

# St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



## School News 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Our first week of Advent in school has seen the school transform into a wonderful celebratory community as we prepare for both the return of Christ and his birth. The corridors are full of the sounds of singing but the hard work goes on - it's our science block this week and next. Please do speak to your child about what they have learned and encourage them to find out more about the topic.

Obviously our RE unit is Advent and the displays in the class reflect this.

Please do look on the school's website for times and dates of the various events from now until the end of the term.



## Collective Worship

Thank you to Miss Ghanbari's class who led us in Mass this week. Next week it'll be Miss Darby's class and as ever, you're all very welcome to join us.

Fr John was very complimentary about how well the children were prepared for Confession on Wednesday. There is a Penitential service at St Dunstan's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for anyone who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.



## Greek Workshop

Years Five and Six have enjoyed their Greek workshops today which reinforces their learning from their history topic where they studied the Ancient Greeks. We are always striving to increase the opportunities for enrichment and offering learning experiences so we hope they enjoyed it. The teachers were certainly keen to point out how well the children responded to the experience.



## Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception



Today, on this beautiful feast of Our Lady, children had a dedicated lesson to honour Mary, whose example we should follow this Advent. These lessons included studying the various images of Mary, creating their own image of Mary, learning and signing 'The Magnificat,' and writing poems in her honour.

## Advent Christmas Charities –

Thank you to all of our families who have kindly donated toys for the Birmingham Irish appeal or items for the Shoebox appeal. You are truly reflecting the spirit of Advent with your generosity.

Mrs Baker and Miss Anderson (and whoever else they can get) will be parcelling up shoeboxes and wrapping them next week ready for delivery!



## Mini Vinnie News!

Our Mini Vinnie's group will be singing at the Robin Care Centre at All Saints next Tuesday to bring some Christmas cheer to their groups. Making others happy is what they pledge to do when they join so they're ready to go and live their values. Good luck and we hope it's a great



## School Meals – increased cost

For those parents who pay for school meals, the cost from January will increase to £2.65 per meal.

## Key Dates for the rest of December:

- 12/12/23: PTA Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Disco. 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- 13/12/23: Year 6LD Mass
- 14/12/23: Year 3 and 4 Trip to Selly Manor
- 14/12/23: PTA KS2 Christmas Disco 3.30pm – 4.30pm
- 18/12/23: EYFS Nativity
- 19/12/23: KS1 Nativity
- 20/12/23: Year 5CP Mass
- 20/12/23: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day!!
- 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

8th Dec		
	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Zuzanna	Zara
RecEA	Abigail	Aisling
1JH	Monty	Lielina
1/2CA	Cordelia	Judah
2VC	Dania	Max
3EK	Hakeem	Mekdelawit
3/4AK	Alana	Jaden
4LT	Florence	Fatima
5SH	Olive	Grace
5CP	Sienna	Niall
6LD	Katherine	Ruby
6ZG	Aiya	Rumaysa

### Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

The children – and staff – are invited to wear their most Christmassy jumper on the final Wednesday of the year. There is no charge for this so please don't send in money. Children are expected to wear school trousers/skirt/shoes as usual on the day as it's also the Christmas concert for KS2.





## Our Stars of the Week



