

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
10th September
is
Belonging



Welcome back

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and have come back ready to take on the challenges for this academic year. Our first week has started well and everyone has made a smooth transition to their new classes. A warm welcome to our new nursery and reception children. I hope you will have a happy and rewarding time at St Dominic's. Here's to another successful and fulfilling year.

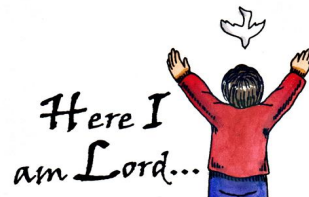
Ms Finan

Head teacher

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents' Meetings

We will be holding a meeting for our KS2 parents/carers on Wednesday 19th September from 3.40pm to 4.10pm and for our KS1 parents on Monday 24th September at 3.40pm-4.10pm. These meetings will give parents/carers the chance to meet their child's new class teacher, discuss expectations, curriculum topics for the autumn term and how we can work together.



Commissioning Mass

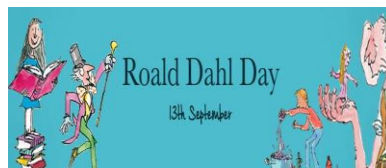
We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on Friday 14th September at 10.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & St Dominic. On this special occasion we commission our year 6 pupils to be leaders within the school community. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

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

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.



Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Thursday 13th September we will be celebrating our annual Dahlicious dress up day at school. Children pay just £1 to dress up as a character from one of their favourite Roald

Dahl books or wear yellow, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

Prizes will be awarded for the best characters and we will also be holding a cake sale at morning break!

All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which help to make lives better for seriously ill children in the U.K.

If you're stuck for inspiration as to what to wear, there are lots of dressing up ideas on roald Dahl's website at

<http://www.roalddahl.com>

Transfer from
Primary to
Secondary School

Secondary Transfer

Information regarding open evenings for the various secondary schools in the borough can be found at:

www.learningtrust.co.uk/openevents

Please try and visit as many as possible to inform your choices.

Our deputy head teacher, Ms Frankland, will shortly be sending out letters to all year 6 children and their parents/carers informing them about the process of choosing a secondary school for September 2019.

First Communion

First Holy Communion

If you wish for your child to make their First Holy Communion at the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic's parish, you should collect a registration form from the church from Sunday 9th September. Registration forms are for children in year 3 or above and will be available for the next two weeks.

School Dinners Year 3 Pupils

School dinners for year 3 children
As mentioned in our end-of-year newsletter, children who have just entered year 3 no longer benefit from the universal free school meal entitlement. This means that if your child is not eligible for free school meals because you are not receiving certain benefits, then you will need to pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) payable from Tuesday 4th September. **If your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you're not sure about their entitlement, you should contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible to enquire about entitlement and to complete the relevant forms to assess your eligibility.**



Dinner Money

Thank you to all the parents that have settled any outstanding dinner money debts. If you have yet to do so your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from Monday 10th September. Dinner money is currently £10.50 per week and must be paid at the beginning of every week. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. Thank you for your co-operation.



Mobile Phones

While we recognise that mobile phones are a part of everyday life for children, it is important to remember that they can be a serious distraction in school and that they can also be used to bully or intimidate others. For this reason we would like to remind all parents that their children must not take mobile telephones into class or use them throughout the school day. Where a pupil needs to bring a 'phone into school, for example because they walk to and from school without adult supervision, it must be left with the school office at the beginning of each day. Any use of a 'phone, including inappropriate photographing/filming

or bullying, may lead to the phone being confiscated. The parent will be told to collect the phone at the end of the school day.



School Jumpers Online

School jumpers are available to order online from our supplier, Gooddies, at <http://stdominicshackney.gooddies.co.uk>. All jumpers must be ordered through Gooddies as Tesco Direct no longer supply them and we do not stock jumpers at the school. For other uniform items, parents have the choice of Gooddies or Tesco Direct at <https://www.tesco.com/direct/st-dominics-catholic-primary-school/8266.school?source=others>. Please be aware that prices can vary considerably between sites so it is advisable to compare prices before placing your orders.



Hackney Borough Youth Choir Auditions

Are you in Year 4 - 6? Would you like to join a choir formed of Hackney's most talented young singers? Would you like to perform at venues such as the Hackney Empire? Are you available to rehearse on Wednesdays 4.30-5.45pm?

HBYC is an aspirational choir that meets weekly under the leadership of professional vocal tutors. Membership costs just £25 per term (£15 if you receive Free School Meals). Auditions for HBYC will be held on Wednesday 12th September from 4.30 - 5.45 pm at The Urswick School.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Xanthe at Hackney Music Service for an application form and to register for a place at the audition. (Please note you will only be able to audition if you have registered beforehand). Call 020 3076 1535, email xanthe.sarr@learningtrust.co.uk



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Reception	Jaden, Nariyah
Year 1	Marley
Year 2	Samuel
Year 4	Amie
Year 5	Marget, Caleb
Year 6	Chianne, Kirsten, Dijarta, Joshua



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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.



Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Jesus worked many miracles in his Father's name, transforming the lives of many with his power. He takes pity on everyone who asks for his help, and his compassionate healing and tender concern bring immeasurable joy and hope to the lives of those who are touched by his love.

Prayer.

Loving Father,
Touch our lives with your healing love, changing them for ever to make us more like you.
We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.