

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
25th November
is
Friendship.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3A whose attendance was 99%.

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.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.



After School Club

Our after school club takes place every day from 3:30-5:45pm. The cost is £10 per day and the club is available for all year groups with lots of fun activities each day and help with homework. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Miss

Currie or speak to a member of staff at the main office.



School Council Elections

We were delighted to have our local MP Meg Hillier with us today to say a few words about why school councils are so important in promoting fairness and equality. The school council will have an important role to play in representing the interests and views of all pupils in the school and we are looking forward to working together to hear the ideas, opinions and suggestions.

School council elections will take place in school next week.



Secondary Transfer – Supplementary Form Reminder

Father Patrick has mentioned that he has not yet signed many Supplementary Forms for secondary school places for September 2020. Parents who have made an application for a faith school such as Cardinal Pole, Our Lady's, Urswick etc. will need to look on the schools website and print out the form to be signed by your parish priest. Cardinal Pole Supplementary forms are available from the school office. Please make sure that you do this as soon as possible.



Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose. A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on **Wednesday 27th November**.



Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' meetings over the last couple of weeks. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss attainment, progress and any other matters pertaining to your child's learning.

CAKE SALE



Cake Sale - Friday 29th November

We are holding a cake sale on Friday 29th November in support of St. Joseph's Hospice Hackney. We are delighted to be able to show our support for this amazing local charity.

St Joseph's Hospice supports people in East and North East London with serious, life-limiting conditions. They help local people, supporting their choices and making sure they get the help they need, whether that's spending time at the hospice or being supported at home. They also offer a wide range of services to families and carers to help at a difficult time.



Peter Pan Pantomime

We are delighted that M&M theatre productions are performing their Pantomime 'Peter Pan' to our children on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 2pm.

We are asking that parents pay a contribution of £5.00 towards the cost of hiring the theatre company to perform to the children. Which compared with the cost of a panto ticket at the theatre is amazing value! We are sure that the children will have a wonderful experience enjoying this exciting Christmas tradition.



Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm in the KS1 hall.

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on Monday 16th December at 2.30pm in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic's.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



Advent Mass

The season of Advent is fast approaching and we are busy preparing to spend the Christmas period with loved ones.

Good deeds and generosity have always been an important part of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick in hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family.

On Wednesday 18th 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.

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, 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.



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.

Nursery	Shanel
Year 1	Raphael
Year 3	Donel
Year 5	John
Year 6	Gabriella, Ryan, Bebe



Thirty-fourth Sunday of the year.

On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus had been sentenced to die on the cross and the soldiers and crowds who had gathered to watch his suffering jeered and made fun of the 'King of the Jews'.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you come to share the Good News of God's Kingdom with the whole world.
May your love reign in our hearts always.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.