

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
25th February
is
Happy



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

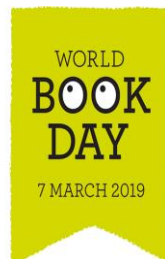
Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 98%.

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. **If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.**



Half-term holiday

Today is the final day of this half-term. Our school will be closed next week and re-opens on **Monday 25th February at 9.00am.** We wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing half-term break.



World Book Day

World Book Day 2019 will take place on **Thursday 7th March 2019** and aside from the World Book Day books, the theme is 'Share a Story'

To celebrate, children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you need some dressing up inspiration or would like to find out more about World Book Day then please visit the website at

<http://www.worldbookday.com>.



Parents' Meetings

EYFS/KS1 - Thursday 7th March between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up outside each classroom on Monday 25th February.

Details for KS2 parents' meetings will follow shortly.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



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 younger children. Even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment - so please consider your dogs welfare too. 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.



HALF TERM Craft Family Fun day

This exciting afternoon will take place on Monday 18th February between 2-5pm. At the Wyke Community Hall 15 Berger Road E9 6HA

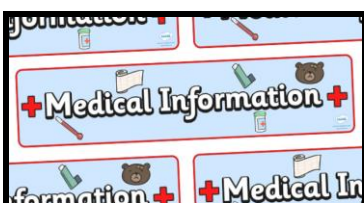
It is an opportunity for families to learn new craft skills together and create something beautiful. Have fun!

For more info contact Polly on: 07482320992



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.



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 support us in ensuring that our children receive the best learning opportunities in school and we thank you for your help in this matter.



KS2 Building

Please do not enter the KS2 school building to collect your child before 3.30pm without prior arrangement. As part of our Safeguarding duty to all children, adults must wait in the reception area for their child to be collected.



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.

Year 3	Abdullateef
Year 4	Khayden, Ikelyn, Alicia
Year 6	Cornelius, Donte



Sixth Sunday of the Year.

Someone who has everything they want is not always a happy person. Jesus explained to the crowds that true happiness comes from trusting God, and allowing his love to fill our lives.

Prayer

Teach us, Lord, that true happiness comes from you and is worth more than all our worldly possessions. **Amen.**