

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
7th December
is
Confidence.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 87%. 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.



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.



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.



Flu Spray Catch Up clinics

If your child (reception to year 6) missed the Flu spray at school please contact the vaccination team to arrange an appointment.

To book an appointment please send a text message to **07908908435** with your child's full name, DOB, Class, School and vaccine preference (spray or injection).

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

hackneyandcity@vaccination.co.uk



Win a bike competition

The Hackney Cycling Campaign is running a fantastic competition for all Hackney children aged 5-12 years old to win one of 4 brand new bikes - delivered in time for Christmas!

Entry is simple: draw a poster of yourself on a bike in front of your favourite place in Hackney.

The downloadable entry form and full details are on the website: <https://hackneycycling.org.uk/win-a-bike/>



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! We are also holding a cake sale with cakes and biscuits from 50p. 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>



Class Christmas Parties - Time to sparkle!

On **Tuesday 15th December** all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will

be able to come to school in their own sparkly clothes.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions party food should be individually wrapped cakes, bags of chocolate, bags of crisps, carton drinks etc.



Nativity Celebrations

On **Wednesday 16th December** children can dress as their favourite nativity character and enjoy the Christmas Service and fun Nativity activities in their classrooms.

We can't wait to see the school filled with angels, wise men, shepherds and donkeys!



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.

Children will enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**.

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.



Festive Film Fun and PJ Day - Thursday 17th December

Finally, to finish a week full of festive fun it's time to relax in your PJs and enjoy some Festive Film Fun!!



School Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas break on **Friday 18th December** from 1:15 (Year 5/6) 1:30 (Year 3/4) 1:45 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) The school will re-open on **Thursday 7th January 2021** from 8:45am.



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.

Reception	John
Year 1	John Francis
Year 2	Shenice
Year 5	Callum
Year 6	Kelly & Bridget



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of his son. The message he preached then, is just as important today, as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Help each of us to make a fresh start this advent;

To put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.

Amen