

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
13<sup>th</sup> January  
is  
Faith.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2020. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Dominic's I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Deirdre Finan



### 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 5A 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.**



### 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.



### WOW! Day - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for this term's WOW day. 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!



### Dental Visit

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time.

Please pay £42 for the term to the office.



**After School Club**

Our after school club runs every day from 3.30pm till 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.



**Hackney Music Service**

The Hackney Music Service is delighted to be able to invite young musicians to take part in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Music course. This year, the course will run during the February half term for three days on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at William Patten Primary School. If you wish to apply for any of the courses which include: Strings, Brass and Woodwind and Steel Pans. You will need to return a completed application form to [musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk](mailto:musicservice@learningtrust.co.uk) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. For more details please contact: Emilia Crawford 0203 0761534



**Community Cookery Classes 2020.**

Made In Hackney deliver fun, supportive, often life changing courses in local food growing, cooking and composting skills. They work with local charities, community

organisations, housing associations and support groups to ensure their courses are offered to people most in need such as low income families, children in care, teen carers, young people excluded from school, parents and children, and people suffering from diet related health problems.

Their pay-by donation, volunteer led Community Classes are a great way to learn a new cookery skill in a relaxed, fun setting. Workshops cover everything from Bread Making, Preserving, Budget Cooking, Indian Cuisine, Foraging, Food Growing, Fermenting and more.

To book email: [info@madeinhackney.org](mailto:info@madeinhackney.org)  
Or call 0208 442 426



**Governors Fund - School 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.

**You will have noticed the building work that is taking place to replace our library building in the playground. We have received 90% funding for this project and your donations to the Governors Fund will contribute greatly to this project.**



**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	Elim & Jonathan
Year 5	Christian



**Second Sunday of the Year.**

John the Baptist had been preaching to the crowds and baptising them in the River Jordan. God had told John that he would send him a sign. The Holy Spirit would appear like a dove, and settle on the one he had chosen to send. John would then be ready to show the son of God to the people.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus,  
When we see these doves, help us to remember that your Spirit is with us in all that we do, helping to guide and protect us always.

**Amen.**