

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
17th January
is
Brave.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2022. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Dominic's I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Deirdre Finan



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 5B whose attendance was 99%.

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.**



Staying Safe

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

Please continue to adhere to the staggered start and collection times for your children:

YEAR GROUP	START TIME	END TIME
REC	9.00	3.30
1	9.05	3.35
2	9.05	3.35
3	8.55	3.25
4	8.55	3.25
5	8.45	3.15
6	8.45	3.15

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.



Breakfast and After School Club - Cancelled.

In order to keep the school community safe, we will be adhering to Hackney Education and Public Health Hackney guidance which stresses a return to year group bubbles to reduce interaction across year groups and classes and reduce indoor mixing and gatherings.

Therefore, we will be suspending our Breakfast and After School clubs for the month of January. We will keep you updated via the school's newsletter if the situation changes.



WOW! Day -Wednesday 19th January.

St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for this terms WOW day. Children are invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

Make sure you ask about your child's class theme - we can't wait to see all of the incredible costumes!



On-line Payments

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 have not received an email inviting you to sign up, then please provide the school office with your email address.



Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time. Please pay £42 for the term using the SIMS Parent App.



Governors Fund - School Fund

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School, including the laptops and iPads.

Our School does not receive 100% funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family.

This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education.



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 all the children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Reception	Abigail & Jamal
Year 4	Amiyah
Year 6	Bradley



Second Sunday of the Year

A miracle is a sign of God's power and glory; a remarkable and amazing event that cannot be explained. In Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus performed his first miracle by changing water into wine.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help us to turn to you in times of difficulty and place our trust in your goodness and love.

Amen.

