

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
10th December
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Solution



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 100%.

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 by **Friday 14th December** 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.



Nativity and Carol Service

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

KS2 will be holding a carol service on Monday 17th 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.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th December we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless! All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'.

For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at <https://christmasjumperday.org>



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 17th December

ALADDIN

Magic carpet pizza & garlic bread
Vegetarian tagine & rice
Razoul's roasted vegetables

The Sultan's salad
Abu's chocolate brownie & banana.

Tuesday 18th December

SNOW WHITE

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

Wednesday 19th 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 20th 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 21st 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.



Class Christmas Parties

On Tuesday 18th December all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes.



Advent Mass

On Wednesday 19th December at 10.30am we will be holding our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



New Trees

We're sure you will all agree that the new trees in the playground look terrific.

They were selected specifically to improve air quality around the school and provide additional shade throughout the summer.

There is black walnut closest to KS2. A Japanese pagoda in the centre and the pride of India tree is nearest to the Reception classes. We look forward to seeing them mature!



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.



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	John Francis
Year 3	Callum
Year 4	Bridget and Tristan
Year 6	Deborah



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

The people of Israel had turned away from God and his love. He had promised to send them a saviour, but first he sent someone to prepare the people to welcome the Son of God.

Prayer

Help us, Lord to be like John the Baptist, filled with your spirit and brave enough to say and do what is right.

Give us the courage to choose the right way, despite what others might say or think, because we believe in you and love you with all our hearts.

Amen.