

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
30th January
is
Proud.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 93%. 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.



School Closures due to Strike Action -

Wednesday 1st February

Thursday 2nd March

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th 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 **Wednesday 1st February 2023.**



On-line Payments - Cash is no longer accepted!

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.



Assembly time!

This week we continued to look into what bullying is and importantly, what we can do if we are being bullied.

We watched another short video: 'What to do about... Bullying! - SEL Sketches' which reinforces the advice that we give at St. Dominic's School.

Bullying can happen in any setting. It is not acceptable because it is unkind and hurts.

The child who is being bullied should tell a friend or trusted adult. If they are able to say

'STOP' and then tell an adult what happened, this is a brave and positive action!

A child should never ignore bullying and hope that it will go away. Always encourage your child to tell someone. We now have '**DIVERSE-a-TEAM**' who are also known as Playground Leaders, they were introduced to everyone during this assembly.

This is a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children who are being trained to support any children who are experiencing difficulties at playtimes or other areas of school life. Children can find the differences amongst us difficult to cope with and understand, this can in turn, cause misunderstandings and unkind behaviour.

Diverse-a-team will remind children about their responsibilities in keeping our school community safe and happy. They will remind them of our school values: love, learn, hope, trust and care and the importance of LIVING these values.

We all know that **diversity** creates a wonderful community; let us all work together, learn from each other and enjoy the differences amongst us.



Lateness

Can we remind parents that the morning bell is rung at 9.00am for the start of the school day.

The playground gate is locked at 9.10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school.

They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.

School starts at 9... be on time!!



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 or if you don't have internet access call 020 8442 4266.



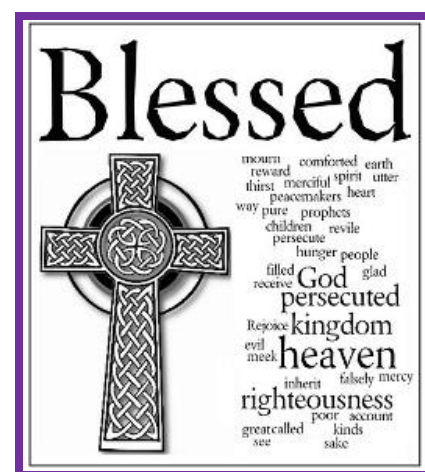
IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details
Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

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 2	Precious
Year 3	Adebola
Year 5	Anthony
Year 6	Martina



Fourth Sunday of the Year

God our Father wants us all to be happy, but lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and kindness. In Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus explaining the secret of finding such happiness.

Prayer

Jesus,
You shared the secret of everlasting happiness with us, and showed us how to find and keep it. Help us to live by your 'guidelines' and to share this happiness with others.

Amen.

