

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
14th January
is
Faith

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2019. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Dominic's I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.
Deirdre Finan



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 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.



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



Dental Visit

On Monday 21st January 2019 a team from NHS Community Dental Services will be in school to apply a fluoride application for the children in Reception and Year 1. You will have received a consent form which needs to be returned no later than 16th January 2019.



WOW! Day -Wednesday 16th January.

After the success of our first ever WOW day last term, St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for this terms WOW day.

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!



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.



National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week takes place this year between 26th January and 2nd February. This event is run by the Society for Storytelling (<https://www.sfs.org.uk>) and it aims to increase public awareness of the "art and practice and value of oral storytelling".

Telling stories to each other is the oldest way we have of passing on human history to each other. It helps us make sense of our lives, it creates new worlds for us to explore together - it is a time to stop, listen and enjoy the magic of words.

There will be many exciting events taking place, so check your local libraries and newspapers to sign up for a spellbinding moment of storytelling!
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/events/january/>



Cash Payments

If you are making a payment for dinner money, any of the after school clubs or piano lessons. Please put the correct amount in an envelope, clearly marked with your

child's name and class. **Receipts for payments will be issued at the end of the school day.**

The office cannot accept cash unless it is in an envelope.

Thank you for your co-operation.



School Jumpers Online

School jumpers are available to order online from our supplier, Gooddies, at <http://stdominicshackney.gooddies.co.uk>. All jumpers must be ordered through Gooddies as Tesco Direct no longer supply them and we do not stock jumpers at the school. For other uniform items, parents have the choice of Gooddies or Tesco Direct at <https://www.tesco.com/direct/st-dominics-catholic-primary-school/8266.school?source=others>

Please be aware that prices can vary considerably between sites so it is advisable to compare prices before placing your orders.



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.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family.

This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education. Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and take it

to the school office.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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 next week.

Nursery	Jonathan
Year 4	Christian
Year 6	Samad



Second Sunday of the Year

On Sunday we hear how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan. The story reminds us of our own baptism, when God's spirit became a living spring in each one of us.

Prayer

Jesus, accept our sign of the cross as our prayer to you. It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you, and are the children of God.

Let all who are baptised walk together in the light of Christ.

Amen