

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



**Issue 463 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

*Our SEAL  
word of the week  
commencing  
8th May  
is  
Compassionate.*



## **Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week**

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 95%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A 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.



## **SATs in years 2 and 6**

The SATs testing period is starting for our year 2 pupils. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs next week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The timetable is as follows:

DATE	TESTS
Tuesday 9th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 - Questions Paper 2 - Spelling
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	English Reading
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance and punctuality during the testing period. Pupils will feel better prepared for the tests if they have had a good night's sleep and have been fuelled with a healthy and filling breakfast.

If pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.



## **Coronation Celebration Picnic Lunch - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Today St. Dominic's celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. By having a special picnic lunch in the playground. Children and staff looked wonderful in their **RED**, **WHITE** and **BLUE** and party clothes.

Children also attended special Coronation Celebration Dance Workshops performed by 'West End in Schools' this week and all had a fantastic time!

Here is what **Gabriella in 5A** had to say:

*'Yesterday, we had a dance theatre and we were learning about the generations of the Royal family. We saw pictures of King Charles' ancestors and marched like the Kings soldiers. I really enjoyed it.'*



## **Coronation Day Bank Holiday**

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** due to the special Coronation Bank Holiday.

School will re-open on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 9.00am.



### Summer Term.

Now that the warmer months are upon us we can remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Children can wear their summer dresses or shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts. Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes.



### School Uniform

School jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts with the St. Dominic's school logo can be ordered on line at [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com). You will need to type in the school's postcode which is **E9 5SR** and you can see all the items that are available to order.



### 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 unless their child is attending an after-school club, 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 child.**



### Morningside Community Centre

The next Community Conversation with the Police is next Wednesday 10th May, 5:15-7pm at Morningside Community Centre E9.

For more information, please contact Lisa-Raine Hunt, Strategic Delivery Manager:

[lisa-raine.hunt@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:lisa-raine.hunt@hackney.gov.uk)



### Dressing Up Clothes

If any parents have any old dressing up clothes that their children have grown out of, we are more than happy to take them off your hands. There are many occasions in school where our children dress up and, as we currently have a limited supply of costumes, all donations would be gratefully accepted.



## May Half-Term

### Half-term holiday

School will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for the half-term holiday. We will return on **Monday 5th June at 9am.**



### 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.

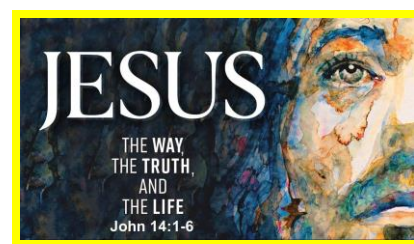
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 1	Owen
Year 2	Michael
Year 5	Phoebe
Year 6	Renaldo & Phoebe



### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Few of us would set off on a journey to a place we had not been to before, without a map or some guide to take with us. Nobody would set off with no idea of how to get there, for then we would certainly get lost!

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they already know the way to the place he is going, even though they have never been there before. We will hear how confused they become, and how Jesus explains all that they need to know!

### Prayer

Teach me your ways Lord, make them known to me.

Teach me to walk in your truth, for you are my saviour and I can always place my trust in you.

The Lord is just and good.

He shows the humble the way and teaches them his will.

With loyalty and love he leads all those who obey his commandments.

**Amen.**

8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

