



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Friday 26th March 2021

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A Message from Mrs Milligan

Thank you to all children, parents and staff for adapting so quickly to moving to remote learning on Tuesday. Public Health England and Birmingham City Council were very concerned of the rising numbers of positive cases at Guardian Angels. This highlighted that immediate action needed to be taken to protect our community further. Thanks to the number of participants, we were able to establish that the spread of the virus had been contained within school and prevented a much longer school closure.

In total, school have had 19 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 over the last week confined to two bubbles. This has highlighted that the virus is still very prevalent and contagious. It has also confirmed that the bubble procedures at Guardian Angels are robust and working. Thank you to everyone who helps us keep our school safe by following our safety rules.

This week in school, we have had a number of reports regarding WhatsApp and TikTok usage outside of school—we are liaising with the police on this—please see our 'Safeguarding Tip of the Week' for further information.

We have also been highlighted to a number of conversations between children that are inappropriate for their age, and indeed for discussion within a Catholic school. I would appreciate if parents could speak with their children at home about appropriate language and topics for their age. Please help to protect children from adult topics outside of school as they may not be emotionally able to process the information.

Children's liturgy – Palm Sunday

Gospel: Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once."

So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming kingdom of King David, our father! Praise be to God!"



Date	Time	Details
Monday 29th March	ALL day	Easter Bonnet Competition (EYFS & KS1) Easter Design and Egg Competition (KS2)
Wednesday 31st March	Lunch time	Easter Lunch for pupils. Please text a reply to the office by Mon 22nd March to inform them if your child wants an Easter Lunch
Thurs 1st April	ALL day	Sponsored bubble events— Please donate as much as you can starting from £1 on ParentPay (Lenten Fundraising)
	3.15pm	School Closes for Easter
Mon 19th April	Staggered times	School Opens for Summer Term

VIRTUES OF THE HALF TERM

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

loving
hopeful
curious
wise
faith-filled
generous
eloquent
intentional
truthful
active
discerning
compassionate





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Home Learning: Has moved on our website. Here is the link: <https://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/pupil-page/home-learning-1>

This should be used if your child is at home and they are well enough to complete learning. Work should be uploaded for the child's teacher to see.

Please take into consideration that teachers are teaching full time.

Free School Meals Vouchers :

Vouchers will be provided to eligible families to cover the Easter Holidays, a text will be sent to your phone to alert you to check your emails for these vouchers. This is enabled by Birmingham City Council.

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company

We are on track to convert to an academy on 1st April 2021. This is a very exciting time and we look forward to celebrating this step with you all after Easter

Don't forget to follow Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company on Twitter. We will be forming this MAC along with 12 other local Catholic schools on 1st April 2021. We will keep you updated with this exciting journey as the conversion date approaches.



Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC
@OurLadyandAllS1

Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC comprises of 12 primary schools and one secondary school within the Solihull, Birmingham and Warwickshire areas.

Lateral Flow Testing: COVID 19

We have had lots of questions regarding school testing our children. To reassure all parents **WE ARE NOT TESTING ANY CHILDREN AT ALL AT SCHOOL.**

Parents now have access to Lateral Flow Testing (Non symptomatic). THIS IS NOT THROUGH OR PROVIDED BY SCHOOL. If you wish to have tests you can go along to the Shard End Wellbeing centre or you should visit: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Odd Sock Day:

On Monday this week, our children took part in odd sock day. Our children did this to help raise awareness of Down's Syndrome by wearing the brightest, most colourful socks they could find. Thank you to all that took part.



One Life Music:

One Life Music streamed a Lent livestream this week, that children got to watch from home. This event was a lovely celebration of Lent with, prayer, reflection and music. If you would like to view this event it is still available on their YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKdQWYkqxqs>





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Star Pupil and Virtue Awards Article 29 (goals of education)

Today we have awarded our Star Pupil and Virtue awards to these pupils. Well done!

Year	Star Pupils	Virtue Awards
EYFS	Jude C and Frankie	Michalina
Year 1	Ogooluwa and Joey	Olivia B
Year 2	Erin J and Elijah	Emily
Year 3	Isobel and Aiden	Graison
Year 4	Charlie and Daisy	Logan
Year 5B	Olivia N and Olivia-Mae	Lewis
Year 5H	Oluwatoni and Laila	AJ
Year 6	Reuben and Maddison B	Maisie

God of life and light, teach us how to help others and to live our lives in your love. Amen.



God Bless you all at this extremely difficult time.

Mrs Helen Milligan

Head Teacher



*A very Happy Birthday to the following children :
Bonnie (EYFS), Lexie and Lilly (Y2) and Adrian (Y4) O
Best wishes from your
Guardian Angels family*

Safeguarding Tip of the Week

The school has been made aware of a number of social media accounts that are fake and have been created by pupils in school claiming to be someone else.

The school is liaising with the social media companies concerned and the Police to investigate this and to request that they are closed down. Please speak to your child about remaining safe online and the negative repercussions this type of action can have on others—Thank you.

