

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
3rd July
is
Responsibility



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 94%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6B whose attendance was 93%.

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 5th July 2023

Friday 7th July 2023

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 5th and Friday 7th July 2023.**



Summer Fayre Raffle

The draw for our fabulous summer raffle will take place soon. Don't miss out on your chance to win one of these amazing prizes:

- 4 x £50 Westfield Vouchers
- Wells Butchers Voucher
- Plant from A.G. Price Florist
- Tesco Voucher
- Pizza & Drink from Funky Olive Pizzeria
- Set of Roald Dahl books
- Litre bottle of Jack Daniels
- Litre bottle of Pimms
- Wine

Plus many more fabulous prizes, so make sure you do not miss out and get your tickets from the office for £1 per strip.

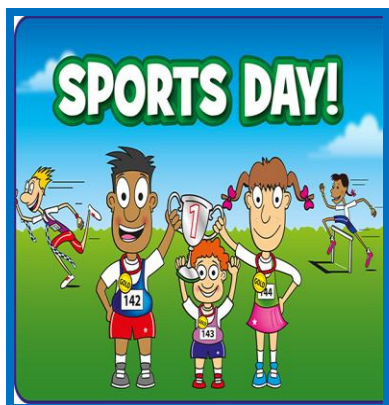
Buy yours today...Good luck!



Holidays during term time

The Local Authority is carrying out greater scrutiny of pupils who take holidays during term time. Please note that we cannot authorise holidays taken during school time.

While we appreciate how much you value time spent with your children, we cannot grant any leave of absence from school during term time. Removing your child during school time will affect their education. Please support us by not booking family holidays in term time.



KS1 and KS2 Sports Day.

This year's sports days will take place on the following days:

KS2 - Please note date change due to strike closure.

Tuesday 4th July - 10am - 12pm
Mabley Green Astro Pitches.

KS1 - Thursday 6th July - 1.30pm - 3pm in the Cage.

Parents are invited to come along and support this exciting event. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit, including trainers, drink, hat and sunscreen.

Free!

Free Museum

If you are looking for some fun, free places to visit during the school summer holidays, take a look at the list below:

*The Museum of London
Docklands - open 10-5pm
Monday to Sunday. Discover London through its history. Information for groups.

*The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich - open daily, 10-5pm. Exhibitions include Maritime London, Admiral Nelson, polar exploration.

*The Queen's House, Greenwich - open daily, 10-5pm. Art and architecture in a sublime setting.

*The Science Museum, South Kensington - open daily, 10-6pm.

*The Natural History Museum, South Kensington - open daily 10-5.50pm..

*The British Museum, Holborn - open daily 10 -5pm (Fridays: 8.30pm).

* Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington - open daily 10-5pm (Fridays 10-10pm). Various trails available. Free resources available online for schools and families. *Imperial War Museum, Lambeth - open daily 10-6pm..

*National Army Museum, Chelsea - open Tue-Sun from 10-5.30pm. Closed on Mondays. Extensive home learning resources available.

*Horniman Museum, Forest Hill - open daily from 10-5.30pm. Explore the world from global cultures to natural wonders.

* British Library - The Treasures of the British Library gallery showcases some of the greatest texts, from Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Florence Nightingale and Gandhi, visitors can explore some of the world's most exciting, beautiful and significant books, maps and manuscripts.



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

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 3	Kidus
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WELCOME

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Imagine if you met Jesus today - if he suddenly arrived at your house and rang the doorbell. When you realised who this 'stranger' really was, what would you do and say to welcome him?

Jesus wants us to treat everyone as we would treat him.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Help us to love and care for everyone, by remembering that each person we meet has the spirit of God living inside them. Help us to welcome others knowing that we are really welcoming you.

Amen.