

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
13th May
is
Celebrate.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. 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.**



SATs in years 2 and 6

The SATs testing period has started for our year 2 pupils. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs next week.

The timetable is as follows:

DATE	TESTS
Monday 13 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 - Questions Paper 2 - Spelling
Tuesday 14 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 16 th May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning
Friday 17 th May	No tests

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance and punctuality during the testing period. Pupils will feel better prepared for the tests if they have had a good night's sleep and have been fuelled with a healthy and filling breakfast.

If pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.

We would like to wish all our pupils the best of luck in their tests!



Standards
& Testing
Agency

National curriculum tests (SATs)

The Department for Education has produced an information leaflet and two videos for parents with children in years 2 and 6 about the national curriculum assessments. The purpose of these materials is to help parents understand more about the end of key stage assessments that are being administered this month. They provide basic information on the purpose and format of the national curriculum tests, how parents can best support their children and how the results will be reported. You can access the leaflet and the videos via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

If you have any queries or concerns about the tests, your child's class teacher will be happy to discuss these with you.



Speech and Language Workshop

We are delighted to invite parents of Reception children to yet another exciting and informative Speech and Language workshop with Miss Louise on **Friday, 17.05.19 at 9:15 am.** Miss Louise will share some lovely ideas to support you in helping your child to become an effective talker and confident in expressing

themselves. She will also demonstrate and model the use of RAINBOW SENTENCES - Colourful Semantics. We are looking forward to see you.



Summer Term.

Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Girls can wear their summer dresses and boys can wear shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts. Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes



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.

This year we are excited to announce that we have received 90% funding to replace our library building in the playground. Your donations will contribute greatly to this project.



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.



Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. **Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.**



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.



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	Jacobel
Year 1	Phoebe, Bernadette, Oluwajomiloju & Alexia
Year 5	Rose, Martin, Owen & Doreen



Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Jesus knows and loves each one of us just like a shepherd with his sheep; he is the 'Good Shepherd' who came to care for us and to show us the way to everlasting happiness.

Prayer

The good shepherd takes care of all my needs;
He leads me to green meadows and crystal clear pools.
He guides me and protects me, and I grow strong in his care.
When night falls, I am not afraid, for he is always by my side to protect me from harm.
When he calls, I will follow, knowing that his love for me will last forever.

Amen.