

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
11th March
is
Assertive.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 100%.

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 Masses.

On Wednesday our school celebrated Ash Wednesday with two special Mass services for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Thanks to all the parents who attended the special services.

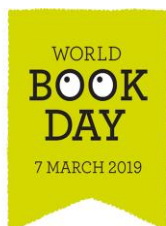
Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference



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 received their Lenten Boxes which they can fill with small change, and make a BIG difference to families in our community.



World Book Day

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character and what a variety of characters we had! From Wonder Woman to Willy Wonka and from the Mad Hatter to the Cat in the Hat, we had characters covering every genre!

Thank you for all your efforts and for your wonderful representations of your favourite book characters.



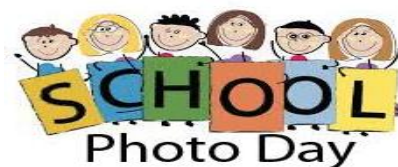
WOW! Day -Wednesday 13th March

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!



School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school this **Tuesday, 12th March** to take individual and family photographs. If you have not returned your slip indicating your photo preferences for your child then please do so on Monday.

Without your slip, we will be unable to photograph your child.

To ensure that the sessions run smoothly and without delay, please ensure, as always, that your child is in full uniform.



Red Nose Day 2019

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

We are selling red noses 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 15th March.

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

Meet the Teacher

Parents' Meetings

KS2 - Wednesday 20th 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 11th March.

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

Thank you to all parents who attended the meetings held on Thursday for EYFS/KS1.



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, call 020 8543 7721 or email 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



Ninth Sunday of the Year - First Sunday of Lent.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and we remember the forty days which Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert. We are called to turn away from our selfishness and to grow closer to God's love.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you never gave up even when you found it most difficult. During the six weeks of Lent, help us to be strong and to keep our promises as a sign of our love for you.

Amen.