

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
6th February
is
Encouragement.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. 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.



Half-term holiday

Next week is the final week of this half-term. School finishes on **Friday 10th February at 3.30pm** and re-opens on **Monday 20th February at 9.00am.**



Happy Retirement!

Today, our school community gathered to say farewell to Mrs Corcoran and celebrate thirty-four years of dedicated service to St. Dominic's School.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your hard work, dedication and commitment to all the pupils at St Dominic's. We wish you all the very best in your future plans.



Speech and Language Workshop

Reception Parents are invited to join the Rainbow Sentences (Colourful Semantics) workshop in Reception classroom on **Tuesday, February 7th 9-9:30am.**

We promise you loads of fun with learning to create long sentences with your child.



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.



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.

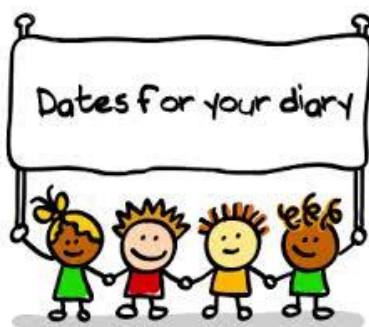


Medical Information

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.



Ash Wednesday Mass - 22nd February.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and, traditionally, people give up something they like or enjoy during Lent or do something extra. We will be holding a service where we will receive the ashes from palm branches that were blessed on Palm Sunday last year for KS2 at 10.30am in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic and for KS1 at 2.00pm in the school hall. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



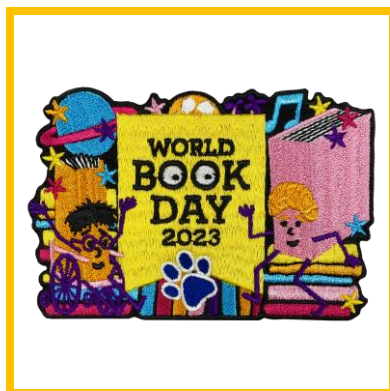
WOW! Day - Wednesday 1st

March.

St. Dominic's will be holding next term's WOW Day on Wednesday 1st March.

Children are invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

Make sure you ask about your child's class theme - we can't wait to see all of the incredible costumes!



World Book Day

World Book Day 2023 will take place on Thursday 2nd March 2023 and aside from the World Book Day books, the theme is 'You are a reader'

To celebrate, children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. If you need some dressing up inspiration or would like to find out more about World Book Day then please visit the website at <http://www.worldbookday.com>



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.

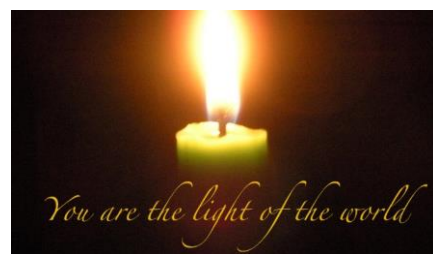
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Nursery	Ava
Year 2	Sarah
Year 4	Katie & Xyla
Year 5	Soraia & Tamarebipamoer
Year 6	Luka



Fifth Sunday of the Year

Without light in our world there would be no life. In some parts of the world, like Antarctica, the sun does not shine for six months of the year, when there is complete darkness. Here, when it grows dark each day, we go to bed and sleep until the rising sun makes it light again. Jesus reminds us of the importance of light in our lives.

Prayer

At baptism we became children of God, filled with the light of his Spirit. Help us to always walk as children of the light, touching the lives of others with God's love. Amen.

