

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
28th September
is
Hopeful.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A 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.



Face Covering

Parents are reminded that **you must** wear a face mask when collecting your children at the end of the school day. Please also ensure that you are mindful of social distancing.

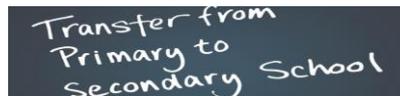


Half Term

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



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2021. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you have been attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system. **The deadline for making your application is Friday 16th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.

3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

We appreciate that this can be an unsettling time for parents/carers and pupils alike, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any support in this process.



Cardinal Pole Catholic School

Cardinal Pole would like to invite students from year 5 and year 6 to view their online Secondary Transfer video and Virtual Open Evening Presentation from Thursday 1st October 2020. Open mornings will be held from Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October 9:00am - 10:15am by making an appointment at: enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk



Coronavirus Guidance

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour.

- A high temperature. 38C or higher.
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell. - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things taste/smell different to normal.

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you or your child have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test.

You must stay at home until you get the test result and anyone you live with and anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home until you receive the result.

If your child falls ill at school with any of the symptoms above you will be called and expected to collect your child immediately and arrange to seek medical advice. It is vital that we have the most up to date contact details for you. Therefore, please ensure you have completed and returned your child's data collection sheet.

For the schools most up to date advice please see the school website: <https://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk>
COVID -19 - returning to school in September

Important

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

For children aged 5 or over - use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service.

For children under 5 - call 111.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Today, our school staff took part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to raise money for Macmillan cancer nurses.

So far £219 has been raised. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

£201 will give a patient the support of a MacMillan Nurse for the day.



Black History Celebration Day and Lunch.

On **Thursday 1st October**, as part of our Black History celebrations, children are invited to come to school dressed in national costume or the colours of their native flag. Lavena and her catering team will also be preparing a special school dinner of rice and peas, jollof rice, fried chicken, plantain and dumplings for children. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day then please pay £2.10 at the school office.



One World Harvest Day Friday 9th October.

Harvest time is nearly upon us again and we are asking you to Brighten Up this Harvest by dressing up as brightly as possible and donating £1.00 to CAFOD.

CAFOD's aim this year is to support so fewer have to ask: 'How do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for handwashing?'

More details of how you can support will be available in next weeks newsletter.



Balance Bikes

We have some nearly new balance bikes for sale. They are suitable for 2-3 year olds and are an excellent way for little ones to move on to cycling without stabilisers when they are older. These simple bikes for beginners have no pedals, so children can focus on balance. They are on sale in the school office for £10



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	Nahom & Mmesomachukwu
Year 1	Stephanie
Year 2	Ruth
Year 3	Chidera
Year 4	Nuala & Maddison
Year 5	Martin
Year 6	Messiah, Daniel & Ezekiel



Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

Every day of our lives we have to make choices. Sometimes we make the wrong choice, and do something we shouldn't. Remember, that whenever we have had a change of heart, Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to put things right.

Prayer

Lord,
When I choose the way to go,
help me choose the good way.
When I choose the things to say,
help me say what you'd say.
Help me always do what's right;
Keep me always in your sight.

Amen