

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
4<sup>th</sup> March  
is  
Relaxation.



## Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B 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.**



**Ash Wednesday Mass - 6<sup>th</sup> March.** Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and, traditionally, people give up something they like or enjoy during Lent or do something extra. We will be holding a service where we will receive the ashes from palm

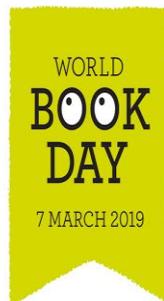
branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday last year for KS2 at 10.30am in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic and for KS1 at 11.30am in the school hall. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

## Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference



### Lenten Boxes

The Diocese of Westminster aims to raise money for local families who have fallen on financial hardship. In the past, funds raised have been used to help families within our own school community. On Wednesday the children will receive their Lenten Boxes which they can fill with small change, which will make a **BIG** difference to families in our community.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> March** between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot are outside each classroom.

**KS2 - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** between 2.30pm and 6.00pm. Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up outside 1A and 1B on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

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



### Red Nose Day 2019

This year Red Nose Day takes place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. On this day we are asking children to come to school dressed in red and donate £1 to Comic Relief.

We will be selling red noses from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March for £1.25 at the school office. **Please try and have the correct money.** We will also be holding a cake sale at break time on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Comic Relief uses the money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and Africa.



### 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.



### 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.



### First Holy Communion

Is your child preparing for their First Holy Communion this year? Are you still looking for an outfit? If so, Clothes Line may be able to help you. As well as suits and dresses, they also stock baptism gowns, prayer books, Bibles, daily and Sunday missals, rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for all Christian occasions. What's more, they will not sell the same dress to another child who will be making their First Holy Communion at the same Mass. For more details, look at the flyer on our noticeboard, go to [www.firstholycommunion.co.uk](http://www.firstholycommunion.co.uk), call 020 8543 7721 or email [sales@firstholycommunion.co.uk](mailto:sales@firstholycommunion.co.uk).



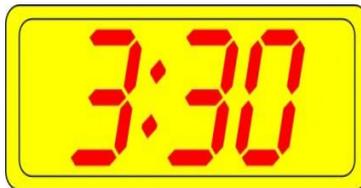
### Dressing up Clothes

If any parents have any old dressing up clothes that their children have grown out of, we are more than happy to take them off your hands. There are many occasions in school where our children dress up and, as we currently have a limited supply of costumes, all donations would be gratefully accepted.



### 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.



### 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.



### IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details

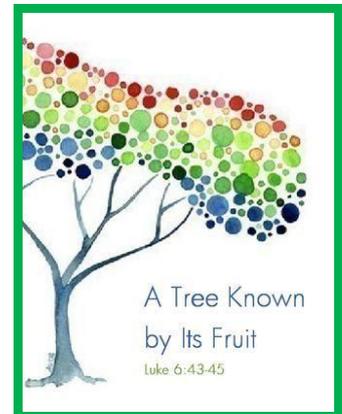
Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence. If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 3	Alyanna, Nicole, Favour, Efe
Year 5	Kylie and Shiana
Year 6	Deimantas



### Eighth Sunday of the Year.

Just as we can recognise an apple tree by the fruit which grows on it, so too can people recognise us as Christians by the way we act and the things we say.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, may people see the fruits of your love and goodness in our words and the way we treat people.

**Amen.**

