

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
24th May
is
Bee Kind.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B 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.**

May Half-Term

Half-term holiday

School will close next **Friday 28th May** for the half-term holiday. We will return on **Monday 7th June from 8:45am**



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 of 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:

www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



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.

24 th May	Year 5
27 th May	Year 6
28 th May	Nursery

Each parent will receive a 10-15 minute telephone appointment with their child's class teacher.

You will be informed 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 how we can work together to support their continued learning and development.



On-line Payments

We will be going on-line for all payments from next term.

SIMS Pay provides a safe, secure and easy way to **pay** online for **school** items such as **school** meals, trips, events, clubs and other **school** activities.

SIMS Pay allows you to make online **payments** to the **school** whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

All parents will need to sign up to SIMS Parent App by clicking on the link sent to you today in the

activation email. If you already have SIMS Parent App then you do not need to do anything and will be ready to make on line payments next term.



Nursery Applications - September 2021.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery to start in September 2021. We offer part-time and full-time places.

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



We care for our planet Earth!

Foundation Stage are delighted to take part in Hackney "Earth Cubs for a Recycled Art" competition. We are aiming to create a recycled art masterpiece using plastic bottle lids. The prize for winning is 500 trees planted in Madagascar, Mozambique and Nicaragua with monthly updates on the forest.

Therefore, we are asking parents to collect and bring plastic bottle lids of various colours to school next week. Let's start collecting and save our planet.



Laudato si'

Many of you will remember the letter Pope Francis wrote called *Laudato si'* asking all of us in the whole world to take care of our common home.

Pope Francis says that climate change affects us all, but it is the poorest communities who will suffer the most. Our country is hosting two important events this year, the G7 in June, will

take place in Cornwall. World leaders will meet to discuss global issues, such as climate change and recovery from the global pandemic. In November, COP26, a meeting of leaders and governments organised by the United Nations, will take place in Glasgow. Important decisions will be made about how countries can help tackle the climate crisis.

Our government is hosting this meeting; they represent us. We have the power to make a difference by speaking up and making sure that our voices are heard.

If you haven't already done so, watch the CAFOD assembly: 'Eyes of the World'. Our school has been taking part in the campaign by making pictures of eyes to show that the eyes of the world are watching, and so are we!

You can write to the government telling them to think about the world's poorest people as they make their decisions!

www.cafod.org.uk/education/primary-teaching-resources/eyes-of-the-world



Is your child having difficulties sleeping?

Parents of children between 2-5 years of age are invited to participate in research exploring sleep difficulties with a Trainee Educational Psychologist. Sleep difficulties in children are common and they can have wider impacts on the child and you as parents/carers. Sleep difficulties include late-phase sleep, difficulties falling asleep, interrupted sleep and early waking. Using a counselling approach known as 'Motivational Interviewing', three online sleep consultations will be arranged. During these sleep consultations, we will discuss your child's sleep behaviours and sleep strategies and techniques that aim to support your child's sleep. The aim of this project is to see if Motivational

Interviewing sleep consultations with parents lead to improvements in the child's sleep behaviour and wellbeing.

This is a FREE service and spaces are LIMITED.

Please contact Annie Welland if you are interested and would like any further information:

annalee.welland.19@ucl.ac.uk



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.

Year 2	Osinachi
Year 6	Kimora & Chrisknow



Feast of Pentecost

Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after Passover. On Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the church, and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had promised to do.

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with your love. Work through us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him, so that we may share this love with others.

Amen