

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
7th October
is
Tolerance



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 6A 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.

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.**



Half-term Holidays

School finishes on **Thursday 17th October at 3.30pm** as there will be a training day for staff on **Friday 18th October.** School re-opens on **Monday 28th October at 9.00am.**



P.E. Tops

We have some P.E. Tops available for the discounted price of £3.00 in the office.

There are sizes 3-4 years - which are suitable for nursery and reception and size 11-12 years. Hurry while stocks last!



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.

**BRIGHTEN
UP** this
- HARVEST
and **BUILD** a
BRIGHTER WORLD

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 with Fr. Neil 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.



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!



Black History Month Celebration Day and Dinner

Today, as part of our Black History celebrations children dressed in national costume or the colours of their native flag. Lavina and her catering team prepared a special school dinner of rice and peas, jollof rice, fried chicken, plantain and dumplings for children and staff to enjoy.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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	Andrew & Emanuel
Year 2	De-Shae
Year 4	Kevin-Prince, Patrick, De-Shornae, Ariam
Year 5	Ethan
Year 6	Stephen, Winette, Joshwell



Twenty-seventh Sunday of the year.

When people believe in the power of Jesus, extraordinary things can happen because nothing is impossible for God.

Prayer

Send your spirit Lord, to increase our faith in you, and to work through the hearts of all those who believe. Help us to believe in your goodness, and to always trust in your love for us.

Amen.

