

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

'As we grow with God, we learn from each other.'



School News 1st December 2023

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season and we think about the preparation for the birth of Christ. Whilst the TV has been full of Christmas adverts for a few weeks and shops have had their displays up a month, as Christians our time for preparing our hearts for the birth of our saviour begins now.

You will notice that the first candle of the Advent Wreath represents 'Hope' and as part of children's home learning this week, we will be asking children to find and share some stories of Hope. This can be a personal story or something they may read or watch on the news.

I wish you all a great weekend



Collective Worship

Thank you to Y1 who led the Mass with the help of Miss Darby's class. Next week it's Miss Ghanbari's class who will be leading the Mass which will be the first of Advent. Please do join us if you can on Wednesdays at 9.30am in church. You are all very welcome and we'd love to see you.

Inspire Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who have made the effort to attend the Inspire Workshops this week, it's been wonderful to see you working with your child and finding a bit more about the learning in class.

We will be running more of these sessions in the spring term so do look out for those dates.

Christmas discos!

A reminder that if you'd like your child to enjoy the Christmas Disco you're asked to send in £3 in an envelope with your child's name on. This event is being organised by the Friends of St Dunstan's group to raise money to be spent on your children in school so I hope you can support.

Early Years and KS1 is 12th December and KS2 is the 14th December. Both begin after school and the children are being asked to bring in their party clothes to change into before the fun starts!



Advent Christmas Charities – Thank you in advance for your kindness

If your child is in KS2 we are asking for them to bring in toys (new and still in their packaging) to support the Birmingham Irish Toy appeal. Bishop Challoner and their feeder schools have all committed to support this great cause in ensuring that NO child in our city doesn't have a gift to unwrap this Christmas. **Toys will be accepted from next week up until the 14th December** and we will deliver them to Bishop Challoner.

If your child is in Nursery or KS1 we are asking them to support the shoebox appeal. This is also aimed at ensuring the city's most vulnerable children and young adults have something to smile about on Christmas morning. The list of items is below and will be accepted from **Monday 4th – Friday 8th December**.

EYFS - Biscuits, vegetarian sweets, vegetarian chocolates
Year 1JH- Hats, socks, scarves, gloves
Year 1/2CA - Notebooks, pens, playing cards, board games
Year 2VC- Men's grooming sets (Lynx sets, nail clippers, hair brushes)

Key Dates for November and December:

- 28/11/23: Year 2 Inspire Workshop
- 29/11/23: Year 1JH Mass
- 30/11/23: Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- 30/11/23: Little Angels Pre-School Group (9.15am)
- 1/12/23: Year 3 Inspire Workshop
- 1/12/23: Final day payment for Y3/4 Selly Manor Trip
- 6/12/23: Year 6ZG Mass
- 8/12/23: Year 5 and 6 Ancient Greek Workshop
- 12/12/23: PTA Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Disco
- 13/12/23: Year 6LD Mass
- 14/12/23: Year 3 and 4 Trip to Selly Manor
- 14/12/23: PTA KS2 Christmas Disco
- 18/12/23: EYFS Nativity
- 19/12/23: KS1 Nativity
- 20/12/23: Year 5CP Mass
- 20/12/23: Christmas Dinner
- 20/12/23: KS2 Christmas Concert
- 21/12/23: PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale
- 21/12/23: Aladdin Theatre Production – KS1/KS2
- 22/12/23: Break Up for Christmas Break at 1.30pm



Maths & Writing Champions

	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Amelia B	Robert
RecEA	Otis	Ayaan
1JH	Esme	Elijah
1/2CA	Tabitha	Raiden
2VC	Huzaiifa	Yousaf
3EK	Vivienne	Happiness
3/4AK	Grace	Roman
4LT	Declan	Ashton
5SH	Rheo	Isabella
5CP	Augusta	Shae
6LD	Joey	Tate
6ZG	Luke	Evie-Rose

Advent Prayer Bags

This Advent, children will have the opportunity to take home the prayer bag, which will have resources inside to help you pray as a family. Please look after the items inside and return it to school the next day so that every child in the class has the chance to use it. We would love to see how you are using this by emailing us your photos or tweeting us at @DunstansPrimary.



Our Stars of the Week

