

ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
11th September
is
Belonging.



Welcome back

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and have come back ready to take on the challenges for this academic year. Our first week has started well and everyone has made a smooth transition to their new classes. A warm welcome to our new nursery and reception children. I hope you will have a happy and rewarding time at St Dominic's. Here's to another successful and fulfilling year.

Ms Finan
Head teacher



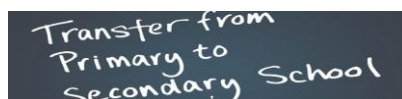
Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B whose attendance was 95%.

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.



Secondary Transfer

Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a booklet outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2024. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you will be attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the eAdmissions system. The deadline for making your application is **Friday 20th October.**

Please note the following important points when making your application:

1. Once you have registered successfully, you will receive an e-mail from eAdmissions.
2. It is essential that you do not delete this email as it is necessary for completing the eAdmissions secondary transfer process. E-mails from eAdmissions may go to your junk/spam folder so please check these too.
3. If you have used eAdmissions to make an application in the past (e.g. for another child), login with your email address and password from your previous application. If you cannot remember your username or password click the

'Forgotten username or password?' link.

We appreciate that this can be an unsettling time for parents/carers and pupils alike, we are therefore holding a short parents meeting for Year 6 in the KS1 hall at 3.45pm on Wednesday 20th September to talk parents through the online application process



P.E. Kit

Children can come to school on their class P.E. day dressed in their P.E. kit. They should wear a purple polo top and black shorts or track suit bottoms and trainers.

Class P.E. days are as follows:

Reception	Wednesday A.M.
Year 1	Tuesday A.M.
Year 2	Monday P.M.
Year 3	Thursday A.M.
Year 4	Tuesday P.M.
Year 5	Thursday P.M.
Year 6	Wednesday P.M.

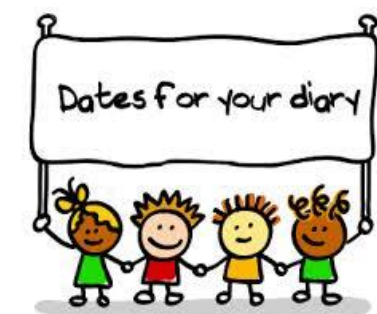


Breakfast Club and After School Clubs.

Breakfast Club is available for Reception-Year 6 and runs from 8am-8:45am and costs £1.00 per day. Children will receive a variety of food choices which include, sausages, beans, scrambled eggs,

croissants, bagels, yoghurts and cereals.
Please see Miss Mira or the school office for details.

After School club runs from 3:30pm until 5:30pm and costs £10 per day. The club is open to all year groups and offers lots of fun activities and help with homework. Please see Miss Currie or a member of staff in the main office if you have any queries.

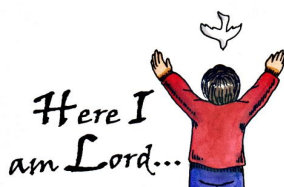


WOW! Day -Wednesday 13th September.

To introduce our new learning adventures, St Dominic's will be holding its first WOW day of this academic year on Wednesday 13th September 2023.

The 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!



Commissioning Mass

We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on **Wednesday 20th September at 10.30am**. On this special occasion we commission our year 6 pupils to be leaders within the school community. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



World Afro BIG Hair Day - Friday 15th September

World Afro day is a global day of change, education and celebration of afro hair.

Super style your hair to celebrate the beauty, diversity, and strength of Afro hair.



Governors Fund

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School, including the laptops and iPads. Our School does not receive 100% funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.

The donations remain at £30 per child or £45 for a family. This fund is vital and makes a difference to our school and ultimately your child's education.

Please make your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



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.

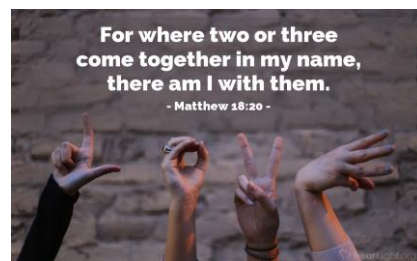
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 1	Divine
Year 2	Elizabeth, Elijah, Isaac & Ellie-May
Year 3	Sinead, Anthony & Roger
Year 5	Jaden, Nariyah & Michelle
Year 6	Marley



Twenty-third Sunday of the Year

Jesus reminds us that he will be with us in a very special way, every time we meet together to pray.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we know that at this moment you are here with us. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we ask you to listen to and answer the prayers we bring before you today.

Amen

