

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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*Our SEAL
word of the week
commencing
4th December
is
Confidence.*



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 1A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 100%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A 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.



St. Dominic's School - Est 1873!
St Dominic's will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year!
The school opened it's doors to it's first pupils in 1873!

To mark this special occasion, we will be celebrating with an 150th Anniversary Mass on **Wednesday 13th December at 10.30am.**

As the school opened in the reign of Queen Victoria we are asking everyone to dress in Victorian themed clothing to mark the event.

I do hope as many of you as possible are able to join us on 13th December.



Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now on sale at the cost of £1.00 per strip.

Be sure to come along to our school office to purchase your raffle tickets.

Prizes include:

- Coffee Machine
- M&S Christmas Cake
- M&S Christmas Pudding
- M&S tin of biscuits
- Bottle of Prosecco
- Bottle of Jim Beam

Plus more to be announced!!

You've got to be in it to win it!



The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has

launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December. The survey takes around **10 minutes** to complete and can be completed on mobile phones, tablets, laptops and computers.

The survey asks for information about the person responding, the child's age, and what school they attend.

For more information on how to complete the survey please visit: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>



Piano Lessons

There will be no piano lessons for the next 2 weeks. Lessons will resume after the 12th December.



City & Hackney Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Free workshops for all Hackney parents are being held at St. Dominic's every Wednesday at 9.30am.

The Workshops run for 6 weeks and will be led by Eva, our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP). The topic is: 'Managing behaviour that challenges'.

Jubilee Primary School are also hosting workshops open to all Hackney parents of children attending a Hackney Primary school.

The topic is 'Support your child with anxiety'. The workshops are Friday afternoons 2pm - 3.30pm. Visit: tinyurl.com/MHSTanxietygroup To register.

Ms Frankland is available if you have any queries.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless!

All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'.

For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at

<https://christmasjumperday.org>



Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on **Friday 15th December at 2.30pm** in the KS1 hall.

KS2 will be holding their Christmas Nativity Play on **Monday 18th December at 2.15pm** in the KS1 hall.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



Afterschool Club

Please note there will be **NO** afterschool club on **Friday 15th December**.



Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas Holidays on **Thursday 21st December at 2pm**.

School will re-open for the Spring term on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 9am**.



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	Roman
Year 1	Zoe
Year 3	John, Daniel & Nana
Year 5	Haile & Yelena



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

First Sunday of Advent

The word 'Advent' means 'coming'; and it is a time of waiting and expectation. Only God knows when the second coming will be, but in Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that we must stay awake and be ready for Jesus when he returns at the end of time.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to live as you taught us, with our lives filled with love and goodness so that we will be ready to greet you when you come again in glory.

Amen

