

Welcome Back!



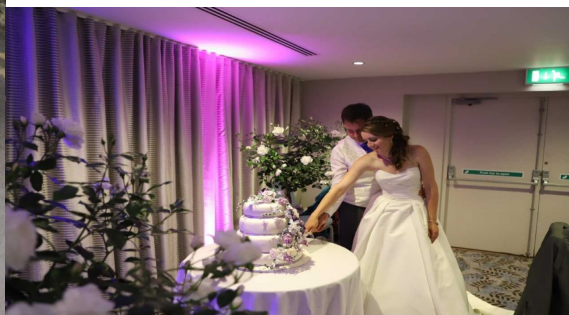
Our Value this term is 'Thankfulness'

Dear Parents

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed the glorious sunshine. Our starting value this term is 'Thankfulness' which is very apt as it enables us to reflect on all that we have and give thanks for the people who make a difference in our lives. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that I received whilst I was recuperating last term and for the condolences on the loss of my father. As a family we have given thanks for his life and the love and gifts that he brought to our family. We are bereft at losing him but recognise that we were so lucky to have him with us for so long and treasure all our special memories. It is great to be back and I am looking forward to the year ahead. At St Dominic's we have much to be thankful for and I am sure that by working in partnership we will continue to build upon our many strengths and make the most of new opportunities in the year ahead.

Congratulations!

We would especially like to congratulate Miss Sollars on her marriage to Mr Oliver Lowson on 11th August. She will now be known as Mrs Lowson. I am sure that we will all get used to this change, however the children seem to have got used to this much quicker than I have !



*Called to be A
People of Hope*



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News Extra!

- A special welcome to new pupils Beth and Feather who have joined our school family. We hope you will be very happy at St Dominic's.

Learn and Love in Faith' St Dominic's Catholic Primary School— A Great Result!



I would like to thank every one who has contributed to us achieving a Good rating with some outstanding features in our Section 48 inspection last term. I was delighted with the News. I would especially like to thank Mrs Rosy Savory who lead the process, and governors, Mrs Simone Thurbon and Mrs Alison Figueiredo.

I would especially like to

thank the teachers and pupils who did us proud during the inspection . We will continue to build upon this success to ensure that we go from strength to strength!

'St. Dominic's is a welcoming and inclusive community where all are valued and invited to participate. As a result, all have a strong sense of belonging to a community that celebrates difference and diversity.'

'The quality of the prayer life of the school is outstanding. ' (Inspection 48)

Teacher Reminders

Reminders :

- ◆ Teacher lead 'After School clubs 'will start next week on Wednesday 12th September. These may change each half term so that we can offer variety and choice.
- ◆ **Swimming** starts on Wednesday 12th September 2018 for Classes 2 and 3. Mrs Sollars and Mrs Pugh will accompany the children.
- ◆ **Whole School Mass** to celebrate the start of the new school year Friday 14th September at 9.15 am.

PE Kit: Please make sure that your child's PE Kit is in school by **Tuesday 11th September** when the Sports Coaches will return to work along teachers to provide high quality sessions where children focus on improving their personal fitness and developing their skills. All kit needs to be named so that we can ensure any lost property is returned to its owner! We have a lot of lost property currently so please check to see if your child left anything behind last term.

Swimming: This starts next **Wednesday 12th September** for children in Class 2 and Class 3. Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit in school. Children must have long hair tied back and earrings removed or covered with a plaster please.

Healthy Snacks: Please can you ensure that your child only brings a healthy snack into school for break times, such as fruit, zubes, cereal or fruit bars or even an extra sandwich with a healthy filling if they are very hungry. Chocolate biscuits, bars or crisps are not allowed. Children in Class 1 and Class 2 are provided with fruit. Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated through the day.

What's On:



Woodchester Village Show: This event will be held this Saturday, 8th September 2018 and is open to the public at 1 pm with a wide variety of attractions. We have placed a leaflet in children's book bags this week for your information. Last term we planted and grew Sun flowers for the children in case they wanted to enter the competition for the largest Sunflower head they had grown. Good luck if you are entering any of the classes, it would be great if you were able to support this local event.

Enrichment Fridays: Every Friday from 1.45 pm until 3 pm children will have the opportunity to choose from some exciting activities as part of our curriculum enrichment sessions. Currently, we have on offer **Forest School, Football, Gardening and Art** activities. Please can you ensure that your child has suitable clothing for outdoor learning—Long sleeve top, Tracksuit joggers, trainers for dry weather and wet weather clothing in case of rain, including welly boots. Children without suitable clothing in school will not be able to take part in Forest School activities, I am afraid.

After School Clubs : This term the clubs on offer are as follows:

Monday—Stay and Play: 3.15—5.30

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Wednesday—Cricket: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm, followed by **Stay and Play** if required until 5.30 pm

Thursday—Forest School: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm, followed by **Stay and Play** if required until 5.30 pm

Friday—Gymnastics: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm

Information about how to book your child a place has been sent out from the school office.

Reception Class 2018

Welcome to our new reception children!

Bertie

Eli

Kai

Zuzanna

Violet

They have had a great start this week and have settled in very well.

I am delighted that we were able to offer every pupil who applied a place at our School this year and we welcome in year admissions from all.

I would also like to welcome our Pre-School Children:

Riley, Oliver and Natalia

Our Mission statement

Learn and Love in Faith'

At St Dominic's Catholic Primary, we are a '**People of Hope**' serving the community and enriching the lives of our children by: **Striving** for the highest quality and standards in all that we do so that every child is given the opportunity to succeed and the courage to persevere to achieve their full potential.

Developing a sense of wonder and awe through creating an engaging and bespoke curriculum through which every child grows in understanding and broadens their horizons.

Modelling the gospel values through our service to others; showing respect, offering compassion and forgiveness to all.

Deepening an understanding of 'faith' through reflection and prayer; whilst growing in knowledge and understanding of different faiths and beliefs.

Building community, through working in partnership with others and offering a warm welcome to all.

A Prayer of Thanks

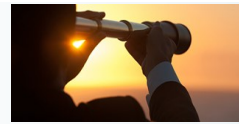
Dear Lord,
We thank you for all the wonderful experiences that we have had over the Summer holidays and for the opportunity to spend time with our family and friends. Be with us in the year ahead and strengthen our school community ,

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Looking a head...



School Photos: The Photographer will be in school for individual and family photographs the morning of **Friday 21st September 2018**.

Parent information Evening: This year each class teacher will hold a general parent information evening on **Wednesday 26th September from 6 pm until 7pm**. This is to give parents the opportunity to learn about the key learning objectives and expectations for their child's Year group. This will include key information on Reading,



Writing and Mathematics. I will also update you on our school development priorities towards achieving the highest standard of standard of education for every child.

Parent Consultation Evenings: These will be held on **Tuesday 6th November 2018** from 3.30—5.30 pm and on **Thursday 8th November 2018** from 5.30 pm—7.30 pm.

School trips: During the Autumn term we are planning the following school trips:

Class trips to Copse Grove farm for outdoor learning and team building activities.

A whole school trip to the National History Museum in London after half term to support our new topic '**Wonders of the World**'.

A whole school trip to the Pantomime.

More information will follow on the above events as soon as we have it.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jacqui Sollars

