



*Called to be A
People of Hope*



Dear Parents

What a final two weeks of term culminating in our fantastic IsingPop Concert in Church last night! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as the children and staff did. It was a wonderful experience of song and dance, reinforcing our Christian values and having fun too!

Jake really inspired the children with his stories, sense of fun and boundless energy! We were delighted that it was truly inclusive where every child could participate and feel their contributions were valued.

Father Bill loved to see the church come alive with the children's voices and have school, parish and wider community come together. It was certainly inspirational and uplifting to see and hear.

This week also, the Girls football team did a fantastic job representing St Dominic's in the inter-schools football match. Miss Mansell, said the girls worked together effectively as a team and demonstrated a great sporting attitude towards the other teams. The girls won two of their matches, drew two and lost two, so a very well balanced result. Considering this is the first time that they have played competitively together we are really proud of them and all their efforts. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful half-term break. Best wishes Mrs Sollars

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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.

'Learn and Love in Faith'

Teacher News and Reminders

Staff Absence:

Mrs Mason is hoping to be able to return to school following the half term break. She will initially come back on a phased return over a two week period. Until she is properly back in post Mrs Lowson will continue to manage Class 1 and Class 2 with the support of Miss King (HLTA) and another teaching assistant. I will update you as soon as I know more.

Swimming and outdoor learning: This will continue after half term holidays.

We will be planning specific skills Forest School days for classes over the Spring and Summer term which Mrs Lowson will plan and lead with teachers. We will agree

the dates for this activity and let parents and children know very soon.

School Uniform: The staff and I have noticed that non-uniform pieces are being worn by some children, this includes training shoes. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform each day.

It is important that we keep high standards in our presentation and maintain our uniform policy.

Home and School Agreement.

The governors have been reviewing the home/school agreement and we will be sharing this with parents at the Parent Consultation-Evenings. Teachers, children and parents will be asked to sign to agree individual responsibilities so that we can work collectively together.

Governors Newsletter

The governors have produced their own termly newsletter to update you all on our school priorities over the last term. Representatives of the governors will be available during parent consultation evenings should you want to speak to them.

Thank you for the positive responses given by parents to the Governors last parent Questionnaire in November. It was very heartening to us all to see the overwhelming positivity contained in the results.

Behaviour in School:

I wanted to reassure parents that all staff are highly vigilant and if any unkind or inappropriate behaviour is brought to our attention by children or parents, we will respond in the following ways:

1. We will talk to all children involved to ascertain the facts.
2. We will discuss with children involved the event and reinforce expectations, help them understand the impact of their actions and how they could have acted different.
3. We will phone or talk to all parents involved so that they are fully aware of how their child was involved and the outcome of any investigations.
4. We will apply our school behaviour, for both rewards and sanctions and work with children and parents of individual children to meet their needs. This is available on our school website.
5. We will work positively with individual children and parents to support their needs and provide additional help where it is needed.
6. We have high expectations of behaviour in lessons and around school, and reinforce these values through class and whole school assemblies and PSHE lessons.

In addition, we are continually reminding children of the importance of seeking adult support and making us aware if someone has used unkind words or actions towards them so that we can address this immediately in school. We will apply our policy fairly and we will address all incidents that do not support our school ethos and values. Please remember that we will also maintain individual confidentiality throughout this process and will not share information with parents unless it directly involves their child.

Parent Consultation Evenings.

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 12th March 3.30pm—5.30 pm** and **Thursday 14th March from 5.30 pm—7.30 pm**. The appointment sheets will be available in the front entrance during the first week back.

Many thanks

Mrs Sollars

Other Items:

Play times: The improving weather has meant that it has been possible to enable children to make greater use of our new play equipment on the field. I apologise if the impact of this is that children have come home a little dirtier than usual, with muddy trousers and shirts, but it is great for their well-being to enable them to access the school field to enjoy a larger area for play and relaxation.



Class 4 enjoying the new equipment.



Reminders

After School Clubs :

This term:

Monday—Stay and Play: 3.15—5.30

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

Thursday—Art club 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 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.



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Key dates...



School Masses: All welcome.

15th February at 9.15am: whole school Mass—In school

8th March at 9.15am: Whole school Mass for Ash Wednesday.

22nd March at 9.15am: Class 3 Mass

5th April at 9.15am: Whole School Easter Mass

Dates

Mon 25th Feb 19- C4 Cross County Races (separate letter)

Tue 26th Feb 19—C3 Cross Country Races (Separate letter)

Best wishes,

Mrs Jacqui Sollars

A Prayer for Perseverance - The Value in Focus This Term.

Short Prayer for Perseverance

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace.

Please help me move beyond the hurdles that
trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to
look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

