

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
26th November
is
Compassionate



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 6B 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.



Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out vaccinations for all those children who have returned their consent forms on **Wednesday 28th November**.



Advent

The season of Advent is fast approaching and we are busy preparing to spend the Christmas period with loved ones. Good deeds and generosity have always been an important part of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick in hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family.

Our school is delighted to offer our support to a homeless charity who provide an emergency night shelter for men and women in our local community who are not as fortunate as we are.

We are asking the children and staff to donate items to make personal care packages for the guests of the night shelter. Each class will have a list of items for the children to add their names to. They will include practical things such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, hat, gloves etc and also

some goodies like sweets, chocolate and books.

A full list will be available in each class.

We ask that you bring your donations to the class teacher as soon as you can in order for the care packages to be delivered to the night shelter.

If you would like to take a look at the work carried out by the charity GrowTH then please visit: thisisgrowth.org.



Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' meetings over the last couple of weeks. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss attainment, progress and any other matters pertaining to your child's learning.

Rescheduled parents' meetings for children in 6A will be held on **Wednesday 28th November 2018**. Please see Miss Mirza if you wish to change your original appointment slot.

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Friendship Friday

This week St. Dominic's celebrated the importance of friendship during our Anti-Bullying week.

Throughout the week we learnt the true meaning of the word RESPECT.

Today, our children expressed themselves and celebrated their individuality by wearing their own favourite clothes and wearing the brightest, craziest ODD SOCKS. The children watched a performance about anti-bullying by the theatre group 'Power of One'. We also had a cake sale at break time.

So far we have raised £272.69 for Kidscape and the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Thank you for your generosity.



Children in Need - Spotacular
Last week we reported on everyone's marvellous efforts in raising funds for the BBC's Children in Need Spotacular Event. We all went spotty and dotty for the day by donating £1.00 to wear our spottiest clothes, and by buying wristbands and Pudsey pins. The final amount raised was £140.20. Well done to everyone for their generosity and a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all the children that your money will help.



Hackney Town Hall
Hackney council are holding a Christmas fancy dress party on Thursday 13th December 2018 from 4pm-6pm at Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street E8 1EA. Children can take part in activities such as decorating baubles, making their own Christmas cards and playing games. You will also have the chance to meet Santa! The cost is £2.00 per child. Call 0208 3563591 to book a space.



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.



Did you know that Musical.ly has a new name?

The social network app Musical.ly is now called TikTok after being taken over by a Chinese technology company. The app has a new name, new features and now also includes live streaming.

Did you also know that the app has an age-limit of 13 years? Some internet security experts warn that the app is not appropriate even for children under 16. Concerns have been raised that children may be exposed to rude and inappropriate videos and language.

Children may also not realise that when they are posting a video to TikTok they are posting it to the world. Profiles on TikTok are automatically set to public, so that any content your child posts can be seen by anyone within the app. If you know that your child is using TikTok it is very important that their profile is set to Restricted Mode - which can help to filter out inappropriate content and prevent the user from being able to start their own live streams. For further information please

see: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-tiktok-looking-latest-lip-syncing-app>



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.



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.

Year 2	Donel
Year 4	John
Year 5	Gabriella, Ryan, BeBe
Year 6	John and Sky



The Feast of Christ the King.
The Jewish leaders were afraid that Jesus would lead the people to rise up against them, so they plotted to have him arrested and sentenced to death.

Prayer
God our Father we thank you for sending your only Son to be our saviour. Help us to know and love your truth and to listen to you always
Amen.