

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



**Issue 446 - Friday 25th November 2022**

*Our SEAL  
word of the week  
commencing  
28th November  
is  
Assertive.*



## **Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week**

Congratulations to Class Reception for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B 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.**



## **Nursery Applications**

Do you have a child who will be three before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and needs a nursery place in January 2023?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery. We offer part-time and full-time places.

All you need to do to enrol your child for a place in January is come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.

*'The youngest children get off to a flying start in the school's Nursery.'  
Ofsted.*



## **Party Bags and Cakes**

Can we please ask parents that if cakes are brought into school to share with the class they are cut into sections ready to hand out at the end of the school day. Party bags should also be kept small and simple.

Thank you for your co-operation.



## **Parent Meeting**

Each year group will have a dedicated date during the months of November and December:

<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>29 NOVEMBER</b>
<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER</b>

Each parent will receive a 10-15 minute **telephone** appointment with their child's class teacher. Please be aware that the call will identify as **'No caller ID' or 'Private Number'**. We will inform you of the time of your appointment nearer to the event.

We hope that this will enable you to discuss with your child's class teacher your child's progress, and we can work together to support their continued learning and development.

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** we are holding an 'open afternoon' to give parents the opportunity to look at the fantastic work that your children have produced. You can pop into their classrooms between 3.30 - 4.30pm to look at their books with your child.

## **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, 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.

## **Gardening Club**



### **Gardening Club**

Gardening club has now finished for this term and will resume in the Spring.



### Movie Night

Tickets are now on sale from year 6 for St. Dominic's Movie Night! Tickets are 50p each and will include movie, popcorn and a drink.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 3.15pm**  
Nursery, Reception and KS1.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1pm - 3.15pm** - Years 3-5.

Get your ticket Today!



### Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** in the KS1 hall.

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic's.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



**Save the Children**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out

Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless!

All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'. For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at

<https://christmasjumperday.org>



### Class Christmas Parties -

On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own party clothes.



### School Christmas Dinners

Our catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

Children will enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the day(s) you are paying for in the payment box next to the office.

### FESTIVE FEAST MENU:

**MAINS:** Roast Turkey or Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

**SIDES:** Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing, Cocktail Sausages (Halal Chicken Sausage) and Gravy

**DESSERTS:** Chocolate Orange Muffin



**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	Klay
Year 1	Tosin Daniel
Year 2	George & Shanel
Year 4	Haile
Year 6	Donel & Isaiah



### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

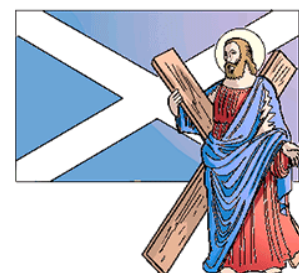
#### First Sunday of Advent

The word 'Advent' means coming. During Advent the readings tell us how God's people longed for the arrival of the Saviour promised by God. During this season we think about when Jesus will return and remember the first coming of Christ as a baby.

### Prayer

Our friend Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to guide us, so that we will lead good lives, and be ready to greet you when you return.

**Amen**



*St. Andrew's Day*