

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
17th December  
is  
Hopeful



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 92%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 96%.

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.



### School Holidays

Please note that the school will close for the Christmas holidays at **2pm** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Can we ask that all children are picked up on time.

The new term will start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9.00am.



### Thank you

As you know we have been collecting personal care items for homeless men and women at an emergency night shelter.

We would like to thank you for all the generous donations made that will hopefully make life a little easier for the guests of the night shelter who are not as fortunate as we are.

We will be delivering the packages to them next week with your best wishes.

If you would like to take a look at the work carried out by the charity GrowTH then please visit: [thisisgrowth.org](http://thisisgrowth.org)



### Nativity and Carol Service

On Wednesday, our KS1 pupils held a beautiful Nativity performance in school. It was a joy to see the children acting out the story of Christ's birth and to have so many parents and families joining us.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss O'Grady and Miss Hamilton for organising the services and to everyone who took part or helped

KS2 will be holding their Nativity service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the KS2 hall.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate

the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



**Save the Children**  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

### Christmas Jumper Day

Today, children and staff raised money for Save the Children by donating £1.00 to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. There were lots of wonderful designs and some children were extremely creative by decorating their own jumpers. So far we have raised £65 which Save the Children will use to 'make the world better with a sweater'. Thank you for your donations and for bringing a very festive feel to our school today!

For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at <https://christmasjumperday.org>



### Farewell to Miss Dufie-Appiah

At the end of term we sadly say goodbye to Miss Dufie-Appiah who is moving on to pastures new. We will be very sorry to see her go but wish her every success in the future and thank her for all she has contributed during her time at St. Dominic's.

**...COMING  
NEXT WEEK!**



**After school clubs**

Please note there will be **NO** after school clubs next week.

Please ensure that your children are collected at 3.30pm on Monday - Thursday and at 2pm on Friday. All clubs will resume in the New Year.



**Class Christmas Parties**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes.



**Advent Mass**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am we will be holding our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



**School Christmas Dinners**

Next week, Karen and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu which is shown below. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please give your payment to Rita in the school office clearly indicating the date(s) you are paying for.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**ALADDIN**

Magic carpet pizza & garlic bread  
Vegetarian tagine & rice  
Razoul's roasted vegetables  
The Sultan's salad  
Abu's chocolate brownie & banana.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**SNOW WHITE**

Grumpy's chicken or veggie sausages with Sneezzy's cheesy mash.  
Bashful's broccoli, Prince's peas  
Evil Queen's apple crumble with Snow White's ice cream.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE BALL**

Roast turkey or Quorn roast with stuffing and sausage  
Roast potatoes and gravy  
Peas, carrots and Brussels sprouts  
Crispy snow bar, Christmas cookie or satsuma

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**JACK AND THE BEAN STALK**

Daisy's beef burger or Magic bean burger with jacket wedges  
Simple Simon's sweetcorn, Giant's green beans  
Jack's jelly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**PETER PAN**

Hook's catch of the day fish fingers or Wendy's veggie hot dog with chipped potatoes.  
Baked beans, Smee's peas  
Tinker's fairy cakes.

Jacket potatoes, freshly baked bread, salad and fruit will be available on all days except Christmas Dinner 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.



**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	Ben and Oluwadarasimi
Year 1	Martina and Malykai
Year 3	Isaac
Year 5	Moyinoluwa
Year 6	Deborah



3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

**Third Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist told the people to ask for God's forgiveness for their sins and to change their hearts. They did not know how to please God or to make him welcome in their lives, so John showed them the way.

**Prayer**

As Christmas draws closer, help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year, the homeless and sad, those who are hungry or at war. May the peace and joy of Christmas reach out and touch their lives.

**Amen.**