

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
13th December
is
Kindness.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5A whose attendance was 98%.

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.



School Holidays

Next week school will close for the Christmas break on Friday 17th December from 1:40pm. Please ensure that your child is collected on time:

1:40pm	Year 5 & 6
1:50pm	Year 3 & 4

2:00pm	Reception, Year 1 & 2
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School will reopen for Spring Term on Thursday 6th January 2022.



Staying Safe

In order to keep everyone safe and well to enjoy the Christmas holidays and beyond, we are asking that all parents and visitors to the school wear a face mask and are mindful of social distancing.

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- *a high temperature - 38C or above
- *a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

- *a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms:

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result - they can only leave home to have the test

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 take a coronavirus

(COVID-19) rapid lateral flow test.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Rapid Lateral Flow test.

Each household can get two free lateral flow tests from your local chemist. You need to register at www.gov.uk/get-collect-code and follow the instructions below: Use this service to get a collect code so you can pick up rapid lateral flow test packs from a pharmacy.

How it works:

1. Get a collect code

Before you go to the pharmacy, use this service to get a collect code. This is a code that you need to show when you collect your test packs.

You can also get a collect code by calling 119 They'll send your collect code by email or text. You can print your code.

2. Collect your tests

Take your collect code to the pharmacy. Someone will record your code and give you the tests. You need to get a new collect code for each collection.

3. Do the test

After you've done the test, you should report your test result. They'll tell you how to report your result when they send your collect code.



Christmas Travel

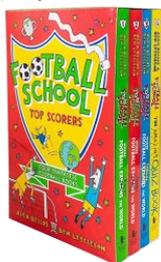
If you are travelling abroad over the Christmas period please be aware that upon your return to the UK you will be required to take a

Covid-19 PCR test and isolate until you receive a negative result. Children aged 5 to 17 have to follow the same testing and quarantine rules on arrival in England.

Travel rules for 'RED' list countries are different and information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-taxon/entering-england>

Please ensure that you factor any required isolation into your travel plans so that children are ready to return to school on **Thursday 6th January 2022**.



Football School Assembly!

On **Monday 13th December** we are very lucky to have Alex Bellos, author of the amazing Football School series, will be coming to our school to talk to our students. The 45-minute talk explores geography, zoology, dance and drama through football - we'll have everyone dancing the samba and showing us their favourite goal celebrations, as well as talking about books and reading. Books will be available to pre-order or buy on the day. Watch out for more information from your Child's teacher - perfect for fun (and educational) Christmas pressies, especially for those football mad kids out there!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas Jumper Day - Make the world better with a sweater!

Today, children and staff raised money for Save the Children by donating £1.00 to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. There were lots of wonderful designs and some children were extremely creative by decorating their own jumpers.

Thank you for your donations and for bringing a very festive feel to our school today!



R.E. WOW Week - 13 -16 December



Christmas Carols

We will Zoom each year group singing their carol to the rest of the school.

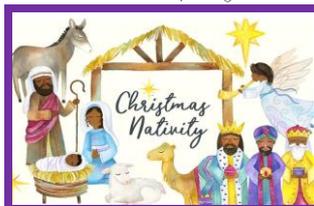
Performances will be recorded and uploaded onto our school website:

<https://www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk/> for everyone to enjoy!



Class Christmas Parties - Time to sparkle! It's Party and Festive Food Lunch Day

On **Tuesday 14th December** all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own sparkly clothes.



Advent Mass and Nativity Celebrations

On **Wednesday 15th December** children can dress as their favourite nativity character and KS2 children will enjoy Mass and singing Christmas Carols in the church for the first time with Fr. Patrick at 10.30am. KS1 will enjoy an Advent service remotely.

Also lots of fun Nativity activities in their classrooms.

We can't wait to see the school filled with angels, wise men, shepherds and donkeys!



Festive Film Fun and PJ Day - Thursday 16th December

Finally, to finish a week full of festive fun it's time to relax in your PJ's and enjoy some Festive Film Fun!!



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	Diamond, Kaitlyn, Isabella, Isaiah & Krystal
Year 2	John Francis
Year 6	Isaac



3rd SUNDAY OF Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist told the people to ask for God's forgiveness for their sins and to change their hearts. They did not know how to please God or to make him welcome in their lives, so John showed them the way.

Prayer

As Christmas draws closer, help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year, the homeless and sad, those who are hungry or at war.

May the peace and joy of Christmas reach out and touch their lives.

Amen