

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
3<sup>rd</sup> December  
is  
Honest



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3A 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.



### Advent

The season of Advent is here 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](http://thisisgrowth.org).



### Beauty and the Beast Panto

We are delighted that M&M theatre productions are performing their Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' to our children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2pm.

Thank you to all parents that have paid their donation of £5.00 towards the cost of hiring the theatre company. There is still time to make your donation if you have not already done so.

We are sure that the children will have a wonderful experience

enjoying this exciting Christmas tradition.



### Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the KS1 hall.

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the KS2 hall.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.

## FESTIVE MENU

### School Christmas Dinners

In the last week of term, Karen and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu which is shown below. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please give your payment to Rita in the school office clearly indicating the date(s) you are paying for.

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

#### ALADDIN

Magic carpet pizza & garlic bread  
Vegetarian tagine & rice  
Razoul's roasted vegetables  
The Sultan's salad  
Abu's chocolate brownie & banana.

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### SNOW WHITE

Grumpy's chicken or veggie sausages with Sneezy's cheesy mash.  
Bashful's broccoli, Prince's peas  
Evil Queen's apple crumble with Snow White's ice cream.

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE BALL

Roast turkey or Quorn roast with stuffing and sausage  
Roast potatoes and gravy  
Peas, carrots and Brussels sprouts  
Crispy snow bar, Christmas cookie or satsuma

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### JACK AND THE BEAN STALK

Daisy's beef burger or Magic bean burger with jacket wedges  
Simple Simon's sweetcorn, Giant's green beans  
Jack's jelly

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### PETER PAN

Hook's catch of the day fish fingers or Wendy's veggie hot dog with chipped potatoes.  
Baked beans, Smee's peas  
Tinker's fairy cakes.

Jacket potatoes, freshly baked bread, salad and fruit will be available on all days except Christmas Dinner day.



### Hackney Town Hall

Hackney council are holding a Christmas fancy dress party on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

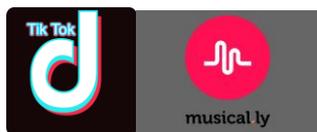
The cost is £2.00 per child. Call 0208 3563591 to book a space



### 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.

Nursery	Jonathan
Reception	Haile and Yelena
Year 3	Gabriella
Year 4	Jessica and Kelly
Year 5	Maria, Lois, Nicolas
Year 6	Katrina and Renae



### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

#### First Sunday of Advent

On Sunday we begin our preparations to celebrate the birthday of our saviour, Jesus Christ. During Advent we think about the past, our lives today and what will be in the future.

#### Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
Help us to get ready to greet you at Christmas and at the end of time.

**Amen.**