

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
5th December
is
Kindness.



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 6A whose attendance was 96%.

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 31st 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.*



Open Afternoon

On **Tuesday 6th 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.

5B will hold their open afternoon on Wednesday 7th December.



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.



Reception Parents Workshop

Reception Parents are invited for a Parent Workshop on **Tuesday, 6th December**

Time: 9:00-9:45am

Come and make a Sock Puppet with your child and learn tips to support your child's Language development at home with Kaeja Wint our Speech and Language Therapist.



Afterschool Club

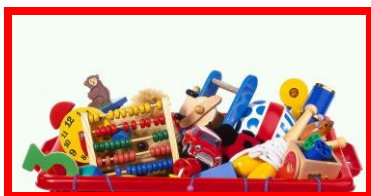
Please note that the last date for afterschool club this term is **Thursday 15th December**. There will be **NO** afterschool club on Friday 16th December.



Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on **Friday 16th December at 2pm.**

School will re-open for the Spring term on **Thursday 5th January 2023 at 9am.**



Unwanted Toys

If you are clearing out your child's toys during the Christmas holiday and have any unwanted items, Reception staff will be happy to accept any toy donations.

Thank you.



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 6th December 1pm - 3.15pm
Nursery, Reception and KS1.

Thursday 8th December 1pm - 3.15pm - Years 3-5.

Get your ticket Today!



Nativity and Carol Service

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

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on **Monday 12th 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 9th 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 13th 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 14th 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



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.

Reception	Zoe
Year 2	John, Daniel, Nana
Year 4	Yelena & Shenice



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth Zechariah. He was chosen by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them that they must be sorry for all the things that they had done wrong, and try to live better lives.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son.

As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare too, so that we may be ready for Christmas day.

Amen