

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
7th January
is
Succeed



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 96%.

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.



School Holidays

We would like to wish all the children, parents/carers and staff a very holy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019.



Spring Term

The new term will start on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 9.00am.



Thank you

As you know we have been collecting personal care items for homeless men and women at an emergency night shelter. We would like to thank you for all the generous donations made that will hopefully make life a little easier for the guests of the night shelter who are not as fortunate as we are. 15 boxes were delivered to the shelter yesterday with your warm wishes. Which we are sure will make Christmas a little easier for the guests there. If you would like to take a look at the work carried out by the charity GrowTH then please visit:

thisisgrowth.org



Advent Mass

On Wednesday Father Patrick and year 5 led our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate

Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families attending to join our celebration. As always, the children sang carols and Christmas songs beautifully which got everyone into the festive spirit. Many thanks to Miss O'Grady and to all who helped in organising the service.



Carols at Chigwell Court

On Wednesday afternoon, some of our Year 3 pupils treated the residents across the road at Chigwell Court to a performance of carols and Christmas songs. In between songs, the Nativity story was read to them.

The children raised the communal area's ceiling with their singing and the joy on the residents' faces was plain to see. After the performance, the children were treated to snacks and refreshments while they spoke to some the residents.

Many thanks to Miss O'Grady for all her hard work in organising the event.

Goodbye, Best Wishes & Thank You!

Farewell to Miss Dufie-Appiah

At the end of term we sadly say goodbye to Miss Dufie-Appiah who is moving on to pastures new. We will be very sorry to see her go but wish her every success in the future and thank her for all she has contributed during her time at St. Dominic's.

We would like to wish good luck and best wishes to Miss Fathema and Miss Shamina as they start their maternity leave.



After School Club

Our after school club will start on Tuesday 8th January 2019 from 3.30pm till 5.45pm.

The cost is £10 per day and the club is available for all year groups with lots of fun activities each day and help with homework. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Miss Currie or speak to a member of staff at the main office.



Reception Class Applications for September 2019.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2019 applications is 15 January 2019.

All children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 **must apply before this date.**

Applications will need to be made on-line through The Hackney Learning Trust and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth certificate, proof of address and their baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions then please see a member of staff in the school office.



Community Cookery Classes 2019.

Made In Hackney deliver fun, supportive, often life changing courses in local food growing, cooking and composting skills. They work with local charities, community organisations, housing associations and support groups to ensure our courses are offered to people most in need such as low income families, children in care, teen carers, young people excluded from school, parents and children, and people suffering from diet related health problems.

Their pay-by donation, volunteer led Community Classes are a great way to learn a new cookery skill in a relaxed, fun setting. Workshops cover everything from Bread Making, Preserving, Budget Cooking, Indian Cuisine, Foraging, Food Growing, Fermenting and more.

To book email:
info@madeinhackney.org

Or call 0208 442 4266



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



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 holidays and the first week of the new term.

Nursery	Malakai and Ceyla
Reception	Jude, Ephraim, Aesha, Ava
Year 1	Jarra
Year 2	Shayla, Leonardo, Allana
Year 3	Donart, Solomon, Odelia, Alisha
Year 4	Olamide
Year 5	Saieonette,
Year 6	Charles, Martin, Ogechi, Beverley, Dylan



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary was chosen to be the mother of Christ, and so became the mother of Christians everywhere. Filled with the Holy Spirit and understanding that nothing is impossible for God, she set off to visit her cousin Elizabeth to share her joy and wonder.

Prayer

Loving Father,
Fill our lives with joy to share with the world, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour.
We ask this through Jesus your Son.

Amen.