

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
11<sup>th</sup> February  
is  
**Achievement**



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3A whose attendance was 97%.

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.



### Half-term holiday

Next week is the final week of this half-term. School finishes on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm** and re-opens on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am**.



### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Form

Many thanks to those parents who have already completed and returned the request for medical information forms.

Could any parents who have not yet completed and returned these to school do so as soon as possible. Mr Armstrong will be working with our school nurse to ensure that care plans are in place for all pupils with a medical condition. Please see the office staff if you require another form.



### School Playground

It is recognised that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment.

If you need to bring your dog to school at drop off or collection

times please do not wait near the entrances or the playground. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



**Safer Internet Day 2019.**

Safer Internet Day 2019 was celebrated around the world on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The global theme is 'together for a better internet'.

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place, including you!

The Safer Internet Day campaign particularly empowers young people to take control of their digital lives and consider how consent works in an online context. It explores how young people ask for, give and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. For useful tips and advice on staying safe online please visit: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

**Speech**



**Launchpad Speech and Language Workshop for Reception parents**

The reception speech and Language workshop held today was a great success and attended by a large number of parents.

Miss Louise our speech and language therapist gave parents lots of practical ideas on ways to engage and interact with their children. The best part was when parents joined their children for activities in the classroom setting. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by parents, children and staff. We hope that the parents find their goody packs useful!



**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.



**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**

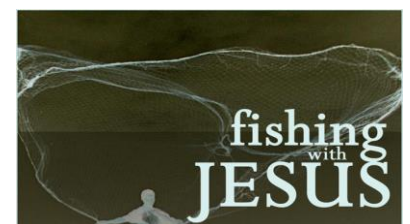
Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence. If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



**Birthdays at St. Dominic's**

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

Nursery	Oyintare
Reception	Xyla
Year 1	Victoria
Year 2	Naissa and Nuria
Year 3	Alazar, Azael, Mulumba, Adrian
Year 4	Godwin



**Fifth Sunday of the Year.**

Peter and his friends James and John had been fishing all night without any luck! Jesus told them to sail out again and cast their nets one more time.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You called Peter and his friends to follow you, and you have also called each of us. Help us to trust in you, as Peter did, and make our faith grow stronger every day. Amen.