

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
2nd December
is
Honest.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 97%.

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.



After School Club

Our after school club takes place every day from 3:30-5:45pm. The cost is £10 per day and the club is available for all year groups with lots of fun activities each day and help with homework. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact Miss

Currie or speak to a member of staff at the main office.



Secondary Transfer – Supplementary Form Reminder
Father Patrick has mentioned that he has not yet signed many Supplementary Forms for secondary school places for September 2020. Parents who have made an application for a faith school such as Cardinal Pole, Our Lady's, Urswick etc. will need to look on the schools website and print out the form to be signed by your parish priest. Cardinal Pole Supplementary forms are available from the school office. Please make sure that you do this as soon as possible.



Tate - Year 3 Project
Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen unveils his epic portrait of London's Year 3 pupils at Tate Britain. Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers. They included children from state primaries, independent schools, faith schools, special schools, pupil referral units and home-educated pupils. Our current year 4 children had their photographs taken in October 2018 and will be visiting

Tate Britain to view their picture in April 2020.

These class photos are brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 pupils in a milestone year in their development.

The exhibition is free to visit and is open Monday - Sunday 10am - 6pm.



Dental Visit

On Thursday 16th January 2020 a team from NHS Community Dental Services will be in school to apply a fluoride application for the children in Reception and Year 1. You will have received a consent form which needs to be returned no later than **Thursday 5th December 2019.**

**Shop Well
For Less?**

Be on a TV show!

The prime time TV show *Shop Well For Less?* is currently on the lookout for families and households who would like to save some money on their monthly spend.

The series shows viewers how to spend without the splurge, helping to rein in spending but retain the lifestyle we all want. With a few simple tricks, we can all learn to buy better and spend less. When should you save your money? And, just as crucially, when should you invest in spending a little bit more? This fun, surprising and perfectly

practical series teaches us all the tricks of the trade we need to shop well for less.

If you are interested in applying to be on the show, or for more information, please email :
shopwell@rdftelevision.com Tel: 0117 970 7670 Twitter:
@ShopWellForLess



Peter Pan Pantomime

We are delighted that M&M theatre productions are performing their Pantomime 'Peter Pan' to our children on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 2pm.

We are asking that parents pay a contribution of £5.00 towards the cost of hiring the theatre company to perform to the children. Which compared with the cost of a panto ticket at the theatre is amazing value!

We are sure that the children will have a wonderful experience enjoying this exciting Christmas tradition.



Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 2.30pm in the KS1 hall.

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on Monday 16th December at 2.30pm in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic's.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



 **Save the Children**
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless! All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'.

For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at

<https://christmasjumperday.org>



Advent Mass

The season of Advent is fast approaching and we are busy preparing to spend the Christmas period with loved ones.

Good deeds and generosity have always been an important part of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a soup kitchen, visiting the sick in hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family.

On Wednesday 18th December at 10.30am we will be holding our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



School Christmas Dinners

In the last week of term, Lavina and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the day(s) you are paying for in the payment box next to the 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	John
Year 1	Haile, Yelena
Year 4	Gabriella
Year 5	Jessica, Kelly
Year 6	Maria, Lois, Nicolas



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

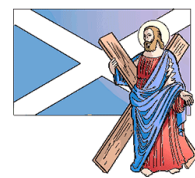
First Sunday of Advent.

The word 'Advent' means coming. During Advent the readings tell us how God's people longed for the arrival of the Saviour promised by God. During this season we think about when Jesus will return and remember the first coming of Christ as a baby.

Prayer

Our Friend Jesus,
We ask you to send your Spirit to to guide us, so that we will lead good lives,
and be ready to greet you when you return.

Amen.



St. Andrew's Day