

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
14th September
is
Belonging.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 96%.

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.



School Street at St. Dominic's
On Monday 7th September St. Dominic's became a School Street as part of Hackney Council's 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.

Ballance Road, is now 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.



Half Term

The school will close for half term from Thursday 22nd October as Friday 23rd October is a school Inset Day and return on Monday 2nd November.

A full list of term dates is available on the school website:

www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



Roald Dahl Dress Up Day
Congratulations to all the children and staff that really made a great

effort dressing up in their costumes as we celebrated Dahlicious Day.



Jeans for Genes day

On Friday 18th September we are asking children and staff to get their jeans on and donate £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders.

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children are affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year. Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence.



P.E. Kit

Children can come to school on their class P.E. day dressed in their P.E. kit. They should wear a purple polo top and black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers.

Class P.E. days are as follows:

Reception	Thursday A.M.
Year 1	Tuesday A.M.
Year 2	Wednesday A.M.
Year 3	Monday P.M.
Year 4	Tuesday P.M.
Year 5	Friday P.M.
Year 6	Wednesday P.M.



Water Bottles

Please remind your children to bring a water bottle to school each day. The drinking taps in the playground are out of use due to Coronavirus safety measures.



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.



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.



Governors 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.

Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and take it to the school office.



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	Sinead & Flavio
Year 2	Nariyah
Year 3	Ayomide & Belane
Year 4	Ryan
Year 5	Stefano
Year 6	Amelia Rose



Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, then we must first learn to forgive each other. In Sunday's Gospel, he tells a parable about a forgiving King and his unforgiving servant.

Prayer

Jesus taught us a prayer that mentions how we must forgive others when we ask forgiveness ourselves...

Our Father,
who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen