

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
24th February  
is  
**Achievement.**



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. 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.



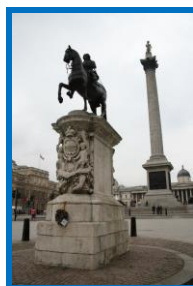
### February Half Term.

Today is the last day of this half-term.

School will be closed next week and we will return on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**February at 9.00am.**

We wish you a relaxing break.



### Fourth Plinth School Awards

The Mayor of London's Fourth Plinth School Awards competition is now open for entries. It's a chance for pupils to get creative and produce an artwork inspired by commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital design. Winners will be invited to a special presentation at City Hall, with all winning entries displayed in an exhibition in late spring.

The closing date for your artwork is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. For more information and useful tips see: [www.london.gov.uk/imagination](http://www.london.gov.uk/imagination)



### Charity Head Shave

With help from a professional hairdresser, a whole hall full of generous children & staff, a delicious cake sale and a very nervous Mr Purvis. St Dominic's managed to raise a whopping £350 for The Little Princess Trust. From Reception to Year 6 and even to the brilliant staff, lucky raffle ticket winners were invited to chop off Mr Purvis' golden locks. The hair and the money raised from Tuesday's amazing event will go to help make wigs for children with cancer. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED!**

Together, St Dominic's will make a massive difference to someone's life!



### CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too.

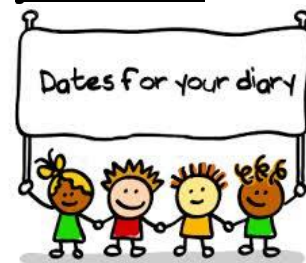
Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more

at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)



### Ash Wednesday Mass - 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and, traditionally, people give up

something they like or enjoy during Lent or do something extra. We will be holding a service where we will receive the ashes from palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday last year for KS2 at 10.30am in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic and for KS1 at 10.00am in the school hall with Fr. Neil. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



**WOW! Day -Tuesday 3rd March**  
St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for this terms 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!



**Stay and Play: Parent Workshop**  
Reception parents are invited to attend a workshop on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020** from 9am-10am in the Key Stage 1 resource room. Parents will have the opportunity to:

- Learn strategies on how to play and interact with your child to develop their communication skills
- Hear about what we are doing in Reception this year to help with developing language and communication
- Make a Sock Puppet with your child and put into practice the strategies you have learned!

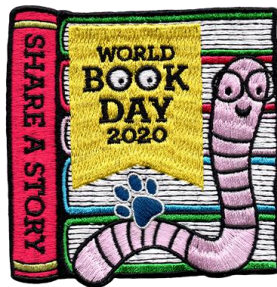
**We look forward to seeing lots of parents!**



**Parents' Meetings**  
**EYFS/KS1 - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.  
Appointment lists for parents to

choose a slot will be put up outside each classroom on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
**KS2 - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.  
Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot will be put up outside 1A and 1B on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

We encourage all parents to attend as these meetings provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's attainment and progress.



**World Book Day**  
World Book Day 2020 will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020** and aside from the World Book Day books, the theme is 'Share a Story'

To celebrate, children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you need some dressing up inspiration or would like to find out more about World Book Day then please visit the website at <http://www.worldbookday.com>.



**First Holy Communion**  
Is your child preparing for their First Holy Communion this year? Are you still looking for an outfit? If so, Clothes Line may be able to help you. As well as suits and dresses, they also stock baptism gowns, prayer books, Bibles, daily and Sunday missals, rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for all Christian occasions. What's more, they will not sell the same dress to another child who will be making their First Holy Communion at the same Mass. For more details go to [www.firstholycommunion.co.uk](http://www.firstholycommunion.co.uk), call 020 8543 7721 or email [sales@firstholycommunion.co.uk](mailto:sales@firstholycommunion.co.uk).



**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	Christina
Reception	Anny
Year 3	Naissa, Nuria & Genesis
Year 4	Adrian & Abdullateef
Year 5	Khayden & Alicia



**Sixth Sunday of the Year.**  
When Moses was leading God's people through the desert, God gave them ten rules or commandments, to help people to live in God's way. In Sunday's Gospel we will hear Jesus reminding his followers of these 'rules for life'.

**Prayer**  
God our Father,  
Help us to keep your commandments 'written' on our hearts to guide us on our journey through life, and lead us closer to you each day.  
**Amen.**

