

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



School News 12th January 2024

A very happy new year to you all, I hope you managed a good rest and Father Christmas found his way to your houses!

The children have settled back in well and it's been a productive first week back. This week our unit has been Art and there's been some stunning work produced by our children.

Next week is the beginning of our 'History Block' so please do go on our website and find out what your child will be learning about.

It's good to see everyone back – have a great weekend.

Collective Worship

Miss Henrick's class led us beautifully in our worship for this week's Mass and next week it's the turn of Mrs Krukon's class. Please do join us if you can – Wednesday 9.30am in church.

Miss Thomas' class led the first Class Assembly of the year and the theme was being welcoming to strangers, as the Holy Family were welcomed into Egypt when they fled from Herod. They only had three days to practice but the reading and the singing were very clear. Thank you.

On Saturday, the 5.30 Mass is for those children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All of our Y6 Catholic children are expected to attend and have a short meeting with Fr John after Mass – I believe refreshments are provided! We look forward to seeing you there.

After School clubs start up again next week

If you've signed your child up to an after school club, they will begin again next week. This half term we have the following opportunities.

Monday: Choir Club with Mr Pell – Art Club with Miss Anderson

Tuesday: Girls' Football with Mr Richards

Wednesday: Dance club with Class Act Theatrx

Thursday: Table Tennis Club with Mr Garfield

Friday: Drama Club with Class Act Theatrx

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies' Group

Our Mini Vinnies were working as hard as Santa's Elves on the last day of the term to make up all the food packages that were being given to families of the parish. A big thank you to them



Virtues and Building the Kingdom Theme

The Virtues this half term are 'Compassionate & Loving' and we kicked off the term with an assembly on how we can show these virtues both in and out of school. The children heard one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus healing a man who asked him to be compassionate to his plight.

The curriculum this term is based on the theme of 'Options for the Poor and Vulnerable'. The Pope has been very vocal on the subject of doing all we can to help the most vulnerable in our world whether it's because of poverty, age, disability or homelessness. This term, alongside our subjects, the children will be learning what is within their power to help and become 'a voice for the voiceless'

Reception Classes

You may have noticed that Reception Classes are now joining us over in Mass each week. Their behaviour has been impeccable and Fr John thought they'd been in school over a year when he saw them, not one term! This week, they stayed behind after Mass to look at the Nativity scene in the church.

It would be good to see some of our younger children come to the 10.30am Children's Mass on a Sunday. There is a Children's Liturgy group who would love to welcome you all.



Attendance – Premier League Fixtures!

Each week there will be a round of fixtures to play for the title of 'best attenders' of the season! On the right are this week's matches where you will see the classes who are competing with each other to have the best attendance. Very simply, the class with the highest out of the two playing against each other gets the three points for a win.

The results will be announced during Monday's assembly and the children will also know who their class is playing against that week. Let's hope for some very high scoring games!!

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6ZG	V	3EK
6LD	V	5CP
5SH	V	1JH
4LT	V	2VC
RVB	V	3/4AK
REA	V	1/2CA

January	
Monday 8th	- Back to school
Monday 8th – Friday 19th	- Y3/4AK Swimming
Thursday 11th	- 9.15am Y4LT Class Assembly, Miss Thomas' Class. Parents welcome
Saturday 13th	- 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Mass and session, St Dunstan's Church
Monday 15th	- Reception places September 2024 - apply online/to school before 23.59 15th January 2024
Thursday 25th	9.15am Y3/4AK Class Assembly, Mr King's Class. Parents welcome
Friday 26th	- 7pm- 10pm FOSD Quiz Night – School Hall. Adults only
February	
Saturday 3rd	- 5.30pm Confirmation Preparation Mass and session, St Dunstan's Church
Monday 5th-Friday 9th	- Faith in Our City Week
Thursday 8th	-Y5 Islamic Experience Exhibition Visit
Thursday 8th	- Chinese Theme School Lunch
Friday 9th	- FOSD Own Clothes Day – Wear pink/red for £1. Cupcakes for sale at 3.30pm
Friday 9th	- Parent Exhibition of children's work – School Hall
Friday 9th	-School closes for half term
Monday 19th	- Inset Day. School closed for children
Tuesday 20th	- School reopens for children
Tuesday 20th	- 7pm Y6 Confirmation, St Dunstan's Church
Thursday 22nd	- Y3EK Class Assembly, Mrs Krucon's Class. Parents welcome
Thursday 22nd – Friday 23rd	- Whole School Guitar Workshop
Friday 23rd	- Y5/6 Girls Football
March	
Friday 1st	- Y5/6 Boys Football
Friday 1st	- 9.15am - Year 6 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Saturday 2nd	- 5.30pm Y3 Reconciliation Preparation Mass and Session
Monday 4th	- 9.15am - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Wednesday 6th	- 9.15am – Year 1 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Thursday 7th	- 9.15am – Year 2 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Friday 8th	- 9.15am – Year 3 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Monday 11th	- 9.15am – Year 4 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Wednesday 13th	- 9.15am – Year 5 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Thursday 14th	- 9.15am Y2VC Class Assembly, Mrs Campbell's Class. Parents welcome
Friday 15th	- School Closed for children. Parents' Consultations 12pm-5.30pm
Saturday 16th	- 5.30pm Y3 Reconciliation Preparation Mass and Session
Friday 22nd	- Y5/6 Boys Football
Friday 22nd	- 1.30pm Stations of the Cross, St Dunstan's Church. All welcome
Friday 22nd	- School closes for Easter holidays at 3.30pm



Writers and Mathematicians of the week!

12th January 2024		
	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Arthur	Adon
RecEA	Ayaan	Rubin
1JH	Teddy	Finn
1/2CA	Isaia	Sofo
2VC	Jude	Qavi
3EK	Lois	Kady
3/4AK	Inayah	Jake
4LT	Dexter	Dominic
5SH	Keilah	Jayden
5CP	Hughie	Afiyah
6LD	Miley	Joshua
6ZG	Anton	Verity

Stars of the week

