

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
9th May
is
Compassionate.



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 6A 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.



SATs in years 2 and 6

The SATs testing period has started for our year 2 pupils. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs on the week commencing 9th May.

The timetable is as follows:

| DATE | TESTS |
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| Monday 9 th May | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 - SPAG Paper 2 - Spelling |
| Tuesday 10 th May | English Reading |
| Wednesday 11 th May | Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning |
| Thursday 12 th May | Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning |
| Friday 13 th May | No tests |

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance and punctuality during the testing period. Pupils will feel better prepared for the tests if they have had a good night's sleep and have been fuelled with a healthy and filling breakfast.

If pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.

We would like to wish all our pupils the best of luck in their tests!



School Start and Finish Times

The school gate will be opened at 8:50am and the bell rung at 9:00am for the start of the school day.

The playground gate will be locked at 9:10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school. They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.

The school gates will be open at 3:20pm each afternoon and children will be dismissed for the end of the school day at 3:30pm.

HomeTime!

Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. **Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the**

after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.



Stokey Community Food Shop
Stokey Foodbank will be piloting Stokey Community Food Shop, a four week cultural community food shop starting on the 17th May 2022 at Stoke Newington parish 24 Bouverie Road Stoke Newington N16 0AJ.

Stokey Community Food Shop will provide residents the opportunity to purchase their weekly food shop for as little as £4. The aim of the community food shop is to help families and individuals make their money go further, providing access to good quality food for less.



Queens Platinum Jubilee Art Competition
Hackney Speaker Cllr Michael Desmond would like to invite young people in Hackney to participate in an art competition to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend of 2-5 June 2022.

Pictures of creations related to the event are invited to be submitted, such as designs for street party flyers, bunting, tablecloths, hats, badges, etc.

There will be prizes for the best three pieces of art.

The overall winner will win £40 vouchers to spend online, and the top three entrants will have their

work displayed in Hackney Town Hall and receive an invitation to a special reception, where the beacon on top of Hackney Empire will be lit, on the evening of 2 June 2022. There will also be prizes for second and third places. Submissions should be sent to speaker@hackney.gov.uk by Friday 20 May 2022. We hope some of you will consider getting involved!



Summer Term.
Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Children can wear their summer dresses or shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts. Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes



Jubilee Celebrations
In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

On Friday 27th May St Dominic's will be celebrating by inviting everyone to a special picnic lunch. We are asking that children dress in RED, WHITE and BLUE and enjoy a special lunch with music in the playground (weather permitting).

May Half-Term

Half-term holiday
School will close for half term holiday on Friday 27th May 2022 at 3.30pm. We will return on Monday 6th June at 9am.



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

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| Year 1 | Michael |
| Year 3 | Mary Grace |
| Year 4 | Phoebe |
| Year 5 | Renaldo & Phoebe |



Fourth Sunday of Easter.
Jesus knows and loves each one of us just like a shepherd with his sheep; he is the 'Good shepherd' who came to care for us and to show us the way to everlasting happiness.

Prayer
The Good Shepherd takes care of all my needs; he leads me to 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 by my side to protect me from harm. When he calls, I will follow, knowing that his love for me will last forever.

Amen

