

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
16th October
is
Cooperation.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 5B 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.



Half Term

The school will close for half term next week 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



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. You will also incur a Penalty Notice Fine of £60 per child from Hackney Education.

Please support us by not booking family holidays in term time.



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.



Fire Safety Visit

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) visited our school last week and delivered a fire safety workshop to our year 2 and year 5 children.

LFB would like to invite parents to book a FREE home fire safety visit:

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/>

By taking some simple precautions you can prevent a fire from happening - making everyone in your home a lot safer. During a

visit, officers will provide fire safety advice suited to your individual needs and home.

They can also fit free smoke alarms, and specialist alarms for people with visual or hearing impairments.



Wednesday P.M. School Office Closed

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



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/>



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.



Show Racism the Red Card - Change hearts, change minds, change lives.

Wear Red Day is a national anti-racism awareness day and St.

Dominic's are proud to be taking part. We are asking that everyone shows their support and comes to school wearing RED to show racism the RED card on the last day of term, Thursday 19th October.



Hackney's Young Comic of the Year.

Hackney Speaker Cllr Anya Sizer, as part of the 2023-24 Speaker's year, is looking to find Hackney's young comic of the year. The winners will be invited to perform their pieces, alongside other spectacular local acts, in front of an audience in one of the UK's last original music halls, Hackney's very own Hoxton Hall, on 8 February 2024 in an exclusive, one-off variety show featuring wellbeing and mental health, for an evening of fun and laughter. Winning prizes will be tickets to the show and amazon vouchers. Comedy categories are 6-11 year olds, 12-18 year olds and 19-25 year olds.

Please feel free to request further information, or submit your entries directly to speaker@hackney.gov.uk

The deadline for entries is 15 December 2023 and the winner will be announced in early January 2024.



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.

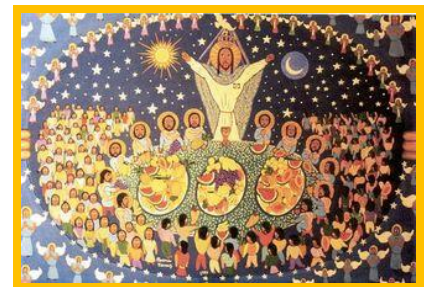
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

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

Year 5	Rhikai
Year 6	Penouel



Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year

God gives each one of us an invitation to join him in his heavenly Kingdom and the celebration of everlasting life. We must choose whether to accept the invitation or turn away from his loving offer.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

You invite each one of us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Help us to make the effort to do things God's way, so that we can accept your offer and be ready to share in your glory at the end of time.

Amen

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DAY FOR THE
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OF POVERTY
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