

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
14th May
is
Celebrate



SATs in years 2 and 6

Last week, the SATs testing period started for our year 2 pupils. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs next week. The timetable is as follows:

DATE	TESTS
Monday 14 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 - Questions Paper 2 - Spelling
Tuesday 15 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 16 th May	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 17 th May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning
Friday 18 th May	No tests

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance and punctuality during the testing period. Pupils will feel better prepared for the tests if they have had a good night's sleep and have been

fuelled with a healthy and filling breakfast.

If pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.

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.

We wish all our pupils the best of luck in their tests!



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance this week with 99% in EVFS/KS1. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 99%.

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.



ASCENSION THURSDAY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS IN SCHOOL

Ascension Mass

Yesterday, Father Neil came to our school to celebrate the feast of the Ascension with a Mass for our KS2 pupils. The Mass was led beautifully by year 5 and we would like to thank Father Neil for coming to celebrate with us and Miss O'Grady for organising and preparing the pupils for the Mass.



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CLOTHING
GRANT

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.



Courses in Hackney

Hackney Public Health and Young Hackney are currently supporting the following courses throughout the borough:

- Free Cook and Eat courses with courses across the borough;
- Cooking for Life - Family cooking;
- International Cuisine;
- The New Age Games - free activities for Hackney residents aged 50+;
- £1 fitness classes.

Details for all the above are available on our school noticeboard in the playground or from the school office.



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.firstholychommunion.co.uk, call 020 8543 7721 or email sales@firstholychommunion.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. Let's hope the sun decides to join us too so that we can make the most of the festivities!



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.

Phoebe Oguntase	Reception A	12 th
Rose Ward	4B	12 th
Chelsea Gyebi-Ababio	6B	13 th
Martin Maughan	4B	13 th
Chelsey Ofoegbu	6B	13 th
Owen McDonagh	4B	14 th
Nikalla Fallon	6A	15 th
Franck Thomas	6A	15 th
Oluwajomiloju Awe	Reception A	16 th
Doreen Gordon-McCarthy	4A	17 th
Alexia Page	Reception A	17 th
Christian Cheung	4B	18 th
Mervy Luzola Kiala	6B	18 th
Kenayah Mampuya	1B	18 th



Seventh Sunday of Easter-Year B

Just as a loving parent watches over a precious child to protect them from coming to harm, Jesus prayed to his heavenly Father and asked him to watch over the disciples he loved so much as the time approached when he would finally have to leave them.

Prayer

Loving Father, you know and love us so well. Listen to the prayers of your children and help us to grow each day in the image of your loving Son. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.