



*Called to be A  
People of Hope*



# Made in St Dominics...

Dear Parents

As we look forward to the start of Advent, there is a buzz of activity in school as everyone is working hard to prepare for the St Dominic's School and Parish Christmas Bazaar! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to making this annual event a success. Yesterday the children, staff and parent helpers enjoyed a day of crafts and cooking, working hard to produce some wonderful items to sell on **Saturday 8th December** from **12 noon until 3 pm**. It is great that the children are developing skills whilst creating producing items for a real purpose. We hope to see many of you there!



Next week, we will be starting to decorate the school and get ready for Christmas in what will be a busy few weeks until the end of term. We are all looking forward to welcoming children's author, **Mark Robson**, who is officially opening our school library on **Thursday 6th December** and running workshops with the children through the day. The official opening will happen at **2.45 pm** when parents are welcome to join us and come and meet the author with your child at the end of the school day. He will be in the library with a selection of his books for sale which he is happy to sign.

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## News Extra! .

Please don't forget to contact the school office if your child is due to start school in September 2019 and you would like a place at St Dominic's. We have an open day on Tuesday 4th December from 9.30—2.30 pm





Teacher Reminders

## Children in Need 2018:

We had a fantastic whole school walk which was enjoyed by everyone on the day. The children, staff and parents walked a staggering 5.2 miles, with our youngest walker only 2.5 years old! No one moaned or groaned on the walk and walked with high spirits and a sense of purpose. The



weather was very kind to us and it was a wonderful opportunity to walk, talk, sing and enjoy the wonderful Woodchester Park which is on our doorstep. Some of our children had not experienced the Park before so it was special for them to see the wonderful environment. We have planned to do a return visit in the Spring term when we hope to be able to go into the Mansion as it was closed for the winter this time. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful event and gave generously to this worthy cause. We are still collecting sponsor monies.



**Reminder: At the start of the School day...** Dear parents, Please ensure that your child is in school by 9.00 am From 8.40 am, teachers use this valuable time to welcome and settle children, whilst providing opportunities to respond to marking and practise key skills.

Registers close at 9.05 am and any arrivals after this time are marked as late. Thank you for your assistance in this.

### St Dominic's School Open Day:

**Tuesday 4th December from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm. Please spread the word and encourage family and friends who maybe interested in a place for their child to come to see what we have to offer.**

## What's On: Extra Curricular Events

**A Year of Prayer:** On Tuesday 27 November, Bishop Declan launched the Year of Prayer at Clifton Cathedral. In a celebration of evening prayer he presented to each parish, community and school in the diocese the resources for the Year of Prayer starting this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. In his message, Bishop Declan said that although we focus our attention upon prayer, mission is not finished, but we continue to reflect upon mission with a spirit of prayer. He continued to say that prayer is a conversation with God and is a conversation with others. It is not a one-way conversation but that the conversation we have in prayer is one both of speaking but above all of listening.

The chaplaincy team and staff will be reflecting on how we can enrich still further the current prayer life at St Dominic's which was judged as Outstanding in our Section 48 inspection in June. We will aim to continue to build meaningful links with our parish community and help to develop children's understanding of prayer.

The chaplaincy team will be commissioned in Clifton Cathedral today ( Friday 30th November) with Primary School children from across the diocese in a special service. Mrs Sollars and Miss Fletcher will be accompanying them.

**Rugby Tournament:** Next week , on **Wednesday 5th December**, children in KS2 will take part in an inter-school Rugby tournament to represent our school. I am sure that they will have a great time and we wish them luck. Miss Mansell, is organizing this event and more information will be coming out to the parents of children who will be taking part.

**Trip to the Pantomime - Friday 14th December:** We are all very much looking forward to going to the Bristol Hippodrome to see Cinderella. Please remember to send your child into school with a packed lunch and they will be required to wear school uniform for this event.

**Christmas Lunch:** This will take place on **Wednesday 19th December**. Please ensure that you have booked your child's Christmas Lunch through the Office by Monday the 3rd Dec so that the Cook has plenty of time to order the correct quantity of food.

The children's **class parties** will be happening in the afternoon on that day and I believe there is a special visitor who is coming to school on that day too! Please make sure that you send your child into school in their party clothes on that day with a warm coat for playtime.

**Christmas Nativity Mass and Christingle:** This year we will be having our annual Christmas service on **Friday 21st December at 9.15 am**. We will combine the retelling of the Christmas story, Mass and the lighting of Christingles in the service which will be held in the Church. Please come and join in this special service which we hope will bring the spirit of Christmas to all who attend. We will be focusing on themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Your child's teachers will be sending out information on what they will be required to wear for the service so please look in book bags or check with the teacher if your child does not bring this home.

**Swimming:** This finishes on **Wednesday 12th December** but will resume again in the Spring Term for children in Class 1 and Class 2.

### Reminders

#### **After School Clubs :**

This term:

**Monday—** Stay and Play: 3.15—5.30

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**Wednesday—** Forest School until 4.30 pm, followed by **Stay and Play** until 5.30 pm, if required.

**Thursday—** Cooking club 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

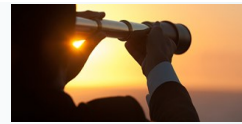
Information about how to book your child a place has been sent out from the school office.

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 Trust

## Key dates...



### School Masses: All welcome.

Christmas Nativity / Christingle Mass This year we will hold this on the morning of **Friday 21st December at 9.15 am**

### Next term

**Whole School Topic:** Bright Sparks!

**January 9th:** Rugby Player George will be in school for a day of Motivational workshops to promote high aspirations and promote the Power of Yet! Ask your child what this means if you are not sure.

soon as we can

Best wishes,

Mrs Jacqui Sollars

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