

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
11th October
is
Tolerance.



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 6B whose attendance was 96%.

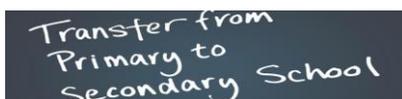
Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.

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.



Half Term

The school will close for half term from Thursday 21st October as Friday 22nd October is a school Inset Day and return on Monday 1st November. A full list of term dates is available on the school website:
www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2022. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you will be attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the **eAdmissions** system. **The deadline for making your application is The deadline for making your application is Friday 15th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. **It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process.** E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your **junk/spam folder** so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the 'Forgotten username or password?' link.

Parents/carers should complete the applications at home themselves but if you would like the school to assist you with your application then you

should make an appointment at the school office to see either Ms Finan or Ms Frankland on:
Wednesday 13th October 8.30-10.30 am.



CATS Testing

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be undertaking their CATs banding tests. These will take place over three days.



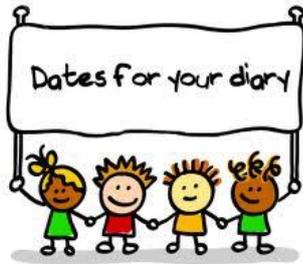
Hackney School Streets

A School Street is where the road(s) outside of a school temporarily becomes a pedestrian and Cycle Zone during school opening and closing times, helping pupils walk and cycle to school safely.

Ballance Road, from the junction with Kenworthy Road to just beyond the school gates, operates as a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone between 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm-4pm, Monday to Friday during school term time only.

If you enter the School Street zone during the operating hours without a valid exemption, you may be subject to a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

Parents should ensure that children arrive at school on time and not use the School Street zone operational times as an excuse to be late.



Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

Children from Reception class to year 6 have been given a consent form for the vaccination which needs to be returned by **Monday 1st November**. A team from the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on **Tuesday 19th November**.



Black History Celebration Day and Lunch.

On Thursday 14th October, as part of our Black History celebrations, children are invited to come to school dressed in national costume or the colours of their native flag. Lavina and her catering team will also be preparing a special school dinner of rice and peas, jollof rice, fried chicken, plantain and dumplings for children. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day, then please pay £2.10 at the school office.



Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Friday 15th October we will be celebrating our annual Dahlicious dress up day at school. Children pay just £1 to dress up as a character from one of their favourite Roald Dahl books or wear **yellow**, which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We will also be holding a cake sale at morning break.

All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which help to make lives better for seriously ill children in the U.K.

If you're stuck for inspiration as to what to wear, there are lots of dressing up ideas on roald Dahl's website at <http://www.roalddahl.com>



Show Racism the Red Card - Change hearts, change minds, change lives.

This is the 25th anniversary year and more relevant than ever before. Wear Red Day is a national anti-racism awareness day and St. Dominic's are proud to be taking part. We are asking that everyone shows their support and comes to school wearing **RED** to show racism the **RED** card on the last day of term, **Thursday 21st October**.



Summer Holidays 2022

Please note that due to the special two-day Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We will be finishing for the summer term a day earlier than previously published on **Wednesday 20th July 2021**.

A full list of term dates is available on the school website: www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



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	Cheyanne
Year 3	Andrew & Emanuel
Year 4	De-Shae, Nmachi & Penouel
Year 6	Ariam, Nishay & Seedorf



Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a young man what he must do if he wants to share everlasting life in the Kingdom of God.

Prayer

Lord, you see and remember every act of kindness and generosity and store them in your heart. Help me to store up my treasure in heaven, so that I can share everlasting life with you at the end of time.

Amen

