



# St Dunstan's Catholic School

Drayton Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LP



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September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your children to their new class! We are looking forward to a great year together.

Please find below some useful information about this year.

### Key staff:

Class Teachers: Miss Hotleran (3H), Miss Anderson (3/4A and Phase Leader), Ms Krucon (4K)

Support Staff: Mrs Ali, Miss Brady, Mrs Kanani

### Curriculum Themes and Topics:

As a Catholic school, our curriculum is taught through a Catholic lens: putting Jesus at the heart of all that we learn. We follow the 'Building the Kingdom' approach and these are themes for this year:

Autumn Term: Family and Community

Spring Term: Dignity of Work

Summer: Solidarity and the Common Good

These themes encompass the learning at St Dunstan's and are a focus for school life each term.

On our website, you will find details of what your child is currently learning:

<https://www.stdunstans.bham.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Maps&pid=47>

### Marvellous Me:

Marvellous Me is an app that parents should download so that they can be informed about their child's learning and progress at school on a daily basis. Children are awarded badges for a variety of reasons such as great effort, or beautiful manners and you will be notified of these via the App. Teachers will also send an activity home daily which shares with you what they learnt that day. Marvellous Me logins will be sent out to you.

### PE:

PE days are as follows:

3H- Tuesday and Thursday

4K – Monday and Friday

3/4A - Thursdays and Fridays.



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However, opportunities for PE may arise at other moments, so PE kit needs to be in school at all times. Kit will be sent home at the end of every half-term, to be washed.

## Enrichment Days:

This year, we will be introducing 'Enrichment Day,' which are days dedicated to celebrating extra-curricular activities. We aim to provide our pupils with a wealth of enrichment experiences throughout their time at St Dunstan's.

- Autumn Term 25<sup>th</sup> October – Enrichment Day of Sports, Arts and Crafts
- Spring Term - 14<sup>th</sup> February – Enrichment Day of Sports, Arts and Crafts  
- 11<sup>th</sup> April – 'No Pens Day'
- Summer Term – 9<sup>th</sup> May – Cultural Day  
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – St Dunstan's Day

## Parent Transition Meeting

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a parent meeting for Reception parents to discuss expectations for this year and how you can best support your child at home.

There will also be a Phonics workshop later in the term to show you how phonics is taught at St Dunstan's and how you can support your child at home with Phonics. Dates and details of this will follow shortly.

## Learning at Home

It is important that you support your child at home. It is our expectation that families will invest in the opportunities we provide at each year group and will be part of their child's learning journey in whatever capacity they feel able to.

In Year Three, children are expected to:

- Read with an adult for around 20 minutes each day and really focus on developing vocabulary and comprehension
- Read new words/write spelling words into a sentence/use KS1 phonics to help spell and read all KS1 and most of the Year 3/4 word lists confidently
- Know your 2, 5, 10x tables and learn 3, 4, 8x tables and the inverse division facts
- Practise handwriting regularly to secure shape/orientation/speed/legibility
- Add and subtract using numbers up to 3 digits

In Year 3, children begin the Lower Key Stage Two curriculum - wider reading and research is advantageous to their curriculum enjoyment and understanding.

In Year Four, children are expected to:

- Read with an adult for around 20 minutes each day



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- Read new words/write spelling words into a sentence/use phonics taught in KS1
- Read and spell all KS1 and all of the Year 3/4 word lists confidently
- Know all tables to 12x12 confidently and the inverse division facts
- Practise handwriting regularly to secure shape/orientation/speed/legibility

By the end of Year 4 pupils are expected to know their times tables facts to 12 X 12. They will also take their Multiplication Text Check this academic year.

## Maths

Your child has login details for TTRockstars (<https://trockstars.com/>)

Your child's login details can be found on the letters in this pack. Please contact us immediately if your child forgets their login details and we will ensure you get another copy. Please continue to support your child in this essential area.

It is recommended that children log in regularly to practise their times tables.

## Wellness Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, children will have the opportunity to attend an after school club free of charge! Dates and details of the clubs for the Autumn term will be sent out shortly, with instructions about how to sign up to one of these clubs. Consent will need to be given and a commitment to attend every session.

## School Fund:

Since the pandemic, School has not asked for a School Fund donation from families. From September, we are kindly requesting that families make a voluntary donation of £30 per family. This donation is entirely voluntary and we would not wish for families to put themselves under any financial pressure in order to make it. School Fund will be used to provide for items, resources, experiences and activities which enhance and enrich the curriculum and therefore the children's learning experiences at school.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning.

We hope that you find this information useful. There will be further updates and communication throughout the term, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or you would simply like more information. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely,

**The Lower Key Stage 2 Team**