

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
24<sup>th</sup> April  
is  
**Care**



**Welcome back**  
**Ms Finan - Head Teacher**

Welcome back!  
I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter break and have come back ready to take on the challenges for this final term. This half-term will be a very busy one with the statutory national curriculum tests for children in years 2 and 6. We can also look forward to the performance of 'A Little Princess' for the whole school as well as class visits to support our pupils' ongoing learning and nourishment.



**Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week**

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 96%.



### **Breakfast Club**

Our school's breakfast club has proved very popular with our parents and pupils. Children have a great start to the day with a nutritious breakfast followed by activities with our P.E. coaches.

Due to the increased number of pupils coming to our breakfast club and to help with the costs of food and staffing it has become necessary for us to introduce a charge of £1 per day (£5 per week). These charges came into effect on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like your child to join, please bring them along for a warm welcome as well as a warm, hearty breakfast! Breakfast is served from 8.00am to 8.30am followed by activities until 9.00am.



### **Withdrawal of the old £5 note**

The old paper £5 note ceases to be legal tender on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Therefore we will no longer be able to accept the

old £5 note after Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we will only be able to accept the new polymer note.

If you have any paper £5 notes, why not use them to pay for dinner money or clubs next week?

If you have any old £5 notes after the 5<sup>th</sup> May, these can still be exchanged in person or by post at the Bank of England.

**Catholic Children's Society**  
(Westminster)  
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### **Lenten Boxes**

Can we politely remind all parents to return their Catholic Children's Society Lenten boxes by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April so that we can send off your generous contributions to this worthwhile cause. Thank you.



### **School Clothing Labels**

Are you looking for an alternative to writing your child's name on their uniform items? If so, labels which can be ironed onto clothing may be the solution for you. Prices are as follows:

15 name labels - £1.99  
 25 name labels - £2.99  
 50 name labels - £4.99  
 plus £1.50 for postage and packing.

For more information, visit [www.labelcreating.co.uk](http://www.labelcreating.co.uk) or contact Marion at [labelcreating@gmail.com](mailto:labelcreating@gmail.com).



### School Photos

Please note that our photography company will be collecting proof cards with payment on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. If you wish to purchase your child's photo, please ensure that you complete the form and enclose the correct money in the envelope provided with the photo proof.



Standards  
& Testing  
Agency

### 2017 national curriculum tests (SATs)

The Department for Education has produced two new leaflets and two videos for parents with children in years 2 and 6.

These provide basic information on the purpose and format of the national curriculum tests that your child will be sitting in May, how you can best support your child and how the results will be reported.

You should have received copies of the leaflets last term but you can also access these and the videos via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

If you have any queries or concerns about the tests, your

child's class teacher will be happy to discuss these with you.



### Dinner Money

Thank you to those parents/carers who have cleared any outstanding fees. Sadly, we still have some outstanding debts. If you have outstanding dinner money to pay then your child will need to bring a packed lunch in until this is settled in full. When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. Remember, next week is the final week that you will be able to pay for dinner money using the old paper £5 notes.



Happy St. George's Day - Apr 23

### St. George's Day

Today we celebrated St George's Day. We asked all children and staff to dress in red and white and to donate £1 to the British Legion. A total of £114.94 has been raised so far. Many thanks to all those who took part.

Sainsbury's



### Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

We are currently collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you are collecting vouchers and wish to donate them to the school, can you either give them to the school office or for those in EYFS/KS1 they can be given to Miss Nayda.



**Birthdays at St. Dominic's**  
 Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthday next week.

Arthur Nwoye 6A	21 <sup>st</sup>
Emmanuel Ngimbi Rec. A	22 <sup>nd</sup>
James Maughan 6B	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Sabrina Sudara 1B	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Chanelle Tuffour 3B	24 <sup>th</sup>
Chidera Nwobu 4B	25 <sup>th</sup>
Emily Cano 6B	27 <sup>th</sup>
Gena Caulker 1A	27 <sup>th</sup>
Ralik Codner 1B	27 <sup>th</sup>
Joyce Mampuya 5A	27 <sup>th</sup>



### Second Sunday of Easter

'Seeing is believing' is a well-known saying. People often do not believe something until they have seen it for themselves. It might be something so surprising or incredible that they are unable to accept its existence without proof. The followers of Jesus had been told that he had risen from the dead - some of the women even claimed to have spoken to him - yet they were still filled with doubt and uncertainty. In Sunday's Gospel we hear how their faith and belief was restored.

### Prayer

Loving Father, you sent your beloved Son Jesus to transform our world with his peace and love. As his followers, help us to share that living love and peace with one another. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.