

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
9th March
is
Relaxation.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 93%. In KS2, congratulations to Class ** whose attendance was **%.

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.



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

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
www.learnitrust.co.uk

Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference



Lenten Boxes

The Catholic Children's 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.

Children have received their Lenten Boxes which they can fill with small

change, and make a BIG difference to families in our community.



Year 2 Scooter Training

Hackney Council have arranged for our year 2 children to receive Scooter safety training. They will receive 45 minutes of training in small groups and will practise safe road crossing with a scooter, pavement etiquette with other pavement users and to be aware of dangers such as passing driveways or carparks.

The training will take place during the school day on **Thursday 12th March**. If your child has their own scooter then they should bring it to school on the day.



Sport Relief

St. Dominic's will be supporting Sport Relief on **Friday 13th March**. We are asking children and staff to **GET THEIR KIT ON!** and wear their sports clothes and donate £1.00.

You can come to school dressed as an athlete, gymnast, footballer or tennis player!

You can also buy a ticket for the raffle and be in with a chance to win Arsenal match tickets, basketballs, footballs or tennis balls.

Tickets are £1.00 per strip and are on sale in the school office.

We also have wristbands for sale at £1.00 each.



High Visibility Jackets

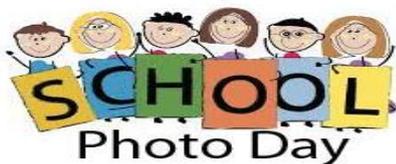
We were delighted to receive 80 high visibility jackets that have been donated by SpecSavers. These will greatly improve the safety for our pupils when they travel outside of the school. Many thanks to Annoushka Francis for facilitating this donation.



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.

Thank you to all parents who attended the meetings held on Thursday for EYFS/KS1.



School Photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, 10th March** to take individual and family photographs. If you have not already returned your slip indicating your preferences please do so by Monday. **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.



School Jacket Sale

We have a small number of shower resistant, fleece lined reversible school jackets for sale. They are available in large sizes only 10+. They are £10 each and available from the school office.



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



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	Melisa
Year 1	Alfie
Year 2	Helena
Year 3	Neo & Ephraim
Year 4	Precious
Year 5	Papa, Anthony & Ysabella
Year 6	Nicole



Second Sunday of Lent.

When Jesus wanted to pray, he would often find a quiet, peaceful place away from the crowds, where he could be alone with his heavenly Father. One day he took three of his disciples with him. He planned to give them a great surprise by giving them a glimpse of God's glory!

Prayer

Dear God,
Peter, James and John saw the light of your glory shining from Jesus on the mountain that day. Jesus shares that light and his love with us all.

May the light in our hearts help us to 'change' so that we will be more like Jesus: filled with his joy, happiness and goodness.

Amen.

