

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
30th September
is
Motivated.



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 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.

Transfer from
Primary to
Secondary School

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.

Parents/carers can complete the applications at home themselves but if you would like the school to assist you with your application then you can make an appointment at the school office to see either Ms Finan or Ms Frankland on **Friday 11th October**.



Late Arrivals

The bell goes at 9am each day so that children can be in class ready to learn at 9.10am.

It is crucial that every child is here at the start of the school day so that they are able to take full

advantage of the educational opportunities available to them. The bell goes at 9am so be on time!



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Today, our school staff took part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan cancer nurses. So far £110 has been raised. Many thanks to all the staff who contributed.



CATS testing

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be visiting Cardinal Pole Secondary School over three days to undertake their CATs banding tests. The children will be taken to Cardinal Pole and brought back to St. Dominic's by our staff so there will be no changes to picking up/dropping off your children. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time in order for them to leave with their class at 9.15am to walk to Cardinal Pole.



Black History Month

Celebration Day and Dinner

On Friday 4th October, as part of our Black History celebrations,

children are invited to come to school dressed in national costume or the colours of their native flag. Lavena and her catering team will also be preparing a special school dinner of rice and peas, jollof rice, fried chicken, plantain and dumplings for children. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day then please pay £2.10 at the school office.



Black History Month

During October and November this year there are free workshops at Hackney Museum, exploring their upcoming exhibition about the history and politics of African and Caribbean hair and fashion.

Black hair has been an integral feature of black history - from African tribal styles to dreadlocks and the afro.

If there are any parents who can contribute to this theme please let the office know - we would love to share your knowledge and experience. Thank you.



One World Harvest Day Wednesday 9th October.

Harvest time is nearly upon us again and we are asking you to Brighten Up this Harvest by dressing up as brightly as possible and donating £1.00 to CAFOD.

We will be awarding prizes for the brightest child in each class. We will be holding a special assembly in the KS2 hall starting at 10.30am. This year we are supporting Fr. Patrick and the Hackney Food Bank.

You can support by bringing non-perishable foods such as, tins of peas, tomatoes, tuna, beans or packet foods that can help those less fortunate than ourselves. Donations can be left in the school office.



Launchpad for Language workshop
The Speech and Language Therapist Alicia will run an introductory workshop for Parents on **Wednesday October 9th at 9:10am**. All Reception Parents are invited to meet the therapist and hear about our exciting Launchpad for Language Program. All parents attending will be given a fantastic Story Pack you can enjoy with your child as a gift.



P.E. Kits

Parents are reminded that children should come to school in their school uniform everyday. They will change into their P.E. kits in the classroom before their P.E. lesson.

Only Reception children are allowed to come into school on Thursday morning wearing their P.E. Kit.



Lost property

Although it is still very early in the new term there is a small mountain of lost property items in the lost and found box!

The items will be available to check through on Monday hometime in the playground. If your child has mislaid any items of clothing then please take this opportunity to check.



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

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

Year 1	Ruth
Year 2	Chidera & Patience
Year 3	Kairah & Nuala
Year 4	Martin
Year 5	Messiah, Daniel, Ezekiel
Year 6	Kelyan, Jonathan, David A, Bevan



Twenty-sixth Sunday of the year.

In Sunday's Gospel story Jesus reminds us that the way we live our lives will decide whether or not we share everlasting happiness with him at the end of time.

Prayer

Father in Heaven,
Bless all the homeless people in the world, and those who have to beg for food.

Open our eyes to their needs so that we can help them in whatever way we can.

Amen.