

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
2nd October
is
Motivated.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 97%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 3B whose attendance was 100%.

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.

Parents/carers should complete the applications at home themselves but if you would like the school to assist you with your application then you should make an appointment at the school office to see Ms Finan on:
Monday 2nd October - 1.30 - 3.45
Tuesday 3rd October 9.15 - 3.45
Tuesday 10th October 9.30- 12.00



CATS Testing

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be undertaking their CATs banding tests. These will take place over three days.



Hackney Borough Youth Chior

Do you love to sing?

Hackney Borough Youth Chior (HBYC) are recruiting young singers from year 4 - year 6. HBYC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney Schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

For more information about a FREE taster session call: 0203 0761535 or email:

xanthe.sarr:@hackney.gov.uk



Are you entitled?

Free School Meals

Families who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) need to register to ensure they receive all the benefits they are entitled to. Our school will then receive pupil premium funding.

Registering will ensure families receive other benefits they may be entitled to, like food vouchers during school holidays.

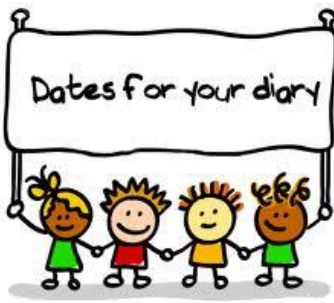
It is simple to register and confidential. Parents and carers can apply easily via the Hackney Education website.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/>



Wednesday P.M. School Office Closed

Please note that our school office will be closed EVERY Wednesday afternoon from 12.30pm.



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**.



CAFOD Brighten Up Day

Wednesday 11th October.

Harvest time is nearly upon us again and we are asking you to Brighten Up

this Harvest by dressing up as brightly as possible and donating £1.00 to CAFOD.

We will support our local charity RISE 365 by bringing in tins of soup, tuna, rice and pasta etc or toiletry items such as soap, toothpaste, shower gels ect to support our local community.



Black History Celebration Day and Lunch.

On **Wednesday 18th October**, as part of our Black History celebrations, children are invited to come to school dressed in national costume or the colours of their native flag. Our catering team will also be preparing a special school dinner of rice and peas, jollof rice, fried chicken, plantain and dumplings for the children. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like this special dinner, please let the school office know.



Half Term

The school will close for half term from **Thursday 19th October** as Friday 20th October is a school Inset Day and return on **Monday 30th October**.

A full list of term dates is available on the school website:

www.stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



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	Yamur
Year 2	Mmesomachukwu
Year 3	Laureate
Year 5	Afsaanul & Ruth
Year 6	Chidera



Twenty-sixth Sunday of the Year

Every day of our lives we have to make choices. Sometimes we make the wrong choice, and do something we shouldn't.

Remember that whenever we have had a change of heart, Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to put things right.

Prayer

Lord, when I choose the way to go, help me choose the good way. When I choose the things to say, help me say what you'd say. Help me always do what's right; keep me always in your sight.

Amen

