

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
12th September
is
Belonging.



Welcome back

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and have come back ready to take on the challenges for this academic year. Our first week has started well and everyone has made a smooth transition to their new classes. A warm welcome to our new nursery and reception children. I hope you will have a happy and rewarding time at St Dominic's. Here's to another successful and fulfilling year.
Deirdre Finan
Head teacher



Queen Elizabeth II

It is with tremendous sadness that we learned yesterday of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. May she rest in peace. Our prayers are with her family at this most difficult time and we also give thanks for the inspiration The Queen has provided to the Nation

throughout her years of distinguished service. A lifetime of service carried out with great humility and dedication to her own faith.

Following the announcement of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, Cardinal Vincent Nichols paid tribute to Her Majesty:

'On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration.'

We thank God for the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

For her service to our country, for her example of dignity and duty. Comfort her family and guide our country at this sad time.

Amen.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 93%.

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.



P.E. Kit

Children can come to school on their class P.E. day dressed in their P.E. kit. They should wear a purple polo top and black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers.

Class P.E. days are as follows:

Reception	Thursday A.M.
Year 1	Tuesday A.M.
Year 2	Wednesday A.M.
Year 3	Monday P.M.
Year 4	Tuesday P.M.
Year 5	Thursday P.M.
Year 6	Wednesday P.M.



Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club runs from 8am-8:45am and costs £1.00 per day. Children will receive a variety of food choices which include, sausages, beans, scrambled eggs, croissants, bagels, yoghurts and cereals.

Please see Miss Mira or the school office for details.

After School club runs from 3:30pm until 5:45pm and costs £10 per day. The club is open to all year groups and offers lots of fun activities and help with homework. Please see Miss Currie or a member of staff in the main office if you have any queries.



WOW! Day - Wednesday 14th September.

To introduce our new learning adventures, St Dominic's will be holding its first WOW day of this academic year on **Wednesday 14th September 2022.**

The 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!



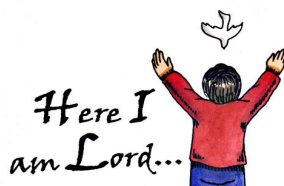
World Afro Hair Day (Big hair day) - Thursday 15th September.

"World Afro Day is a global day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair; endorsed by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights.

Award-winning, World Afro Day is an annual day of change, education and celebration of Afro hair, culture and identity. It raises global awareness about Afro hair discrimination and creates positive solutions.

We hope that you will all be part of this positive momentum and

celebrate the day by super styling your hair especially for the occasion.



Commissioning Mass

We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on **Wednesday 21st September at 10.30am.** On this special occasion we commission our year 6 pupils to be leaders within the school community. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



Jeans for Genes day

On **Friday 23rd September** we are asking children and staff to get their jeans on and donate £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders.

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children are affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year. Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence.



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.

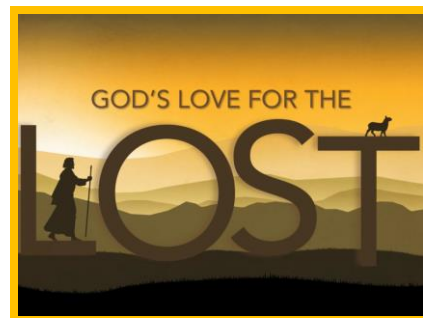
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Year 1	Isaac & Ellie-May
Year 2	Sinead, Anthony & Roger
Year 4	Nariyah & Michelle
Year 5	Ayomide & Marley
Year 6	Ashley



Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Have you ever lost something that is very important or precious? Perhaps a favourite book or a particular toy. Jesus reminds us that God knows and loves each one of us, and will search until he finds us if we should lose our way.

Prayer

Turn back to me and I will reach out and save you,
Because you are my children
whom I love.

Amen



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon her

May she rest in peace

Amen