

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
14th December
is
Kindness.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 97%. 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.



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.**



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.



Reception Class Applications for September 2021.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2021 applications is **15th January 2021.**

All children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 **must apply before this date.**

Applications will need to be made on-line through The Hackney Learning Trust. Parents must create an account and complete an online application

form; www.eadmissions.org.uk and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth certificate, proof of address and their baptismal certificate.

If you have any questions then please see a member of staff in the school office.



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://hacknecycling.org.uk/win-a-bike/>



Christmas Jumper Day

Today, children and staff raised money for Save the Children by donating £1.00 to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. There were lots of wonderful designs and some children were extremely creative by decorating their own jumpers. Thank you for your donations and for bringing a very festive feel to our school today!

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, bars 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!

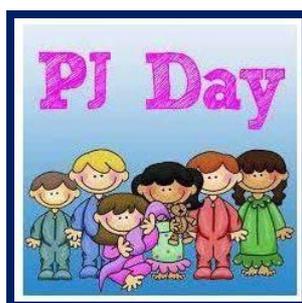


School Christmas Dinners

In the last week of term, Lavina 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 PJ's and enjoy some Festive Film Fun!!



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	Diamond, Kaitlyn & Krystal
Year 5	Isaac



3rd SUNDAY OF Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

News of John the Baptist had spread throughout the land, and crowds of people were flocking to listen to him. The leaders of the Jews decided to send some of their priests and elders to find out who this man really was.

Prayer

Give us the courage to change our hearts and make us grow strong in love and faith.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen