

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
24th September
is
Brave

MEET THE TEACHER

KS1 Parents' Meetings

We will be holding a meeting for our KS1 parents/carers on Monday 24th September at 3.40pm-4.10pm. These meetings will give parents/carers the chance to meet their child's new class teacher, discuss expectations, curriculum topics for the autumn term and how we can work together. Thank you to all parents who attended the KS2 parents' meetings on Wednesday. It was good to see so many parents engaging with their child's new class teachers.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

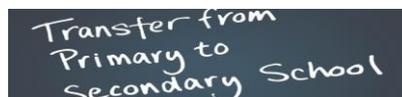
Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 100%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.



The Daily Mile

St Dominic's pupils have signed up to take part in The Daily Mile initiative to improve children's fitness levels, their cognitive behaviour, social, emotional and mental health and make a real difference to the pupils' school day. The children in Years 1-6 have an allocated day of the week where they will run for 15 minutes at the start of each day before registration.



Secondary Transfer

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Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2019. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

In almost all cases, secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system and details of how to register and create an application can be found in the leaflet you received from the school entitled *Apply for a secondary school place 2018: A brief guide for parents of children in year 6*. If you have mislaid your leaflet you can request another copy from the school office. **The deadline for making your application is Thursday 18th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Parents/carers can complete the applications at home themselves but if you would like the school to assist you with your application then you can make an appointment at the school office to see either Ms Finan or Ms Frankland on Wednesday 3rd October, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th October. **It is important that you book a time slot if you have not yet applied for your child's year 7 secondary school place.**

We appreciate that this can be an unsettling time for parents/carers and pupils alike, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any support in this process.



**WEAR JEANS
CHANGE LIVES.**
FRI 21 SEPT 2018

Jeans for Genes day

Today the children and staff got their jeans on and donated £1 to

support children affected by genetic disorders.

We have raised £178 so far.

Well done everyone!

HomeTime!

Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.



Cash Payments

If you are making a payment for dinner money, any of the after school clubs or piano lessons. Please put the correct amount in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Receipts for payments will be issued at the end of the school day.** The office cannot accept cash unless it is in an envelope.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Mobile Phones

While we recognise that mobile phones are a part of everyday life for children, it is important to remember that they can be a serious distraction in school and that they can also be used to bully or intimidate others. For this reason we would like to remind all parents that their children must not take mobile telephones into class or use them throughout the school day. Where a pupil needs to bring a 'phone into school, for example because they walk to and from school without adult supervision, it must be left with the

school office at the beginning of each day.

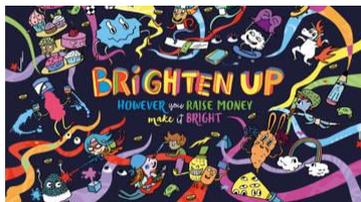
Any use of a 'phone, including inappropriate photographing/filming or bullying, may lead to the phone being confiscated. The parent will be told to collect the phone at the end of the school day.



Early Collection of Pupils

We are not able to allow children to be collected early unless written documents are evidenced that require your child to attend a medical appointment. These must be shown prior to early leave being requested.

We know that you fully help us in ensuring that our children receive the best learning opportunities in school and we thank you for your support in this matter.



One World Harvest Day

Friday 5th October

Harvest time is nearly upon us again and we are asking you to Brighten Up this Harvest by dressing up as brightly as possible and donating £1.00 to CAFOD. We will be awarding prizes for the brightest child in each class. We will be holding a special assembly in the KS2 hall starting at 10.30am.

This year we are supporting Fr. Patrick and the Hackney Food Bank. You can support by bringing in tins of peas, tomatoes, tuna, beans or packet foods that can help those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can be left in the school office.



Year 6 Commissioning Mass

Last Friday we celebrated our Commissioning Mass for year 6 at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. On this special occasion our year 6 pupils were commissioned to be leaders within our school community. Father Patrick led the service and the children read and sang beautifully!



IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details

Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

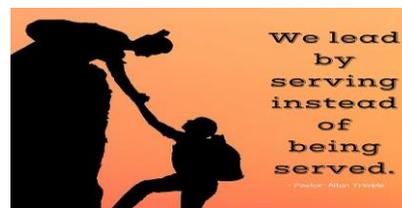
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Reception	Tyesha, Jason
Year 3	Emely, Martin
Year 4	Benita-Johanna, Messiah
Year 5	Kelyan, Jonathan



Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year

Often we will call people great when they are very successful, or rich and powerful. Jesus explains that such things are not important to God. He measures our greatness by our goodness and willingness to think of others before ourselves.

Prayer.

Lord,

Sometimes I find it hard not to have things my own way!

To be expected to share and to put others first.

Help me to be generous and thoughtful as you would want me to.

Amen.