

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
19<sup>th</sup> October  
is  
Co-operation.



#### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 98%.

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

Next week is the last week of this half term.

The school will close from **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** as Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

October is a school Inset Day and return on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

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

[www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk)



#### 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 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.**



#### One World Harvest Day

A big thank you to everyone for their generous donations of food for local charity 'Rise 365' and everyone who enjoyed a yummy cake baked by our wonderful kitchen staff. We raised a fabulous £296 for CAFOD.

We have received this lovely email from Joycien Brodie-Mends, who is the Director of RISE 365:

*'I want to contact you to say a huge thank you for the support from yourself and the school. We are blown away by the amount of stuff that has been donated and excited that you have supported us to support others.'*

*I am sure you are aware of the challenging times we are in and the pressures that has brought to families and the community. This food will go directly to supporting vulnerable people. This allows the work myself, Jermaine and others to continue, so thank you again and I will keep you posted.'*

# HomeTime!

## Collecting children at the end of the school day.

Unfortunately, we have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. For your safety we cannot have children from different year group bubbles mixing whilst waiting for their parent/carers.

Can we kindly remind parents/carers that, all children must be picked up at your allocated finish time. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late.

**Parents of children who are collected after 4pm will need to come to the school office to sign a Safeguarding Register.**



## 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 of 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.



## 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.

We are currently having a new library and classroom built in the playground and would really appreciate any help you can offer.



## 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.

Year 1	Ephrata
Year 2	Rhikai
Year 5	Ruby-Rose



## Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Everything we have was given to us by God, who pours out his love for us with unending generosity. How often do we remember to say 'Thank you' or to return just a little of what we have been given?

## Prayer

Father in heaven I give you today, all that I think, and do, and say.

Fill me with grace and make me strong, with you at my side I won't go wrong.

## Amen

