

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
17th October
is
Cooperation.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 97%.

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 next week from **Thursday 20th October** as Friday 21st October is a school Inset Day and return on **Monday 31st October**.

A full list of term dates is available on the school website:

www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



Secondary Transfer 2023

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a booklet outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2023. 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 Thursday 20th 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 Ms Finan would be more than happy to support you. If you would like some assistance please make an appointment at the school office.



Free Uniform Grant for Year 7

Hackney Council has a number of initiatives in place to help residents affected by the cost of living crisis; in particular the free uniform grant for year 7 pupils for parents and carers who are eligible you can find out more here:

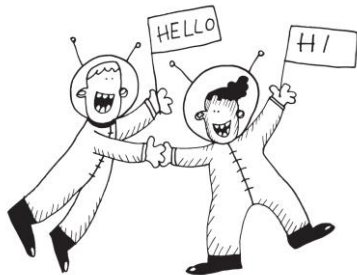
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Black History Celebration Day and Lunch.

On **Wednesday 19th 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. Our 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.



Speech and language Workshop
Our Speech and Language Therapist Kaeja will run an introductory 30-minute workshop for Parents on **Tuesday October 18th at 9:10am in Reception classroom.** All Reception Parents are invited to meet the therapist and hear about our exciting Launchpad for Language Programme.



Table Top Sale
Get a cheap bargain! Children's, women's and men's clothes and accessories sold on Fridays at our table top sale.
Bring your change and grab a deal. Miss Slingsby will be running the sale most Fridays.
The money raised will be used to buy resources and playground equipment.



Free Drama Sessions
Immediate Theatre offer **free** after-school drama sessions for young people across Hackney. Their Kingsmead Olders group for young people aged 9 - 13 is based in Homerton
The sessions take place from 5.30 - 7.00pm at:
Kingsmead Community Centre,
9A Kingsmead Way,
E9 5QG
Call: Charmain 07525892953
Email: gavin@immediate-theatre.com



Governors 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.
Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

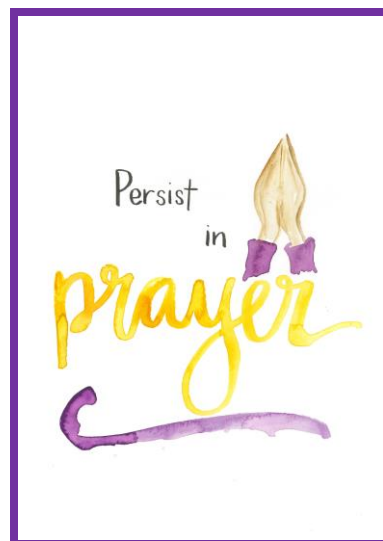
IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details

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.

Year 4	Chukwuemeka & Rhikai
Year 5	Deborah
Year 6	Ruby Rose



Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year

Jesus told a parable to show that we shouldn't become disheartened but should keep on asking for what we want because God will hear and answer our prayers.

Prayer

Loving Father,
Listen to the prayers of your children and help us never to lose hope in your love for us. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus our Lord.

Amen



International Stuttering Awareness Day

www.stutteringtreatment.org