

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
12th December
is
Relaxation.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 99%.

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.



Christmas Holidays

Next week school will close for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 16th December at 2pm. Please ensure your child is collected on time! School will re-open for the Spring term on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 9am.



Strep A - Advice

Health officials have issued a warning to parents and school staff around Strep A infections. While most people who get it will **not** become extremely sick, it is important to be aware of the symptoms. These include pain when swallowing, fever, red and swollen tonsils, or white patches on the tongue. A rash might appear on the chest and stomach. It is also important to look out for impetigo - a skin infection which starts with red sores or blisters.

Strep A infections are treated with antibiotics, so please contact your doctor or call NHS 111 if your child needs medical attention.

Our staff will be reminding all pupils to wash their hands regularly, use the sanitisers provided, and to cover their mouths when coughing.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep>



Reception Class Applications for September 2023.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2023 applications is **15th January 2023**.

All children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 **must apply before this date**. Applications will need to be made online through The Hackney Learning Trust. Parents must create an account and complete an online

application form; www.eadmissions.org.uk and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth certificate, proof of address and their baptismal certificate. If you have any questions then please see a member of staff in the school office.



Christmas Jumper Day

Today, children and staff raised money for Save the Children by donating £1.00 to come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers. The Government have pledged to double all donations raised! There were lots of wonderful designs and some children were extremely creative by decorating their own jumpers. Thank you for your donations and for bringing a very festive feel to our school today!

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>



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.



Speech and Language Workshop
Thank you to all the lovely parents who came to make a sock puppet with their child in Reception on Tuesday. It was a great educational and fun activity enjoyed by everyone. Special Thank You to our Speech and Language Therapist Miss Kaeja!



Nativity and Carol Service

On Wednesday, our KS1 pupils held a beautiful Nativity performance in school. It was a joy to see the children acting out the story of Christ's birth and to have so many parents and families joining us. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Hamilton, Miss O'Grady and Miss Currie for organising the KS1 Nativity and to everyone who took part or helped

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 as we celebrate the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



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.



Advent Mass
On Wednesday 14th December at 10.30am we will be holding our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



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



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	Diamond & Kaitlyn
Year 3	John Francis



3rd SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Third Sunday of Advent
King Herod had John the Baptist put in prison. Now John knew that Jesus was the 'Promised One', sent by God, but some of his friends were still unsure. So, from behind his prison bars, John sent his followers to ask Jesus a very important question.

Prayer

God our Father, as we look forward to Christmas the excitement is growing. Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter, we pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives too.

Amen

