

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
8th January
is
Succeed.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Reception for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 86%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 6A whose attendance was 93%.

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.



School Holidays

We would like to wish all the children, parents/carers and staff a very holy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024.



New Year Holiday Camp

CANCELLED

The camp that was due to be held at St. Dominic's from **Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Friday 5th January 2024** has unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of participants.

To look for other OurCamps visit:
schoolcampinfo@ourcamps.org.uk

Or visit:
<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-playschemes>



Spring Term

The new term will start on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 9.00am.**

A full list of term dates can be found on the school website:

stdominics.hackney.sch.uk



Reception Class

Applications for September 2024.

Please note that the closing date for Reception 2024 applications is **16th January 2024.**

All children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 **must apply before this date.**

Applications will need to be made on-line through The Hackney Learning Trust. Parents must create an account and complete an online application form; www.eadmissions.org.uk and you will need to complete a Supplementary form which you can collect from the school office and also provide your child's birth certificate, proof of

address and their baptismal certificate.
If you have any questions then please see a member of staff in the school office.



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.



WOW! Day -Wednesday 17th January.

St Dominic's is delighted to announce the date for next terms WOW day.

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!



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.

Reception	Isaac
Year 2	Azariah
Year 4	Malakai



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary loved God so much that she was ready to do whatever he asked of her. Trusting him completely and always ready to please him she agreed to become the mother of his son, Jesus.

Prayer

Mary said 'Yes' to God's messenger and became the mother of God.

Let us ask for her help so that we too will always say 'yes' to whatever God asks of us:

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

