

# St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



## School News 15th December 2023

We're now fast approaching the end of the term and the dress rehearsals are in full flow in readiness for next week's performances.

A reminder that EYFS on Monday at 2.15pm and KS1 is Tuesday at 2.15pm – both in the school hall. As we did last year, we'll be serving tea and coffee for parents whilst you wait for your the end of the school day. **Children will be dismissed from class at 3.30pm.**

The KS2 concert is in church and to make life easier for parents, we'll keep the children in school and walk them across ready to start at 5pm. Please do send a healthy snack for them to eat after school.



This Sunday is 'Gaudete Sunday' where we rejoice and wait in anticipation for the Lord. The pink candle on the wreath represents Joy.

## Collective Worship

Thank you to Miss Darby's class who led our Mass this week. For the final one of the year, Mr Pell's class will be leading the worship. I'm sure there'll be plenty of Christmas blessings from Fr John and Fr Toby so do join us if you can – 9.30am on Wednesday morning. Thank you to the parents who have managed to join us for our Wednesday Masses, we've had really positive feedback about the children's behaviour and the reading and singing!! All of the information for Masses and services over Christmas are on the St Dunstan's church website and there's a link to the page being sent out too.

## Y3/4 Educational Visit

A special thank you to the children in Years Three and Four whose behaviour and attitudes to learning during yesterday's educational visit, were excellent. They visited Selly Manor to learn more about what life would have been like for children in Tudor times.

Thank you also to the teachers who organised the trip in order that the children's classroom learning can be brought to life!



### Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies were living their pledge again this week helping Santa load the toy donations into the mini bus ready to be delivered to families all over Birmingham. Thank you to all of our families who have donated to both of our Advent charity campaigns this year. We aim to make the lives of our local community better with our good deeds.



### Christmas Discos!!!!

The Friends of St Dunstan's group organised two great nights of entertainment with their Christmas Discos. Thank you for the idea! These events don't get executed without a lot of hard work behind the scenes and of course everything needs cleaning up and tidying afterwards so we really do appreciate the effort.

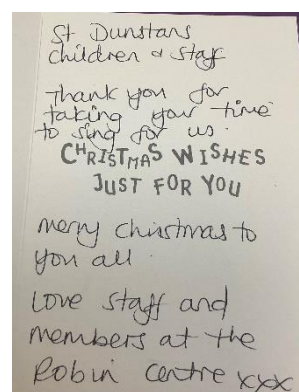
Don't know which one of the group had the contact with our special guest!



### St Dunstan's Children bringing Cheer!



Our children brought joy to the group at the Robin Centre at All Saints. They sang a some Christmas carols and even managed a few with an Elvis impersonator!



### School Meals – increased cost

For those parents who pay for school meals, the cost from January will increase to £2.65 per meal, this will be updated by AIP on the SFU app.

### Key Dates for the rest of December:

- 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

Dates for the Spring Term will be sent out when everything is confirmed

## 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 shirt & tie, trousers/skirt/shoes as usual as it's also the Christmas concert for KS2.

## Advanced Notice

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March, the school will be **closed to all pupils** for parent consultation meetings. This will replace the two Parents' Evenings that we would usually have. The Orchard Club will be closed for this day both before and after school.

After the Christmas, the afternoon register will be taken at 3.20pm. Children leaving before the end of the school day at 3.30pm, will be recorded as absent, which will be unauthorised.

## Year Six Residential

For those parents wishing their child to attend the Year Six residential to Alton Castle in May, information about costs will be coming out in the new year. You will of course be able to spread the cost over the weeks and months from January up to May

## Marvellous Me

If you have not already joined Marvellous Me, please contact the office, in person or via email, for your joining code. Teachers will send out reminders and class communication in this way. You can also read about the learning that has taken place in your child's class each week.

## Parking

Please ensure that you are being considerate to others when parking to drop and collect your child from school. A few of our parents have been reported to school for blocking the road and for pulling into the staff car park. May we remind you that Drayton Road is closed to all cars between 8.30am and 9.15am.





|       | Writing Champion | Maths Champion |
|-------|------------------|----------------|
| RecVB | Robert           | Zuzanna        |
| RecEA | Evania           | Josephine      |
| 1JH   | Remy             | Mila           |
| 1/2CA | Gianna           | Aoife          |
| 2VC   | Isaac            | Rafi           |
| 3EK   | Mekdelawit       | Theobista      |
| 3/4AK | Juno             | Emelia         |
| 4LT   | Dylan            | Kalicee        |
| 5SH   | Zeshan           | Orla           |
| 5CP   | Cece             | Emma           |
| 6LD   | Imogen           | Abel           |
| 6ZG   | Astrid           | Aadam          |

## Our Stars of the Week



