

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
8th October
is
Tolerance



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A 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*

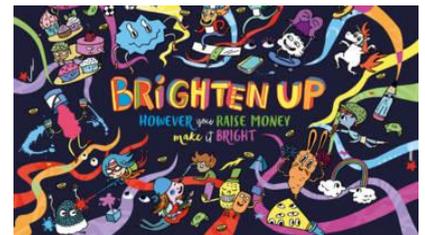
children in year 6. If you have mislaid your leaflet you can request another copy from the school office. **The deadline for making your application is Thursday 18th October.**

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 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.



**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.



First Holy Communion Lessons

If you have registered your child for their First Holy Communion in 2019 at The Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. Please note that the course will start on Saturday 13th October in the church hall at 11am - 12pm and run for the following six weeks.

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.



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE Free Smoke Alarms

London Fire Brigade staff can visit your home, offer personal fire safety advice and will also fit free smoke alarms where needed. If you or someone you know would like a visit: Email smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk Or call free on 0800 028 4428



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.



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.



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.

Thank you to those parents/carers that cleared all outstanding fees for the last academic year. However, we still have some outstanding debts. We ask that this is settled as soon as possible. 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.

Reception	Andrew
Year 1	De-Shae
Year 3	Araim, De-Shornae
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Joshwell



"Let the little children come to me...."

Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

Jesus loved to spend time with children, enjoying their laughter, taking to them, and listening to what they had to say.

They have always been just as important to him as grown-ups.

Prayer.

Lord Jesus, Friend of little children, you are always ready to listen to what we have to say, and to take care of us in the grown-up world.

As we become adults, help the special trust and friendship we shared with you as little children grow within us,

And draw us ever closer to you.

Amen.