

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
12th November
is
Apology



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3A 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.



Poppy Appeal 2018

Our annual Poppy Appeal is now underway and we are selling poppies for 50p and snap bands for £1.00 at the school office. We also have rubbers and reflectors for 50p. All money raised will be donated to The Royal British Legion.



Remembrance Service

This weekend we celebrate Remembrance Sunday and we will be holding our own Remembrance Service on Monday 12th November at 10.40am in the KS2 hall. Parents/carers are very welcome to join us.



WOW! Day - Thursday 15th November.

To introduce our new learning adventures, St Dominic's will be holding its first ever WOW day on Thursday 15th November 2018. The children are invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure. Make sure you ask about your child's class theme - we can't wait to see all of the incredible costumes!



Children in Need - Spotacular

The BBC's Children in Need event takes place on **Friday 16th November**, and this year we are going all spotty as we support The Big Spotacular!

We are now selling wrist bands and Pudsey pins at the school office, both are priced at £1.00. Additionally, we are asking all the children to dress in spots to help us raise lots by donating £1.00 on the day by wearing their spottiest clothes.



Parents' Meetings

Our parents' meetings will be taking place on the following dates:

EYFS/KS1 - Thursday
15th November between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot are up outside each classroom.

KS2 - Wednesday 21st November
between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up between Classes 1A and 1B on Monday 12th November.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



Lost Property.

A man's ring was found in the playground last Friday. If it belongs to you then please see the School Office.

Speech



Launchpad for Language

Last Friday, our Reception children joined their parents in making puppets which were used in role play to enrich their language.

The Launchpad session was a great success and we received amazing feedback from parents who found it very informative, useful and entertaining.

We are looking forward to the Spring term when we will meet again and share more great ideas of how you can support your children at home. Thank you to everyone who took part.



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.



Pupil Premium Eligibility Check

Before half-term, parents/carers of pupils in years 1 to 6 will have received a form entitled *Consent form for pupil premium eligibility check*. If you are entitled to certain benefits, the school is also entitled to receive additional money, known as the pupil premium, to support the education of our pupils. However, we can only claim this money from the government if you have declared your entitlement. We therefore urge you to complete this form as soon as possible and return it to the Admissions and Pupil Benefits Team at Hackney Learning Trust (the address is on the form). Alternatively, you can return the form to the school and we will pass it on. Thank you in advance for helping us secure additional funding for our school.

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.



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	Josephine and Eli
Year 1	Alena, Maryetta, Gabriella
Year 4	Stephen, Briana
Year 5	Jordan
Year 6	Betania



Thirty-first Sunday of the Year

The scribes were very religious and carefully obeyed every commandment of the Jewish Law, and spent much of their time studying the scriptures. One day, a scribe came to Jesus and asked him an important question.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You know each one of us and generously pour your love into our lives.
Teach us not to be selfish or greedy, by returning your love and sharing it willingly with everyone we meet.

Amen.



