiry@grdangel.bham.sch.uk
- Password resets can be requested through the new form or via the usual email method.
- Our newsletter will continue to be published weekly.
- Our school website and twitter feeds keep you up to date on daily events and achievements.



Pupils are now able to send messages to their teachers through **J2Message** on their BGFL365 account. Teachers will try to reply at least once per week.

If your child needs to get in touch urgently, please call or email the school rather than using this feature.

Online Safety and Behaviour

We have had a number of reports of our pupils using bad language over online games such as Fortnite. If you allow your child to access games such as this, please monitor their usage. Well done to those pupils who were able to identify when others language and behaviour is unacceptable and alerted a parent. This is the right thing to do. For more information on online safety, please visit: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)



Safeguarding Tip of the Week:

The NSPCC has some fantastic advice and resources linked to keeping children safe as well as the coronavirus. Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/> for more information

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

Toby and Mayson	Rec
Liam and Julia	Y2

Dates for your diary

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school in September:

Tuesday 1st September: Inset day (School Closed to pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September: School Opens to all.



Freya and Thomas	Y3	
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God of all, guide us as we listen to you, so that we may grow in faith and love. May we share that love with all people throughout the world. Amen.

May God’s Blessings be upon you all at the time,
 Mrs Helen Milligan Mr Andrew Spindlow
 Head Teacher Deputy Head Teacher

