

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
7th September
is
Welcome.



Welcome back

It was wonderful to see everyone returning to school after such a long period away and to see all the happy smiling faces eager to return!

We will have to find new routines and rituals to keep all of us in the school community safe. We will continue to amend, adapt and improve our routines at the beginning and end of the school day, break and lunch times.

We are all learning to adjust and be flexible but our main priority is to keep the whole school community safe and well.

A warm welcome back to everyone and I hope we have a very successful and fulfilling school year.

Ms Finan
Head Teacher

There is an old Christian belief that God sends each person into this world with a special message to deliver and a special song to sing for others with a special act of love to bestow.

'No one else can speak my message, Or sing my song or offer my act of love.

These have been entrusted only to me.

According to this belief; the message may be spoken, the song sung, the act of love delivered only to a few, or to all the people in a small town, or to all the people in a large city; or even all the people in the whole world. It all depends on God's unique plan for each unique person.

So, from my heart, I want to say this to you: Please believe that you have an important message to deliver.

You have a beautiful song to sing, and a unique act of love to warm this world and to brighten its darkness.

And when the final history of this world is written, your message, your song and your love will be recorded gratefully and forever.'



Reception start time amendment.

From **Monday 7th September** we are amending the start and end times for our reception classes.

Reception children will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:30pm. Please use the main entrance only.



School Street at St. Dominic's
From **Monday 7th September** St. Dominic's will be getting a School Street as part of Hackney Councils

effort to rebuild a greener Hackney post-lockdown. This will help promote cleaner air, reduce congestion and increase levels of active travel, creating a more pleasant environment for local communities, while helping with social distancing around the school gates.

Ballice Road, will be made a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone between 8:30-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm.

The School Street will not operate on weekends or during the school holidays.

Vehicles will be banned from entering the street between these times unless they have been granted an exemption. Access for residents will be maintained for vehicles registered to an address within the zone.

It is a traffic offence for non-exempt vehicles to enter the School Streets Zone during operational times, and infractions can carry a penalty charge issued by an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.



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.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Friday 11th September we will be celebrating our annual Dahlicious dress up day at school. We ask that children donate £1.00 to dress up as a character from one of their favourite Roald Dahl books or wear yellow, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which will help to make lives better for seriously ill children in the U.K.

If you're stuck for unspiration as to what to wear, there are lots of dressing up ideas on Roald Dahl's website: www.roalddahl.com



First Holy Communion

If you have already seen Fr. Patrick about your child making their First Holy Communion please attend rehearsals at the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic church at 12pm on Saturday 5th September.



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 availbale from the school office.



School Office Closed

Please note that our school office will be closed EVERY Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm.



Dinner Money

Dinner money is currently £10.50 per week and must be paid every week.

Please put the money in the envelopes provided in the school office with your child's name and class clearly marked.

Year 3

School dinners for Year 3 children.

Children who have just entered year 3 no longer benefit from the universal free school meal entitlement.

This means that if your child is not eligible for free school meals because you are not receiving certain benefits, then you will need to pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week)

If your child is entitled to free school meals, or if you're not sure about their entitlement, you should contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible.

You can apply on line www.learningtrust.co.uk - apply for free school meals and receive an instant decision about eligibility.



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.

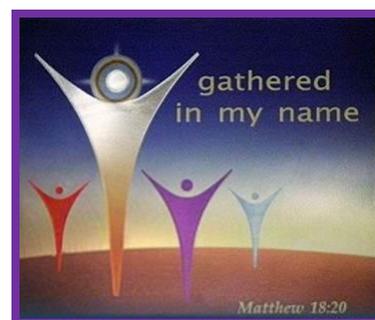
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Nursery	Elijah & Isaac
Reception	Kashayn & Sinead
Year 1	Sochikaima
Year 2	Jaden & Nariyah
Year 3	Marley, Ayomide & Belane
Year 4	Ryan
Year 5	Stefano
Year 6	Amie & Amelia Rose



Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Jesus reminds us that he will be with us in a very special way, every time we meet together to pray.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
We know that at this moment you are here with us.

As brothers and sisters in God's family,

We ask you to listen to and answer the prayers we bring before you today.

Amen