

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
16th November  
is  
**Relaxation.**



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class \*\* for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with \*\*%. In KS2, congratulations to Class \*\* whose attendance was \*\*%.

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.



### Medical Information

Given the current pandemic it is essential that we hold current information about any medical needs or dietary requirements that your child may have.

We are working closely with the school nursing service to ensure that

all children and staff are correctly supported.

Please return the Request for Information sheet to the school office as soon as possible. If your child does not have a medical condition please tick the box 'None of the Above'.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to telephone Andrew Armstrong or Mary Maloney.



### Children in Need

Today marks one of the nation's biggest annual fundraising events - BBC Children in Need - and this year we went all cosy and enjoyed the Ultimate Feel Good Friday in our PJ's!

Well done to everyone and a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all the children that your money will help.



### Parent Meeting

We will be holding our parent meetings differently this term due to the COVID-19 restrictions and bearing safety in mind for all. Each year group will have a dedicated date during the months of November and December.

EYFS	1 DECEMBER (Amended)
YEAR 1	18 NOVEMBER
YEAR 2	19 NOVEMBER
YEAR 3	25 NOVEMBER
YEAR 4	26 NOVEMBER
YEAR 5	2 DECEMBER
YEAR 6	3 DECEMBER

Each parent will receive a 10-15 minute appointment with their child's class teacher. We will inform you of the time of your appointment nearer to the event. We hope that this will enable you to discuss with your child's class teacher your child's progress, and we can work together to support their continued learning and development.

You will be receiving an appointment from our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers in due course.



### Odd Sock Day

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying week in a fun and positive way.



### School Bags

Can we please remind children that they should NOT bring bags into school. Any homework can be returned in zip wallets and P.E. kits should be worn to school on your class P.E. day.



### Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions children will be unable to exchange Christmas cards with their classmates this year.



### Nursery Applications

Do you have a child who will be three before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and needs a nursery place in January 2021?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery. We offer part-time and full-time places.

All you need to do to enrol your child for a place in January is come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.



### Communion classes

Please note that there will be NO communion preparation classes at the parish of The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic until further notice.



### 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. 37.8C 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.



### 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.

Reception	Sukhpreet & Amanpreet
Year 3	Maryetta & Gabriella
Year 4	Morayooluwa
Year 5	Yannick



### Thirty-third Sunday of the Year.

When we love someone, sometimes we give them a gift, something special for them to use and enjoy. God has given talents to each one of us as a sign of his love; these gifts are from God.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the talents which you have given to each of us. Whatever our gifts may be, teach us to use them wisely, and for the good of others.

**Amen**