

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



School News 9th February 2024



We've made it through a whole half term and this week has been especially busy as it's our 'Faith in the City' week. Each class has been learning about a different religion or Christian tradition. Thankfully, we have our own experts in school so Miss Patel came dressed in traditional clothing with her mum and talked about life as a Hindu – she also taught Reception some dance moves!! Thank you to Reception, Y1 and Y5 who went off site for their visits and were exceptionally well behaved.

We hope you all have a restful half term break and staff and children manage to recharge their batteries ready for another busy half term!

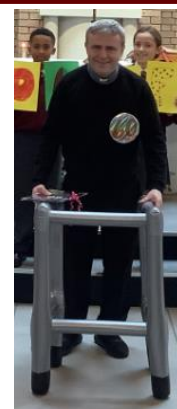
A reminder that school is closed for pupils on Monday 19th February as it's a teacher training day.

Happy Birthday Father John

It was a double celebration in Mass on Wednesday!! Not only were we being joyful in the presence of God, it was Father John's special birthday. Here he is with the walking frame that Father Toby bought him.

As ever, Father John extends a warm invite to our families to join him for one of the weekend Masses. This week we have the visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham so it would be good to see a full church especially ahead of the Confirmation Mass when we're back.

After the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday there will be an update on the changes of Mass times across our deanery.



Be on time at 10 to 9!!

Well done to the first five winners of the lucky attendance draw. If your child is on time every day of the week, their name is loaded on to a 'spinning wheel of fortune' which selects a random child's name to pick a prize. There was great excitement in the hall on Monday and these five punctual pupils were our first winners! There is only one way to be in the draw – be on time every day. We had over 300 names on the wheel so well done to those who have made the effort. Remember the gates open at 8.35am each day so there's plenty of time to get up to class!



St Dunstan's Attendance Premier League

St Dunstan's Attendance League Spring Term 1 – League Table

Position	Class	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
1	6 ZG	4	3	0	1	9
1	R EA	4	3	0	1	9
1	1 JH	4	3	0	1	9
1	5 CP	4	3	0	1	9
1	2 VC	4	3	0	1	9
2	1/2CA	4	2	0	2	6
2	6 LD	4	2	0	2	6
3	4 LT	4	1	0	3	3
3	3/4AK	4	1	0	3	3
3	5 SH	4	1	0	3	3
3	3 EK	4	1	0	3	3
2	R VB	4	1	0	3	3

This is the updated attendance league table going into the final week, and as you can see there's five classes on nine points so we wait to see who the eventual winners are for the half term.

Well done to everyone for making the extra effort this half term to improve the attendance for their class. It has been a half term for coughs and sniffles for children and staff but we're dosing ourselves up and carrying on through! Same again next half term please!!

Collective Worship.

When we return to school, Miss Krucon's class will lead their phase in collective worship on Thursday 22nd February. Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.15am.

Mass that week will be led by Mr King's class and again, you are welcome to join us in church on Wednesday at 9.30am

Staying safe online

This week the children have been being reminded of how to stay safe online. Within our curriculum there are lessons on how we can reduce the risk of online dangers and how to enjoy the internet and games safely. This week we had a special assembly where the children learned more but the only way children will stay safe is if parents are monitoring what the children are accessing on their phones and tablets. There's lots of information on our website so please do go on and have a look.



Friends of St Dunstan's

Thank you to our Friends of St Dunstan's group who organised our 'Wear Pink and Red' day today. And thank you to our families who have kindly donated money or bought items after school. All money raised will be spent on your children.

Key Dates:

February	
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	- 9.00am- 10.15am - Little Angel's Pre-school Group, Nursery
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
Thursday 7th	- 9.00am- 10.15am - Little Angel's Pre-school Group, Nursery
Friday 8th	- 9.15am - Year 3 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Friday 8th	- FOSD Mother's Day Gift Sale
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
Thursday 21st	- 9.00am- 10.15am - Little Angel's Pre-school Group, Nursery
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!

	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Lucas	Robert
RecEA	Rayan	Joel
1JH	Sam	Uhayra
1/2CA	Cordelia	Freddie
2VC	Huzaifa	Huzaifa
3EK	Pak Lam	Bethel
3/4AK	Knox	Ellen
4LT	Asiyah	Lilly-Mae
5SH	Maya	Keilah
5CP	Oisin	Rosie
6LD	Caitlin	Miley
6ZG	Josiah	Sabiha

Stars of the Week!

