

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
21st June
is
Empathy.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class REC A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 93%. 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.



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



WOW! Day

On Wednesday St. Dominic's held another successful WOW Day. Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

The costumes were amazing and included:

The Victorians, The Tudors, The Great Fire of London, Light, flowers and plants.
Well done everyone!



Hackney Loves Music Day - Monday 21st June

St Dominic's will be taking part in Hackney Loves Music on **Monday 21st June**, as part of the Hackney Music Festival.

This special day will be an opportunity for your children to share the music they listen to, the musicians that they admire, the songs they love and the instruments they play.

It's time to get dressed up as a favourite musician or singer, or as an instrument, or as anything to do with music! Be creative. Perhaps some musical face paints! You could even make a music appreciation poster with your favourite singer, musician or instrument and tell us what you think about them.



Mobile Phones

While we recognise that mobile phones are a part of everyday life for children, it is important to remember that they can be a serious distraction in school and that they can also be used to bully or intimidate others. For this

reason we would like to remind all parents that their children must not take mobile telephones into class or use them throughout the school day. Where a pupil needs to bring a 'phone into school, for example because they walk to and from school without adult supervision, it must be left with their class teacher at the beginning of each day.



On-line Payments

We will be going on-line for all payments this 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 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.

School Dinners

Year 3 Pupils

School dinners for pupils entering year 3 in September

If you have a child going into year 3 in September, please remember that the universal free school meal entitlement will no longer apply. This means that if your child is not eligible for free school meals because you are not receiving certain benefits, then you will need to pay £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week) payable from Thursday 2nd September.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, or if you're not sure about their entitlement, you should contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible to enquire about entitlement and to complete the relevant forms to assess your eligibility.

Don't miss out - act now! It may avoid you having to pay school meal costs in September.



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.



EU Settlement Scheme - Deadline 30 June 2021.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should apply without delay so that they can continue to work, study and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.

It is crucial that eligible parents apply to the Scheme themselves and check whether they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children are required to have an application in their own right and no child is covered by a parent's application to the EUSS.

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online.

For a copy of a useful guide please speak to the school office.



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.

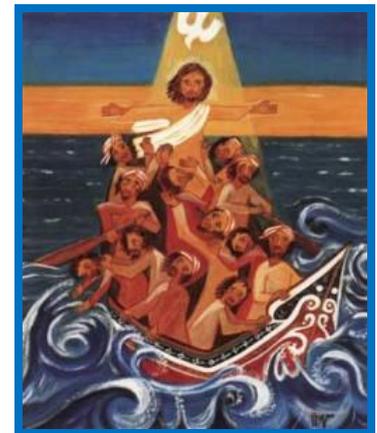
If you have changed your contact details recently, please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Year 1	Marcus
Year 4	Annabel A & James
Year 5	Emmanuel



Twelfth Sunday of the Year.

The Sea of Galilee is a really large freshwater lake which is approximately 12 miles long and 8 miles wide. Sometimes its calm blue waters are whipped into violent storms by sudden strong winds. One night, as Jesus and his disciples were sailing across the sea, such a storm suddenly began to rage.

Prayer

The Lord says:

Do not be afraid because I am always with you.

With me by your side you have nothing to fear.

I will protect you from harm and save you from danger.

Amen

