

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
5th October
is
Motivated.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 99%.

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. Especially if you enter the small designated area in the playground. Please also ensure that you are mindful of social distancing.

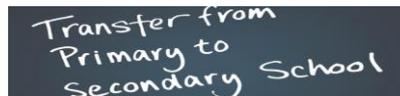


Half Term

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.



CATS testing

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be undertaking their CATs banding tests. These will take place over three days.



Commissioning Mass

We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on Wednesday 7th October. On this special occasion we commission our year 6 pupils to be leaders within the school community. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will ZOOM the mass live so the whole school community can join together in this joyful occasion.

BRIGHTEN UP this is! HARVEST and BUILD a BRIGHTER WORLD

**One World Harvest Day
Friday 9th October.**

Theme - How do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for handwashing?

On Friday 9th October we will celebrate One World Harvest 2020 very differently:

- We will come to school dressed in our **brightest colours.**
- We will have a cake sale to raise money to buy soap, facemasks, install a community tap washing point or even if we raise enough money, deliver a truck load of water to a remote community once a week for proper handwashing and hygiene, reducing travel and the spread of the virus.
- Support Mr Nicholson with RISE 365 by bring in tins of soup, tuna, rice and pasta to support our local community.

So please remember your £1.00 for the cake sale and bring in tins and dried food only to support our local families.



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.



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



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	Mowalolaoluwa & Simon
Year 2	Andrew & Emanuel
Year 3	Patience
Year 4	Kairah
Year 5	Kevin-Prince, Patrick, De-Shornae, Araim
Year 6	Ethan



Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

Jesus came to share the Good News and to bring God's message to all people. He wanted them to learn how to live in the love of God and one's neighbour, and to know what mattered most in life. Many people did not listen, and so Jesus told them that he would give his message to others.

Prayer

Jesus,
Open our ears to hear your message and help us to understand it.
Help us share the message of your saving love with others, so that they too can share in your kingdom.
Amen

