

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
23<sup>th</sup> January  
is  
**Determination.**



#### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class \*\* whose attendance was \*\*%.

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.



#### School Closures due to Strike Action -

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

As you are probably aware, a series of school strikes have been announced by the NEU, due to poor school funding and staff pay. These two factors have led to fewer resources for pupils and staff leaving schools for better paid and less intensive jobs elsewhere. Educators do not want to leave the profession but in its current state we believe it is failing our children and this needs to be highlighted. For this reason, staff have made the difficult decision of taking strike action.

Strike by nature is disruptive, and while the striking members acknowledge that their action creates pressure on families, it is done in order to safeguard educational quality, to ensure standards for staff and children are protected now and in the future. In taking strike action members will be sacrificing their pay. At a time of financial tension, this sacrifice is not taken lightly. Striking staff are hoping that this action will help the negotiation process.

Your support is welcomed and appreciated. If you would like to discuss this further Miss Slingsby is happy to talk to parents.

Our risk assessment has concluded that it would be unsafe for St. Dominic's to open on the 1/2/23



#### WOW! Day



On Wednesday St. Dominic's held another successful WOW Day. Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure. The costumes were amazing and included:

Beowulf, Hospitals, People who help us, Kenya, James and the giant peach, global warming.

Here is what **Annabel 6B** had to say about her day:

'Our WOW day topic was hospitals. We were given real fresh pig hearts to dissect and look for the different valves and chambers. We matched the different parts of their hearts to their functions. It was amazing how the heart felt and it looked just like a humans!'



#### On-line Payments

**SIMS Pay** provides a safe, secure and easy way to pay online for school items such

as school meals, trips, events, clubs and other school activities. **SIMS Pay** allows you to make online payments to the school whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **All parents** will need to sign up to SIMS Parent App by clicking on the link sent to you in the activation email. If you have not received an email inviting you to sign up, then please provide the school office with your email address.



#### Phonics Workshop Success

Reception staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who attended the Phonics Workshops this week. It was a very informative session and we hope you found it useful.



#### Piano lessons

If your child currently receives piano lessons or you would like them to start. The cost is £7.00 per lesson. Lessons take place every Friday during school time. Please pay £42 for this half term using the SIMS Parent App.



#### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am-8.45am and costs £1.00 per day. Children will receive a variety of food choices which include, sausages, croissants, bagels, yoghurts and cereals. Please see Miss Mira or the school office for details.

After School Club runs each day 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. Please see Miss Currie or a member of staff in the main office if you have any queries.



#### FREE 6-week cookery courses for Hackney Residents

Want to eat well but limited by budget and lack of cooking skills? Learn how to shop for and make some healthy, low cost and delicious plant based recipes with cookery teacher and caterer, Amandeep Verdding, from Biba Kitchen.

Sessions vary with the seasons but usually cover shopping in the local area, menu planning and budgeting, buying co-operatively, making bread, soups, cooking with herbs and spices, using lentils, using flour, and healthy takes on popular classics - including fast food and desserts.

**Dates: Tuesdays 17/24/31 January 7/21/28 February 2023, 11am-1pm**

**To book:** please complete this short online form [bit.ly/MIHCOURSES](https://bit.ly/MIHCOURSES) or if you don't have internet access call 020 8442 4266.



#### Medical Information

It is essential that we hold current information about any medical needs or dietary requirements that your child may have.

If you have not already done so, please inform Mr Armstrong of any medical needs your child has so that we can update our medical register.

We are working closely with the school nursing service to ensure that all children and staff are correctly supported.



#### 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 weeks.

Year 4	Saint
Year 5	Tommy & Connor
Year 6	Elianna



#### Third Sunday of the Year

It is important to remember that Jesus was a very special person, an extraordinary man. In Sunday's Gospel we hear him ask some fishermen to leave their boats, nets, homes and families to follow him. The remarkable thing is, that's just what they did!

#### Prayer

Jesus, help us to listen when you ask us to 'follow you'.

Make us strong enough to walk beside you each day.

Help us to share your love with others that we meet, so that we too lead people to follow you.

**Amen**

