

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
8th May
is
Kindness



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance this week with 100% in EYFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 98%.

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.



Clothing grant at age 11

If your child is transferring from primary to secondary school you may be entitled to receive a clothing grant. To qualify, you must be a Hackney resident and be getting one of the benefits below:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Child tax credit, and getting no more than £16,190 a year
- Working tax credit, getting no more than £16,190 a year
- Guarantee element of pension credit, or
- Income-related employment and support allowance

- Universal Credit with a net earnings threshold of £15,400 a year

For more information and to make an application, visit the following Hackney Learning Trust page:
<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/clothing-grant-age-11>.

Applications should be made before 30 June. The clothing grant is still available for Year 7 pupils who have started secondary school from September 2017 and meet the eligibility criteria above.



Bring your family to university!

University College London (UCL) is organising a free event for pupils in years 5 and 6, and their families to get a taste of university life. The event will take place on Saturday 16th June between 9.30am and 3.00pm and attendees will:

- Find out about the student and university experience
- Discover the wide range of subjects available at university and UCL
- Receive advice on transitioning from primary to secondary school
- Meet current UCL students and find out about their personal experience of studying at UCL.

There will be also be various activities including a question and answer session and a campus tour. A free lunch will also be provided. For more information, contact Jake Featherstone at wp.pre16@ucl.ac.uk or on 020 7679 8153. To make an

application, visit www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/family-visits. The deadline for applications is 4.00pm on Thursday 7th June.



Hot weather

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.



Standards
& Testing
Agency

National curriculum tests (SATs)

The Department for Education has produced an information leaflet and two videos for parents with children in years 2 and 6 about the national curriculum assessments. The purpose of these materials is to help parents understand more about the end of key stage assessments that are being administered this month. They provide basic information on the purpose and format of the national curriculum tests, how parents can best support their children and how the results will be reported.

You can access the leaflet and the videos via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

If you have any queries or concerns about the tests, your child's class teacher will be happy to discuss these with you.



After School Club

Looking for some interesting and fun activities or help with your homework at the end of the school day? Then our after school club might just be for you!

The club runs from 3.30pm till 5.45pm daily at a cost of £10 per day and is available for all year groups. If you 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



First Holy Communion

Is your child preparing for their First Holy Communion this year? Are you still looking for an outfit? If so, Clothes Line may be able to help you. As well as suits and dresses, they also stock baptism

gowns, prayer books, Bibles, daily and Sunday missals, rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for all Christian occasions. What's more, they will not sell the same dress to another child who will be making their First Holy Communion at the same Mass. For more details, look at the flyer on our noticeboard, go to www.firstholycommunion.co.uk, call 020 8543 7721 or email sales@firstholycommunion.co.uk. If you make a purchase then please quote the promotional code STH258 at the point of sale as this will attract a 10% donation for our school!



Royal Wedding

On Saturday 19th May, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will marry in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. To celebrate, we will be holding a picnic with bunting and music in our playground on Friday 18th May, weather permitting. Below is a copy of the invitation that has been put up in all classes this week.



School Dinners

School dinner money

Dinner Money for the week is currently £10.50 which must be paid at the beginning of every week. If payment is not made you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



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.

Ella Mckenzie 4B	5 th
Kamila Zvirblyte 3B	5 th
Rion Hutchinson Reception B	7 th
Shann Lijam 4A	7 th
Renaldo Ellis 1B	9 th
Rayleigh Ryan 3B	9 th
Phoebe Bolter 1B	10 th
Franklin Tang 4B	10 th



Sixth Sunday of Easter-Year B

Jesus commanded us to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. So great was Christ's love that he poured out his life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. God's love for us never changes; it is like a circle without beginning or end which goes on for ever.

Prayer

Loving Father, may we faithfully follow Christ so that our love for you and each other may make us worthy to be called your children. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.