

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
4th February
is
Encouragement



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class ** whose attendance was **%.

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.



Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time. Please pay £35 for the term to the office.



Launchpad Speech and Language Workshop for Reception parents.

Reception parents are invited to another exciting Speech and Language workshop with Miss Louise, our Speech and Language Therapist. The theme of the workshop is 'Effective questioning to support speech and language development.' The workshop will take place on **Friday 8th February 9am - 10am.** We look forward to seeing you there.



Dental Hygiene Workshop - Reception Parents

We are very lucky to have been selected to take part in a Parent Workshop on Children's Dental Hygiene. This will take place at 9.30am on **Wednesday 13th February.** The Reception parents who attend will receive goodies such as tooth paste and toothbrushes, along with a list of all NHS dentists in Hackney. We would love to see as many parents as possible at this session.



Lateness

Can we remind parents that the morning bell is rung at 9.00am for the start of the school day. The playground gate is locked at 9.10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school. They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.



Medical Information

It is very important that we hold current information about any medical needs or dietary requirements that your child may have. We are working closely with the school nursing service to ensure that all children and staff are correctly supported. Please complete the attached Request for Information sheet and return it to the school office. If your child does not have a medical condition please tick the box 'None of the Above'. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with Mr Armstrong.



Year 5 - Apollo Music Project

It's always great to receive good feedback and here is an email received about our year 5's who are taking part in a music project with Apollo Music.

'I just wanted to send you some positive feedback from the Apollo Music Projects visit yesterday. We have been coming to your school for a few years now, and we were all very impressed by the wonderful response from the children, both in the assembly and the two Year 5 classes. There appears to have been a real transformation in the children's attitude and openness this year, and the positive and welcoming response and attentive listening of the children reflects very well on the school and the teachers. Thank you.'
Well done year 5!



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 Dinners

School dinner money

Dinner Money for the week is currently £10.50 which must be paid at the beginning of every week. If payment is not made you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

When you are paying dinner money into the office, please put money in

an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



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.



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



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.

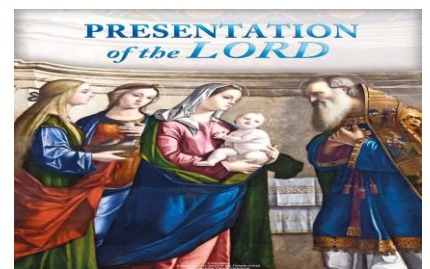
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the next week.

Reception	Katie
Year 1	Anthony and Soraia
Year 2	Luka
Year 4	Jennifer
Year 5	David and Odayle
Year 6	Adrien, Deandra and Kofi



Fourth Sunday of the Year

Welcoming a newborn child into God's family is always a joyous occasion that calls for great celebration. When Mary and Joseph went to the Temple to present Jesus to the Lord, their arrival was greeted with more joy and excitement than they could possibly have imagined!

Prayer

Loving Father,

May we present the face of Christ to the world in which we live, and generously share his love and forgiveness with everyone we meet.

We make these prayers through Christ you Son.

Amen