



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:

Phase Leader: Mrs Campbell

Class Teachers: Mrs Campbell, Miss Adams, Miss Henrick

Support Staff: Mrs Guz, Mrs Maund and Miss Blunn

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>

PE:

PE days

Yr1A is Wednesday

Yr1/2H is Monday

Yr2C is Thursday

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

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



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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.

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

Parent Transition Meeting

On Thursday 12th September there will be a parent meeting for Year 1 and 2 parents to discuss expectations for this year and how you can best support your child at home.

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 One, children and parents are expected to:

- Read with an adult for around 10/15 minutes each day
- Read new words/write spelling words into a sentence/revise phonics (phases 2 – 5)/ read and spell all Year 1 Common Exception Words confidently
- Learn number bonds to 10 (and 20 when you are ready)
- Count confidently beyond 20 and up to 100 if you can
- Practise handwriting regularly to secure shape/orientation ready for joins in Year 2

In Year One pupils have to complete their Phonic Screening to show that they have reached the expected level for phonological awareness (sound knowledge). It is vital that you help your child practise Phonics at home.

In Year Two, children and parents are expected to:

- Read with an adult for around 15/20 minutes each day
- Read new words/write spelling words into a sentence/revise phonics (phases 2 – 5)/read
and spell all Year 2 Common Exception Words confidently
- Learn number bonds to 20 (and more when you are ready)



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- Count confidently up to 100
- Learn your 2, 5 and 10x tables
- Practise handwriting regularly to secure shape/orientation ready for joins in Year 2
- Practise multiplication and number bond facts written calculation work using 1 and 2 digit numbers

Reading

Please note that your child will bring home a reading book set by your child's class teacher that matches with the phonics taught in class. Alongside this, they will also choose and bring home a book from the class library.

Please read with your child every day and practise the new sounds we have learned in school. This will help to embed the learning taking place in school.

Maths

Your child has login details for Numbots - <https://play.numbots.com/>

It is recommended that children login regularly to practise their number bonds and other basic number skills- regular practise will help embed key facts which are an essential foundation in mathematics. Numbots makes learning more fun, engaging and accessible for everyone.

Your child's login details can be found within this pack of information. 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.

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



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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.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The KS1 Team

Mrs Campbell, Miss Adams and Miss Henrick