

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
23rd April
is
Care



Welcome back

We hope everyone had a joyful and relaxing 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 are looking forward to our St. George's Day celebrations next week as well as the performance of *The Railway Children* for the whole school. In the final week of this half-term, we will have our Science Week which always proves popular with children and families alike. There will be lots of fun activities and challenges which will support our children's learning.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Reception A for the best class attendance this week with 100% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A 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.



Hot weather

This week we have been enjoying the warmest weather so far this year and long may it continue! Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Girls can wear their summer dresses and boys can wear shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts. Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes.



St. George's Day

On Monday we will be celebrating St. George's Day. For a £1 donation, children will be able to come to school dressed in red and white. All money raised will be donated to the British Legion.

Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference

Catholic Children's Society Boxes

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your Catholic Children's Society boxes. To date, we have only had very few back. We know that your small change can make a big difference to families in our community. Can you please return your boxes by Friday 27th April. Thank you.



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.

Sabrina Sudara 2B	23 rd
Chanelle Tuffour 4B	24 th
Chidera Nwobu 5B	25 th
Gena Caulker 2A	27 th
Ralik Codner 2B	27 th
Joyce Mampuya 6B	27 th



Fourth Sunday of Easter: Year B

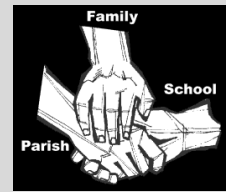
What would you do if you looked out of the window and saw a flock of sheep passing by? You'd probably be so amazed by the sight that you'd leap to your feet and go to take a closer look! Flocks of sheep and the shepherds who cared for them were a familiar sight in the time of Jesus, and he used them in his parables to help people to understand what he had to say.

Prayer

Loving Father,
hear the prayers of the flock gathered here before you, as we place our loving trust in the Good Shepherd who leads us to you. Grant this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

From Easter to Pentecost - Year 3

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: From Easter to Pentecost

This resource is intended for the Summer Term of 2017/2018 and its focus on Easter and Pentecost. In previous years pupils have focussed on Pentecost as a Jewish celebration recorded in Acts of the Apostles and as a Liturgical feast, 50 days after Easter. This resource picks up the actions of the disciples as models for our behaviour now by listening to people we might call Pentecost People today, for whom faith is important, including Cardinal Nichols.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

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

- An appreciation of the many people who live in response to their faith
- An awareness of the importance of faith in life
- An openness to the impact that faith can have on their own decisions and actions
- A willingness to respond to the personal call to faith which is theirs

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.

- How you live matters to your children. You model what is important in life and what you consider success is. Faith may be part of your life. If it is talk to your children about how you express your faith and why it makes a difference to the way you live.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Pray:
Loving God. In the people around us we see your love and care. In the people around us we see your forgiveness and gentleness. In the people around us we see your justice. Help us to be Pentecost People in our day to all those around us. We ask this through Jesus who lived to show us how to live. Amen.