

Autumn has arrived!



*Called to be A
People of Hope*



Dear Parents

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks of the term.

Autumn has arrived this week and the conkers and leaves are falling from our special Horse Chestnut Tree in the school Play ground. The children are delighted with their collection of conkers and are very competitive to see who can collect the most at playtimes and the beginning and end of the day.

Our reception and Pre-school children are also joining in the fun! As we wonder at the power of nature and the changing seasons we are once again reflecting on harvest and giving thanks for all that we have whilst thinking of how we can share with those less fortunate than ourselves.

The children will be creating art displays for the church to celebrate this in readiness for our School harvest Mass which will be held on Friday 6th October at 9.15 am in Church. I hope you will be able to join us and we would be grateful if you could

send in either tinned, dried or fresh produce for the event. The fresh produce will be sold after Sunday Mass on 7th October, with the money raised going to CAFOD. The tinned and dried foodstuff will be given to the Stroud Food Bank for local families in need. Thank you for your kind generosity!



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News Extra!

- Please ensure that if your child brings their own pencil case into school, they do not bring in scissors from home as these can be too sharp and may pose a health and safety risk.

Thank you.

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Staff News

It is with great sadness that, I have to inform you that Mrs Brown will be leaving us very soon. She has decided that the time is right for her to leave St Dominic's. We will be very sad to lose her and I know that she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and parents alike. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the years she has been at St Dominic's.

We will be very sorry to see her go but wish her every happiness and success in whatever new challenges await her in the future. Mrs Brown's last day with us will be Friday 12th October.



If you would like to contribute towards a leaving present for Mrs Brown, please place your donation in an envelope, clearly labelled and send into the school office.

The governors and I will be advertising for a new Teaching Assistant who has the skills, experience and flexibility to undertake this important role within our small school. I am sure that we will find someone who is kind, flexible and able to support pupils' learning in small groups and with the whole class within KS1 and KS2, as required.

Other School Vacancies: We are currently advertising for a School business Manager to take over Mrs Gill's role, following her successful promotion as School Business Manager at St Peter's Primary School. I am very grateful to Mrs Gill for her continued support until we have secured her replacement in the next few weeks. I am delighted that Mrs Tracy De Young has also agreed to take over the role of the school's administrative Officer and we are very lucky to have her. I hope that she enjoys the many new challenges that this will bring.

Other Reminders :

- ◆ **Swimming :** If your child is in Year1, Y2 Y3 or 4 please make sure that they have their swimming kit on school on a Wednesday. If your child is unable to swim for any reason please let Mrs De Young know in the office.
- ◆ **Whole School Harvest Mass** on Friday 6th October at 9.15 am. All welcome.
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Teacher Reminders

Parent Information Evening: Next Wednesday 26th September, from 6 pm until 7pm. Teachers will share with parents directly the learning expectations for each year group and provide parents with the opportunity to ask general questions about the curriculum. The meetings will start in the school hall at 6 pm, when I will give a brief introduction before you are welcome to visit your child's classroom to learn more from their teacher. We will also be sharing the Home and School agreement with parents so that everyone is aware of their joint responsibility to ensure that children are happy, safe and learn effectively to achieve their best possible outcomes. If you have more specific, personal questions related to your child's learning, please contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet with their class teacher.

Forest School: Please ensure that if your child wants to choose to do Forest School for enrichment on Friday afternoons please ensure that they have suitable clothing in school as without it, unfortunately they will not be able to take part. They will need to have a long sleeve top, track suit bottoms and welly boots. In addition, they will need waterproof coat and over trousers as the weather deteriorates. Mrs Lowson and Miss Mansell will still run the session if the weather is wet—they are a hardy pair!!

What's On: Autumn Social Events



Autumn Disco: I would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for organizing an Autumn Disco for the children which will be held on

Friday 23.11.18. I am sure the children will have a wonderful time as I hear from the teachers that the summer disco was great fun and the DJ was excellent.

PTA and AGM Bingo Night: I am delighted that we are having another Bingo night on **Friday 28th September!** It was a great social event for all last time. It will follow the PTA AGM which will take place at 6 pm. Please come along to this meeting as it is important that we have this support to help our school grow from strength to strength. The small band of people who give up their time to run the PTA have done a fantastic job in the past, and the more people who offer to assist lightens the load for everyone. Thank you in anticipation of your attendance.

Key Information:

Attention Parents in reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

The School Census is taking place on 4th October. This is an important financial benchmark for our school as the money we receive will be based on the information we input on that day. If your child is entitled to a universal Free School Meal, to enable us to get the funds we are entitled to it is critical that you book your child in for a meal on that day! Please help us secure as much funding as possible to support our small school .

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium: if you think that you maybe entitled to FSM or Pupil Premium but have not yet claimed please complete the form that we will place on the school website and return to us as soon as possible. Many thanks

Mrs Sollars

Reminders

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—4.15 pm

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

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 be-spoke 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

"O Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."

Headteacher: Jacqui
Sollars,
St Dominic's Catholic

Looking ahead...



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 Masses: All welcome

Whole School: **Friday 5th October 9.15 am**

KS1 and Reception: **Friday 26.10.18** at 9.15 am

Class 3 : **Friday 2.11.18** at 9.15 am



Class 4: **Friday 16.11.18** at 9.15 am

Whole School: **Friday 30.11.18** at 9.15 am

More information on the school Christmas Nativity/ and Christingle service to follow.

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 at Christmas .

New School Website: In the next few weeks we hope to launch the new school website. This face lift will allow us to share key information and also update photos regularly.

School Library: The new school library is almost ready to be launched. We hope to be able to arrange an author for the day to run workshops for the children and launch it. Children will be able to use the electronic system to log out books so that we can keep a check on our stock and enable them to take additional books home to enjoy.

