

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
12th October
is
Tolerance.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 100%.

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.

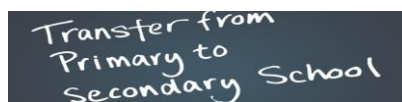


Half Term

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.



SIMS Parent App

It is essential that we have up to date contact information for our pupils in case of emergency, illness or absence. Also, current email addresses for parents to ensure that we can keep in contact via email, if necessary.

The SIMS Parent app provides a convenient and accessible solution for parents and carers to electronically review and request changes to the data held on them and their children via smartphone, tablet, or PC anytime, anywhere.

You should have received a letter earlier this week which will invite you to provide/update your email address so that we can get you signed up for SIMS Parent. Please return the letter to the school office so that we can send out your SIMS Parent activation email.



Contaminated 'Sweets'

As you may have seen in the media earlier this week, thirteen children at a north London school were taken to hospital when they fell ill after eating what they believed to be "sweets".

The pupils were taken by ambulance to hospital with the main symptoms being nausea, hyperactivity, elevated heart rates and hallucinations.

Police believe that the sweets contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an active ingredient of cannabis.

Investigations are currently under way to establish the quantity in each sweet, but it is believed to be extremely high.

To raise awareness of the incident, Camden's Safer School Team released the image above of the sweets in question.



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

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

Today, St. Dominic's supported CAFOD by wearing their brightest clothes and buying lots of yummy cakes.

We also supported local charity 'Rise 365' with the help of Mr Nicholson by donating tins, pasta, rice etc. to help our local families.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support.



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.



IMPORTANT: Providing the

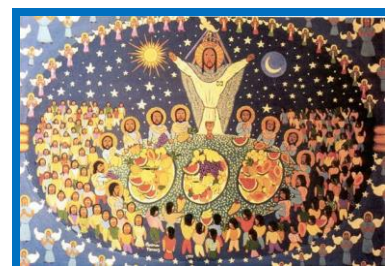
school with up-to-date details
Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise 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	Kidus
Year 3	De-Shae & Nmachi
Year 5	Nishay & Seedorf



Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

God gives each one of us an invitation to join him in his heavenly Kingdom and the celebration of everlasting life. We must choose whether to accept the invitation or turn away from his loving offer.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You invite each one of us to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so that we can accept your offer and be ready to share in your glory at the end of time.

Amen

