

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
16th September
is
Respect.

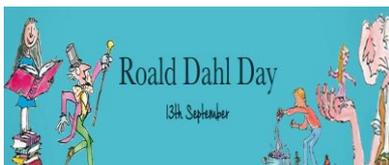


Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 99%.

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

Congratulations to all the children and staff that really made a great effort dressing up in their costumes as we celebrated Dahlicious Day. Also thank you to everyone who supported the day by buying one of the yummy cakes made by Lavina our cook and Miss Jill. The total raised so far is £361.00, so well done to everyone!



WOW! Day - Tuesday 17th September.

To introduce our new learning adventures, St Dominic's will be holding its first WOW day of this academic year on Tuesday 17th September 2019.

The 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!



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

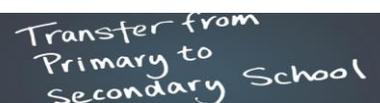
support children affected by genetic disorders.

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children are 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 adolescence.



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.



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2020. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system. The deadline for making your application is **Friday 18th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Ms Finan and Ms Frankland will be holding a meeting in the KS1 hall on **Thursday 19th September at 3:40** to talk parents through the online application process. We look forward to seeing our year 6 parents there.



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 **TODAY 13th September**.

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



Cardinal Pole Secondary School

On Monday 23rd September our Year 6 parents are invited to attend a special secondary transfer session with Mr A Parker Associate Head Teacher from Cardinal Pole.

The session will take place in the KS1 hall at 3.15pm.

Mr Parker will tell you about Cardinal Pole's high standards and achievements.



Secondary Transfer

Please note Mossbourne Community Academy's Open Evening is on **Thursday 26th September 2019**.

This has been published incorrectly in the guide distributed to your child by Hackney Learning Trust.



Governors Fund

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.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family. This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education.

Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and take it to the school office.



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 coming week.

Nursery	Isabella, Aisha
Year 2	Ayomide & Belane
Year 3	Ryan & Michael
Year 4	Stefano
Year 5	Amelia Rose
Year 6	Torianna



Twenty-fourth Sunday of the year.

Have you ever lost something which is very important or precious? Perhaps a favourite book or a particular toy. Jesus reminds us that God knows and loves each one of us, and will search until he finds us if we should lose our way.

Prayer

Turn back to me and I will reach out and save you, because you are my children whom I love.

Amen.