

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
15<sup>th</sup> January  
is  
**Faith**

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
**2018**

#### Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2018. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Dominic's I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and a Happy New Spring Term!  
Deirdre Finan



#### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance this week with 98% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 100%.

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



#### After School Club

Our after school club started this week, running from 3.30pm till 5.45pm daily. 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.

Below is a weekly timetable of the activities we have on offer in our after school club.

DAY	ACTIVITIES
Monday	Arts & Crafts Board Games Chill Zone
Tuesday	Film Session Arts & Crafts Outdoor Activities
Wednesday	Board Games Arts & Crafts Team Activities/ Outdoor Activities
Thursday	Film Session Board Games Outdoor Activities Chill Zone
Friday	Homework Arts & Crafts Team Activities



#### Year 5/6 Football Club

Please note that the year 5/6 football club will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January instead of Thursday due to there being a football match for the year 5/6 team on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**inspire!** Education Business Partnership

#### Inspire! Work Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January marks the start of Inspire! Work Week which our school will be participating in. Inspire! is a registered charity and Education Business Partnership that promotes links between schools and businesses. Children from all year groups will be introduced to the world of work by visiting various organisations and through taking part in fun activities at school. A central aim of the week is that children's aspirations are raised through gaining valuable insights into the types of work they may want to think about pursuing when they are older.

**Shoreditch Trust**



#### Mentor Training

Bump Buddies are offering free mentor training this March for Hackney mothers. A poster has been put up on the noticeboard in the playground with all the details. Alternatively, to register your interest or to find out more, visit <http://www.shoreditchtrust.org.uk/bump-buddies/>, call 020 7033 8524 or email [jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk](mailto:jane@shoreditchtrust.org.uk)



#### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Nickson Massa 6A	13 <sup>th</sup>
Christian Michael 3A	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Goncalves 4B	16 <sup>th</sup>
Abdulsamad Olokowo 5A	17 <sup>th</sup>
Naomi Guy 6B	19 <sup>th</sup>
Thomas Jerrad Lawrence 6A	19 <sup>th</sup>



#### Second Sunday of the Year

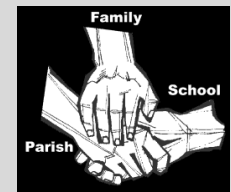
The people were waiting with growing excitement for the Messiah that God had promised to send. John the Baptist had told them that their Saviour was already among them, but what would he look like and how would they know him? In Sunday's Gospel we hear how John reveals his identity to two of his followers.

#### Prayer

Loving Father,  
give us the courage to follow you, so that by our words and actions we may be witnesses to your love. Grant this through Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

# Jesus at Prayer - Year 3

*Linking School, Parish and Home*



## Religious Education

### Key Idea: Jesus at Prayer

This topic is intended for the Spring Term of 2017/2018. It presents pupils with the story of the Exodus and within it, the Passover. As a Jew, Jesus would have celebrated Passover with his family; in preparation for Easter this resource teaches pupils about the story that is the foundation for our own Eucharist.

## Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

**Spiritual Outcomes:** *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of the truths contained in Scripture.
- An appreciation of/for our connection to the Jewish people
- Respect for the faith and practices of the Jewish people
- An openness to learning from other faiths

## Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. This topic takes pupils on a journey back in time to the Exodus. Pupils will be invited to consider the symbolism of the journey the Israelites took and the ritual of Passover which continues to give thanks for the many blessings the people have received.

Talk to your children about what they have: foster a sense of appreciation and thankfulness for the many blessings and privileges they enjoy.

## An idea for prayer at home

### Prayer Activity



Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and enabled us to celebrate this joyous occasion.  
May we remember all those who live in fear or oppression;  
help us to work towards their release and freedom.  
Amen.

Adapted from the Haggadah, the prayer of the Passover meal.