

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
2nd March
is
Achievement.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

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



Ash Wednesday Masses.

On Wednesday our school celebrated Ash Wednesday with two special Mass services for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Thanks to all the parents who attended the special services.

Catholic Children's Society

Making A Difference



Lenten Boxes

The Catholic Society aims to raise money for local families who have fallen on financial hardship. In the past, funds raised have been used to help families within our own school community.

On Wednesday the children received their Lenten Boxes which they can fill with small change, which will make a BIG difference to families in our community.



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.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. Based on current information, there is currently no

reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus



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 4th 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!**



Gardening Club

Calling all green fingered gardeners! Gardening Club will start for the spring term on **Thursday 5th March**. It will run every Thursday from 4pm - 5pm for children in years 2-6. The cost is £2.00 per child and should be paid at the school office.



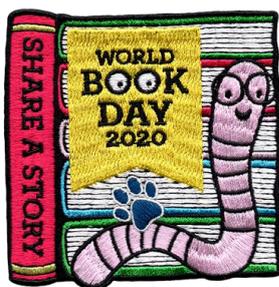
Parents' Meetings

EYFS/KS1 - Thursday 5th March between 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

Appointment lists for parents to choose a slot are now up outside each classroom.

KS2 - Thursday 19th 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 9th 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 5th 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>.

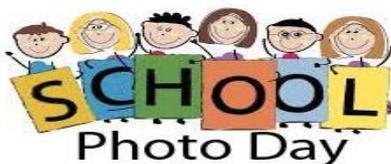
CAFOD

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

CAFOD - Own clothes Day and Cake Sale

On **Friday 6th March** we are asking children to support CAFOD by donating £1.00 to wear their own clothes to school. We will also be holding a cake sale at morning break where children can buy cakes and biscuits from 50p.

On **Monday 9th March** we will be holding a special assembly where the children will learn how their donations will be used to help CAFOD to help people around the world stand up for their rights.



School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, 10th March** to take individual and family photographs. Please return your slip indicating your photo preferences for your child by **Thursday 5th March**. **Without your slip, we will be unable to photograph your child.**

To ensure that the sessions run smoothly and without delay, please ensure, as always, that your child is in full uniform.

Have fun! Join a Club!



Lunchtime and Afterschool clubs

St. Dominic's is pleased to announce that we will be starting a variety of free lunchtime and afterschool clubs.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS:

DAY	CLUB	TEACHER	YEARS
MON	Mindful colouring club	Miss Price	1-6
TUE	Lego Club	Miss Slingsby	1-4
THU	Film Club	Mr Lawler	3-6

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS: 3:40PM - 4:40PM

DAY	CLUB	TEACHER	YEARS
WED	Junk Modelling	Miss Hay	3-6
WED	Cheerleading	Miss Bernard	3-6
WED	Homework club	Miss Mustafa	1-6
THU	Singing Club	Miss Nayda	3-6
THU	Code club	Miss Slingsby	3-6



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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.

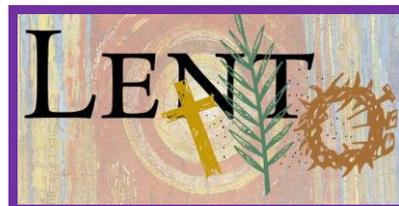
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Year 4	Alyanna, Nicole & Favour
Year 6	Kylie & Shiana



First Sunday of Lent.

The word 'Lent' comes from a very old word which means springtime. It is a time of year when the days are getting longer as summer gets closer. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days. Over the next few weeks the readings we will hear in church encourage us to say 'yes' to God and 'no' to our selfishness.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
There will be times during Lent when we might find it difficult to keep our promises. But if you are there to help us then we will keep on trying.
Amen.

