

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
15th October
is
Cooperation



Half-term Holidays

Next week is the final week of this half-term and we would like to remind parents/carers that there are only four school days next week. School finishes on **Thursday 18th October at 3.30pm** as there will be a training day for staff on Friday 19th October. School re-opens on **Monday 29th October at 9.00am**.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 99%.

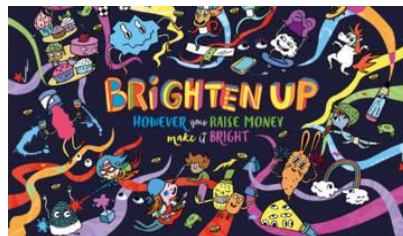
Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.



CATS testing

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be visiting Cardinal Pole Secondary School over three days to undertake their CATs banding tests. The children will be taken to Cardinal Pole and brought back to St. Dominic's by our staff so there will be no changes to picking up/dropping off your children.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time in order for them to leave with their class at 9.15am to walk to Cardinal Pole.



One World Harvest Day

On Wednesday we held a special assembly to mark our One World celebrations. This year it was time to **Brighten Up** for Harvest.

By donating £1 to CAFOD, children could come to school dressed as brightly as possible and it was a quite a spectacle for the eyes to see so many bright colours assembled together in one space! It was so difficult to choose the most brightly dressed child in each class, so everyone received a prize. Well done!

So far, we have raised £207 for CAFOD. Thank you so much to all the pupils, parents and staff who made donations for this very worthy cause. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.

In addition I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' on behalf of Fr. Patrick who was overwhelmed by your

generosity to the Hackney Foodbank.



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 tomorrow, Saturday 13th October in the church hall at 11am - 12pm and run for the following six weeks.

Speech



Launchpad for Language

On Friday 2nd November between 9.10am -10.00am there will be a workshop for parents of children in EYFS. The topic is storytelling and will be delivered by a Speech and Language Therapist.

Parents who attend will receive resources to support their child's language development.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Black History Month
Celebration Day and Dinner

On Thursday 18th October, as part of our Black History celebrations, children are invited to come to school dressed in national costume. Karen and her catering team will also be preparing a special school dinner for children and staff which will include fried chicken, jollof rice, sweet potatoes and plantain. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day then please pay £2.10 at the school office.



Hackney's Black African and Caribbean History

Black History Month is a UK-wide annual celebration of the contribution that Black African and Caribbean communities have made both locally and across the world.

This year Hackney Council will be celebrating the borough's internationally renowned music scene, with Roots, Rhythms & Records: The sounds and stories of African and Caribbean music in Hackney' at Hackney Museum. There'll also be film screenings, art workshops, discussions, live music and more.

For a full list of events visit:

www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history



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.



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.



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.



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.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Reception	Rhikai
Year 3	Nishay, Seedorf
Year 5	Martha



Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a young man what he must do if he wants to share everlasting life in the Kingdom of God.

Prayer.

Lord, you see and remember every act of kindness and generosity and store them in your heart. Help me to store up my treasure in heaven, so that I can share everlasting life with you at the end of time.

Amen.