

# ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
18<sup>th</sup> September  
is  
**Respect.**



## 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 5B whose attendance was 99%.

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

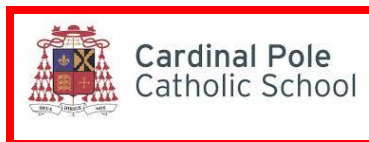
Parents/carers of pupils in year 6 recently received a booklet outlining the process for choosing a secondary school for September 2024. Open days and evenings have been taking place in and out of the borough and we know that many of you will be attending these to help inform your choices.

Secondary school applications need to be made online via the **eAdmissions** system. The deadline for making your application is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 are holding a short parents meeting for Year 6 in the **KS1 hall at 3.45pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** to talk to parents through the online application process.



## Cardinal Pole - Open Evening

Cardinal Pole Catholic School, in Hackney, shortlisted for "Secondary School of the Year" in the 2023 TES Awards is hosting an Open Evening on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of September from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.** Additionally, we will be hosting our first Open Day

on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



## Late Arrivals

The bell goes at 9am each day so that children can be in class ready to learn at 9.10am.

It is crucial that every child is here at the start of the school day so that they are able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

**The bell goes at 9am so be on time!**



## Flu Nasal Spray Programme

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free - a big advantage for children - the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine. The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose. Children from Reception class to year 6 have been given an e-consent link and letter for the vaccination. A team from

the Hackney Immunisation Service will carry out the vaccinations on Tuesday 10th October.



### 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.



### Commissioning Mass (Please note change of date)

We will be celebrating our Commissioning Mass for year 6 children on **Friday 22nd 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.



### Jeans for Genes day

On **Friday 22nd September** we are asking children and staff to get their jeans on and donate £1 to support children affected by genetic disorders.

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children are affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each

year. Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence.



### 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.

Nursery	Honey
Year 1	Lara
Year 3	Diamond & Oluwafemi
Year 6	Ayomide & Belane



### The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:23-35

### Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, then we must first learn to forgive each other. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about a forgiving King and his unforgiving servant.

### Prayer

Jesus taught us a prayer that mentions how we must forgive others when we ask forgiveness ourselves...

Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**Amen**

