

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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



### 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 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. **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.**

### Catholic Children's Society *Making A Difference*



#### Lenten Boxes

During the season of Lent we have been focusing on fasting, giving and prayer. One of the special charities we have supported is the Catholic Children's Society Westminster.

We know that your small change can make a big difference to families in our community. Can you please return your Catholic Children's Society boxes by **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you.



#### Irish Dancing

Last Sunday was the feast of St. Patrick and on Monday our pupils were treated to a brilliant performance of Irish music and dancing from the St. Patrick's Day Troupe. The session was made even more special as Mr Conboy's children formed part of the troupe! The children learned about the different instruments that the troupe played and took part in some singing. They also learned how to say 'Happy St. Patrick's Day!' in Irish.



#### STATIONS of the CROSS Stations of the Cross

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am, our KS1 pupils will be re-enacting Jesus' final moments with a procession of the Stations of the Cross in the school hall.

The same procession will take place with our KS2 pupils on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am. Father Neil will be leading the narration of the Stations of the Cross and parents are very welcome to attend.



#### Reconciliation Service

As part of our Easter preparations, years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend a Reconciliation service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March led by Father Patrick in school. The service gives pupils the chance to reflect as they contemplate the solemn events of Holy Week.



#### School Photographs

This week parents will have received the proofs of the photographs that were taken by our school photographer last week. If you wish to buy any photos then you can order them online or return your proofs to the school with the correct payment. If you opt to return your proofs to the school then please do so by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please note that our photographer will add a surcharge to any proofs that are not returned in time for collection.



#### Easter Holidays

Please note that school will close for the Easter holidays at **2.00pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**. The school will re-open for the summer term on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am.



Safeguarding Our Children

### 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.



### 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.



### 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



### 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.



### 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.



### 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 | Chinonso                 |
| Year 1    | Francesca, Shay, Shakia  |
| Year 2    | Beltran                  |
| Year 4    | David, Jean-Chris, Kevin |
| Year 5    | Almarion                 |
| Year 6    | Marvelous, Brady         |



### Third Sunday of Lent.

Sometimes when we are ready to give up, we decide to give something one more chance and then find that we finally succeed! God is always ready to give us another chance, even when we get things wrong time and time again.

### Prayer

Lord, take my hand and show me the way. Help me to get up when I fall and to try again, knowing that you will always give me another chance.

**Amen.**