

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
30th November
is
Positive.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 89%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 94%.

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.



SIMS Parent App

Thank you to all the parents that have now signed up to use the SIMS Parent App. It is a new and convenient way to access, review and request changes to the data held on you and your children direct from your phone.

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. Especially while year group bubbles are closed, so that we can send work for your children to complete via email.

You can still sign up by clicking on the link sent to you in the activation email.

If you have any questions please see the school office.



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 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.



Nursery Applications

Do you have a child who will be three before the 31st 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.



Advent Project

The season of Advent begins this weekend and we are busy preparing, waiting and praying in anticipation for the birth of Jesus. Good deeds and generosity have always been an important part of the season of Advent.

On **Monday 30th November** our Good deeds for the neighbourhood and Mitzvah Day project starts and we are asking parents to donate non-perishable food such as tins of soup, pasta, rice, biscuits, sugar, UHT milk etc, during the first week of Advent to support **RISE 365** a local charity based in Hackney Wick for which Mr Nicholson volunteers.

Then on **Friday 4th December** we will also hold a cake sale to support CAFOD.

Both of these ideas were thought up by Messiah in year 6 and the

whole school are behind his excellent ideas!



Blessing of the new building

Most of you will have glimpsed our impressive new building in the playground.

Fr. Patrick will be blessing the new building on Thursday 10th December at 10:30am



Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless! All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'. For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at

<https://christmasjumperday.org>



School Christmas Dinners

In the last week of term, Lavena and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the day(s) you are paying for in the payment box next to the office.



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.



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	Daniel
Reception	George, Shanel
Year 2	Haile & Yelena
Year 4	Donel
Year 5	Gabriella



1ST SUNDAY @ Advent

First Sunday of Advent

The word 'Advent' means 'coming'; and it is a time of waiting and expectation. Only God knows when the second coming will be, but in Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that we must stay awake and be ready for Jesus when he returns at the end of time.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help us to live as you taught us, With our lives filled with love and goodness so that we will be ready to greet you when you come again in glory.

Amen

