

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
1st October
is
Motivated



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 99%.

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.

Transfer from
Primary to
Secondary School

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Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2019. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

In almost all cases, secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system and details of how to register and create an application can be found in the leaflet you received from the school entitled *Apply for a secondary school place*

2018: A brief guide for parents of children in year 6. If you have mislaid your leaflet you can request another copy from the school office.

The deadline for making your application is Thursday 18th October.

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Parents/carers can complete the applications at home themselves but if you would like the school to assist you with your application then you can make an appointment at the school office to see either Ms Finan or Ms Frankland on Wednesday 3rd October, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th October. **It is important that you book a time slot if you have not yet applied for your child's year 7 secondary school place.**

We appreciate that this can be an unsettling time for parents/carers and pupils alike, so please do not

hesitate to contact us if you would like any support in this process.

HomeTime!

Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.



Governors Fund - School Levy

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School, including the laptops and iPads.

Our School does not receive 100% funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family. This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education. Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and take it to the school office.



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.



Early Collection of Pupils

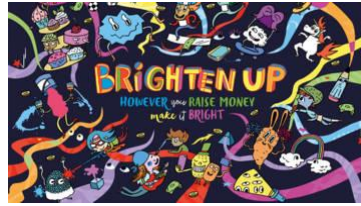
We are not able to allow children to be collected early unless written documents are evidenced that require your child to attend a medical appointment. These must be shown prior to early leave being requested. We know that you fully help us in ensuring that our children receive the best learning opportunities in school and we thank you for your support in this matter.



Violin Lessons

Violin lessons have now started for the academic year. Lessons are £3 weekly which must be paid in advance for the half-term, totalling £12. If you would like your child to start violin lessons please bring payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name

to the school office. Lessons will be every Tuesday during school hours.



**One World Harvest Day
Wednesday 10th October
N.B. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!**

Harvest time is nearly upon us again and we are asking you to Brighten Up this Harvest by dressing up as brightly as possible and donating £1.00 to CAFOD. We will be awarding prizes for the brightest child in each class. We will be holding a special assembly in the KS2 hall starting at 10.30am. **This year we are supporting Fr. Patrick and the Hackney Food Bank. You can support by bringing in tins of peas, tomatoes, tuna, beans or packet foods that can help those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can be left in the school office.**



Weekly dance classes for 6-12s
Fresh, modern, exciting and exhilarating, Perform X is the children's dance class you've been waiting for. Perform X is a dance-based class for 6-12s. These unique high-energy weekly sessions are designed to boost your child's coordination, improve their concentration and give them a fun energetic way to develop physical skills, get fit and have fun. Classes are held every Friday 4-5pm at Victoria Park Baptist Church E3 5TG. To book a FREE trial class call 0207 2559120 or visit perform.org.uk/x If you are interested in some half term fun they are also running drama, dance and singing courses for 4-10 year olds at St. John's Highbury Vale Primary School N5 1DL.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Today, our school staff took part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan cancer nurses. Staff made cakes and biscuits and took part in a sweepstake by guessing the length of a sausage roll! So far £113.30 has been raised. Many thanks to all the staff who contributed.



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.

Reception	Ruth
Year 1	Chidera, Patience
Year 2	Nuala, Kairah
Year 3	Kevin-Prince, Patrick
Year 4	Daniel, Ezekiel
Year 5	David, Bevan, Winette



Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year
Anyone who loves Jesus and acts in his name, is filled with the goodness of God. Whatever our religion or race might be, God will see this goodness, and reward us with his love.

Prayer.

Let us pray, that the spirit of God will work through our lives, so we can share Christ's love with the world.

Amen.