

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
9th September
is
Belonging.



Welcome back

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and have come back ready to take on the challenges for this academic year. Our first week has started well and everyone has made a smooth transition to their new classes. A warm welcome to our new nursery and reception children. I hope you will have a happy and rewarding time at St Dominic's. Here's to another successful and fulfilling year.
Ms Finan
Head teacher

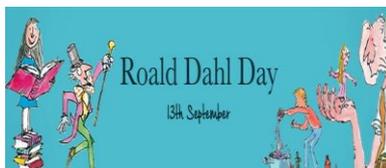


Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B 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.



Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Friday 13th September we will be celebrating our annual Dahlicious dress up day at school. Children pay just £1 to dress up as a character from one of their favourite Roald Dahl books or wear yellow, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We will also be holding a cake sale at morning break.

All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which help to make lives better for seriously ill children in the U.K.

If you're stuck for inspiration as to what to wear, there are lots of dressing up ideas on roald Dahl's website at <http://www.roalddahl.com>



Parents' Meetings

We will be holding meetings in your child's classroom for parents/carers on Wednesday 18th September from 3.45pm to 4.15pm.

These meetings will give parents/carers the chance to meet their child's new class teacher, discuss expectations, curriculum topics for the autumn term and how we can work together.



Jeans for Genes day

On Thursday 19th September we are asking children and staff to get their jeans on and donate £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders.

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year. Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescences.



Commissioning Mass

We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on Friday 20th September at 10.30am at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & St Dominic. On this special occasion we commission our year 6 pupils to be leaders within the school community. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



School Office Closed

Please note that our school office will be closed EVERY Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm.

IMPORTANT

Office staff will be unavailable to call parents of children who have not been collected on time at 3.30pm. Therefore, children will be sent to our after school club and parents will be charged £10.



First Holy Communion

If you wish for your child to make their First Holy Communion at the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic's parish, you should collect a registration form from the church from Sunday 9th September. Registration forms are for children in year 3 or above and need to be returned by 13th September.



Dinner Money

Thank you to all the parents that have settled any outstanding dinner money debts. If you have yet to do so your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from Monday 9th September. Dinner money is currently £10.50 per week and must be paid every week. Please put money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Dinners

Year 3 Pupils

School dinners for year 3 children

As mentioned in our end-of-year newsletter, children who have just entered year 3 no longer benefit from the universal free school meal entitlement. This means that if your child is not eligible for free school meals because you are not receiving certain benefits, then you will need to pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) payable from Tuesday 3rd September.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you're not sure about their entitlement, you should contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible to enquire about entitlement and to complete the relevant forms to assess your eligibility.



Transfer from Primary to Secondary School in September 2020.

Information regarding open evenings for the various secondary schools in the borough can be found at:

www.learningtrust.co.uk/openevents

Please try and visit as many as possible to inform your choices. Our deputy head teacher, Ms Frankland, will shortly be sending out letters to all year 6 children and their parents/carers informing them about the process of choosing a secondary school for September 2020.



Mobile Phones

While we recognise that mobile phones are a part of everyday life for children, it is important to remember that they can be a serious distraction in school and that they can also be used to bully or intimidate others. For this reason we would like to remind all parents that their children must not take mobile telephones into class or use them throughout the school day. Where a pupil needs to bring a 'phone into school, for example because they walk to and from school without adult supervision, it must be left with the school office at the beginning of each day.



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

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

Nursery	Kimberley & Sinead
Year 1	Jaden & Nariyah
Year 2	Marley
Year 3	Samuel
Year 5	Amie
Year 6	Marget & Caleb



Twenty-third Sunday of the year.

If we are really determined to do something, even though it might be difficult, then we can succeed. Jesus tells us that it is never easy to follow him, but we can succeed if we decide we really want to.

Prayer

Lord,
Help us to follow you always, and give us the strength to carry on when we are struggling.
Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so we will be able to share in your Glory at the end of time.

Amen.