

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
16th December  
is  
Hopeful.



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. 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.



### School Holidays

Next week school will close for the Christmas break on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Please ensure that your child is collected on time.

The school will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9am.



### Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now on sale at the cost of £1.00 per strip.

There are lots of great prizes including:

- A Christmas Food Hamper
- 3 X £15 Westfield Shopping vouchers
- Family Portrait Voucher
- 3 Course Meal for Two
- Box of biscuits
- Large bag of sweets

Be sure to come along to our school office to purchase your raffle tickets. You've got to be in it to win it!



### Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing!!

We have a number of good quality coats and jackets as well as items of school uniform.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Ms Frankland will place this clothing on a table in the playground at the end of the school day.

Please come and check the clothing to see if any of it can re-united with your child.

Any clothing not collected will be donated to charity.

Thank you.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Today, children and staff raised money for Save the Children by donating £1.00 to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. There were lots of wonderful designs and some children were extremely creative by decorating their own jumpers. Thank you for your donations and for bringing a very festive feel to our school today!

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>



### Nativity and Carol Service

On Wednesday, our KS1 pupils held a beautiful Nativity performance in school. It was a joy to see the children acting out the story of Christ's birth and to have so many parents and families joining us. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Hamilton Miss O'Grady for organising the KS1 Nativity and to everyone who took part or helped

KS2 will be holding their Carol Service on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

at 2.30pm in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic's Church.

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



#### Carols at Chigwell Court

On Thursday afternoon, some of our KS1 pupils treated the residents across the road at Chigwell Court to a performance of carols and Christmas songs. In between songs, the Nativity story was read to them.

The children raised the communal area's ceiling with their singing and the joy on the residents' faces was plain to see. After the performance, the children were treated to snacks and refreshments while they spoke to some of the residents.

Many thanks to Miss O'Grady for all her hard work in organising the event.



#### Carol Service

The year 7 pupils from Cardinal Pole school will be holding a Carol Service in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic Church on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.**

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the event to celebrate Christmas and the joy of the season.



#### Advent Mass

The season of Advent has begun 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Next week, Lavena and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu.

Our special Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** 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.



#### Class Christmas Parties

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes.



#### Reception Class Applications for September 2020.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2020 applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

All children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 **must apply before this date.**

Applications will need to be made on-line through The Hackney Learning Trust. Parents must create an account and complete an online application form; [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth

certificate, proof of address and their baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions then please see a member of staff in 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.

Reception	Jason-Prince
Year 4	Isaac
Year 6	Moyin



#### Third Sunday of Advent.

King Herod had John the Baptist put in prison. Now John knew that Jesus was the 'Promised One', sent by God, but some of his friends were still unsure. So, from behind his prison bars, John sent his followers to ask Jesus a very important question.

#### Prayer

God our Father,  
as we look forward to Christmas the excitement is growing.  
Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter,  
We pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

**Amen.**