

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
10th July
is
Optimistic



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3 whose attendance was 98%.

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

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 **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!



Year 6

We will be celebrating our Year 6 Leavers' Mass on **Friday 14th July** at 10:30am in the Immaculate

Heart of St. Mary & St. Dominic.
Parents are welcome to attend.



After School Club

Please note there will be **NO**
after school club on **Friday 14th**
July.



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.



Summer Holidays

Please note that school will close
for the summer holidays at
2.00pm on Thursday 20th July.
Children return to school on
Tuesday 5th September at
9.00am.

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.



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

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| Reception | Ava |
| Year 3 | Chiemela |



Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Sometimes grown ups seem very
clever and to know all the answers.
Jesus tells us that it wasn't always
the clever people who first
understood him, often it was those
who had child-like hearts.

Prayer

Listen to me little ones, and you will
please God.
If your lives are to be filled with
happiness and joy, turn away from
wickedness and lies; surround
yourselves with goodness and try
with all your hearts to share the
peace of God with others.

Amen.