

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
19th July
is
Positive Thinking.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 94%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 95%.

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 or 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



Summer Holidays

Please note that the school will close for the summer holidays from 1.30pm next Friday 23rd July:

1:30pm	Year 5 & 6
1:45pm	Reception, 3 & 4
2:00pm	Year 1 & 2

New Academic Year

The new academic year will start on Thursday 2nd September 2021 from 8:45am:

8:45am	Year 5 & 6
8:55am	Reception, 3 & 4
9:05am	Year 1 & 2



Reception Class visit to London Zoo

Our Reception classes had an amazing trip to London Zoo on Wednesday. The children had a deluxe coach taking them through the streets of London to see a fabulous collection of animals from around the world.

Kashayn from Reception B said that 'is was so great to see the tigers, penguins, meerkats, monkeys, gorillas, a crocodile, a giraffe, and many more'.

Adults and the coach driver were very impressed with our well behaved Reception children. It was a fun and enjoyable day for everyone!



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.

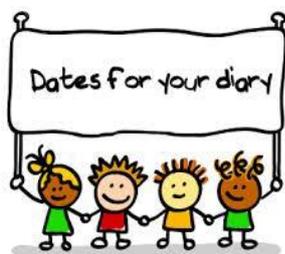


Sports Day Results!

Everyone had a fantastic time during Sports Week with lots of healthy competition between the House Teams. The results are as follows:

1st place	Sapphire 87
2nd place	Topaz 82
3rd place	Emerald 78
4th place	Ruby 75

Well done Sapphire and to everyone involved in making the week so successful.



Year 6 Leavers Mass

We will be celebrating our Year 6 Leavers' Mass on **Wednesday 21st July at 10:30am** with Fr. Patrick in the playground. Parents are welcome to attend but must adhere to current social distancing guidelines with a maximum of 30 in each parental group.



Year 6 BBQ

On **Thursday 22nd July** year 6 children will enjoy a special garden party/BBQ lunch. Children should wear casual clothes, shorts and T-shirts to relax and enjoy some al-fresco dining!

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 4th 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.



Dinner Money

Thank you to all the parents that have settled any outstanding dinner money debts. If you have yet to do so this debt will be carried over to September and your child will need to bring in a packed lunch from Thursday 2nd September. Thank you for your co-operation.



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	Chisom
Year 1	Daniel
Year 6	Alina & Winnifred



Sixteenth Sunday of the Year.

A good shepherd always puts the needs of his flock first. In Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus, 'the Good Shepherd', put the needs of others before his own.

Prayer

The Good Shepherd takes care of all my needs:
He leads me to lush green meadows and crystal clear pools.
He guides me and protects me and I grow strong in his care.
When night falls, I am not afraid, for he is always beside me to protect me from harm.
When he calls, I will follow, Knowing that his love for me will last forever.

Amen