



# 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 Teacher: Mrs Mohan

Support Staff: Mrs Boyle, Mrs Cox and Miss Wawryka

### 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 (All About Me and Celebrations)**

**Spring Term: Dignity of Work (Cold Places, Healthy Eating and Growing)**

**Summer: Solidarity and the Common Good (Transport and Under the Sea)**

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.

### Birthdays:

On their birthday, children can wear their own clothes. This means that everyone in and around school will know and be able to wish them a Happy Birthday! We do not allow sweets or chocolate to be brought in due to allergies in school.

### Parent Meeting



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In the first half term, each year group will invite parents to a parent workshop to discuss expectations for this year.

The meeting for Nursery parents will take place Tuesday 17th September.

## 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.

## Reading

To start the children's reading journey in Nursery the children will take home a book to read with you throughout the week. The book will be given out on Wednesday's. Can we have them back the following Tuesday.

## Maths

Your child has login details for Numbots. Your child's login details can be found on the next page. 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.

Numbots - <https://play.numbots.com/>

## In Nursery Class, children and parents are expected to:

- σ Talk every day about school
- σ Share books and stories together encouraging children to make up their own stories
- σ Play board and card games to develop social skills
- σ Be outdoors often! Children of this age should be physically active for up to 3 hrs a day!
- σ Develop fine motor skills at home through play and focused activities (such as buttoning, sorting, gluing, using scissors, using playdough, drawing, tracing, copying, writing letters, names and labels using different types of pens/pencils to build finger strength)
- σ Developing independency in increasing aspects of their life (dressing and undressing, pouring, using cutlery, going to the toilet properly by themselves etc.)

## 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



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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 Early Years Team*