

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
15th March
is
Celebrate.



Welcome Back!

We were very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils on Monday 8th March. It was wonderful to see St. Dominic's returning to something near normal.

Our updated Risk Assessment is posted on the website, so that you can see the safety measures and procedures that we are following on the return to school after lockdown. We will be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

- *Staggered drop off and pick up times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave.
- *A reminder that gathering at the school gates is not allowed.
- *Only one parent may enter the School Office reception area at a time.
- ***All adults must wear a mask on school premises.**
- *Children may bring in lunch boxes **only**. No school bags are allowed. Children have individual packs of essential resources in their classrooms.

*Children may wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have a PE lesson.

We will continue to keep pupils safe by:

- *Configuring the desks in a horseshoe shape so that pupils have a space in front of them to avoid aerosol spray during lessons.
- *Staggering playtimes and dinner times.
- *Providing 'bubble' play-spaces for each year group.
- *Ensuring that there are one-way systems in corridors.
- *A persistent reminder of hygiene measures such as hand-washing, social distancing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes.

This lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time.



Bee Kind

It is so lovely to have children back in the school!
It all contributes to the sense of positive change in the air!
Spring is coming and we are seeing beautiful displays of daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths in the park and on the common.

You are probably aware that our school motto at the moment is 'BEE KIND'.

Families at St. Dominic's are always so kind and generous and we thank you in advance for supporting our charities during the Lenten season. As parents, carers and teachers, we are the role models for the children at St. Dominic's. As we show acts of kindness as a part of our daily life, so too will our children.

Remember - Bee Kind!



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 96%. 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.

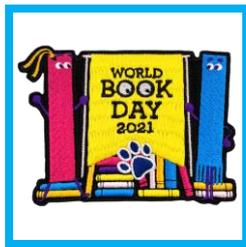


SIMS Parent App

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. 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.



World Book Day

Today, St. Dominic's celebrated World Book Day. Children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character and what a variety of characters we had!

From Rupunzel, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Grangsta Granny, Little Red Riding Hood and Willy Wonka, we had characters from every genre!

Thank you for all your efforts and for your wonderful representations of your favourite book characters.



Red Nose Day 2021

This year Red Nose Day takes place on **Friday 19th March**. On this day we are asking children to come to school dressed in **RED** and donate £1 to Comic Relief.



We will also be holding a cake sale at break time.

Comic Relief uses money raised by Red Nose Day to help people living tough lives across the UK and Africa.

Catholic Children's Society Making A Difference



Catholic Children's Society Day - CCS

The Catholic Children's Society aims to raise money for local families who have fallen on financial hardship. In the past, funds raised have been used to help families within our own school community.



On **Friday 26th March** we are asking children and staff to wear **YELLOW** for spring and to celebrate new life and donate £1. We will also hold a cake sale at break time



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	Rudy & Andrew
Year 2	Damilola
Year 3	Helena & Olta
Year 4	Ephraim & Adanna



Fourth Sunday of Lent.

While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, one of the Pharisees called Nicodemus came to see him secretly one night. Nicodemus believed in Jesus and wanted to know more about this extraordinary man.

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the world.

You promised that if we stay close to you, we will never be lost in the darkness.

Help us to stay with you always.

Amen

