



It's the start of Lent...

Dear Parents

We have seen the start of Lent with the celebration of

World Book Day and our whole school Ashes mass, which focused on our new value in focus— **Justice**.

It was great to see all children and staff dressed in their PJ's and sharing the joy of reading with others on Thursday. We now have our fantastic new library and it is great to see children using it and taking books home regularly to enjoy. Going forward, we would love to grow the library still further by bringing in new reading material for the children to enjoy.

Over Lent we will be reflecting on how we can work collectively for justice in all its forms. Although it is traditional to give up something for Lent, we will be encouraging everyone to reflect on how we can be kinder to each other by our words and actions each day. This will include working to help and support those who need it—those close to us in our own community and those further afield.

As part of our Lenten Charity work, we will thus be supporting **Comic Relief** on **Friday 15th March**, through different events including a 'Wacky dress' day and a comedy show where each class puts forward a selection of comedy acts. More information of our fun-packed events will come out to you on Monday.

Friday 15th March will also be the **PTA Family Quiz night**, which I am sure everyone will enjoy, whilst raising valuable funds for our school. Thank you to everyone who has helped organise this event.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will also be learning more about the Justice system through taking part in a **Mock trial**, where they will act as the prosecuting team. This is a valuable activity which helps grow self confidence, skills and knowledge, and I am sure they will very much enjoy it!



*Called to be A
People of Hope*



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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:

I am pleased to inform parents that Mrs Mason will be returning to school, full time on Monday 18th March. She will continue to work in partnership with Mrs Lawson and will also attend the Class 1 and class 2 parent consultation evenings this week.

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.

Parent Consultation Evenings.

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Wednesday **13th March 3.30pm—5.30 pm** and **Thursday 14th March from 5.30 pm—7.30 pm. Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to hear about their progress.**

Many thanks

Mrs Sollars

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.

Forest School

KS1, Reception and Pre-school Focused Forest School Event will be on Friday 22nd March. Please ensure that suitable clothing and footwear is in school for children to change into.

Enrichment Activities: The activities currently on offer on Friday afternoon will be changing. There will also be an increased focus on outdoor learning experiences and creative arts. More information will follow on what is available.

Complaints Policy Review:

The Department of Education has recently produce new guidelines for school complaint policies. As a result the governors will be reviewing our complaints policy and make any necessary adjustment to ensure that we follow the best practice.

The new policy will be shared with parents on the school website as soon as it has been ratified by the Full Governing Body.

Gloucestershire Encompass

Operation Encompass is a new innovative project in which schools in Gloucestershire will be participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass. This initiative began on the 4th March. A letter about this has been posted on our website and circulated to parents so that you are aware.

If you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSL in school who is Mrs Jacqui Sollars *or deputy DSLs: Mrs Tracy De Young and Mrs Sarah Mason.*

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Other Items:

The School Behaviour Policy:

The staff and governors reviewed the school's Behaviour Policy last week and compared our policy with those of other local schools and with the recent advice and information produced by the Department of Education. This was also in direct response to questions and concerns raised at our last parent, staff and governor meeting. As part of this process the children will also be asked to share their views. As a result, if any changes are made to our existing policy, these will be shared with parents and the policy will be updated on our website. At the up and coming parent's consultation meetings this week, teachers will ask parents to renew the **Home/ School Agreement** with their child so that we are working collectively together to secure the best outcomes for all.

As outlined in the previous letter the following procedures will be followed for **all incidents** of unkind or inappropriate behaviour in school so that parents are made aware and can work with us to ensure that St Dominic's is a happy and safe place to learn.

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.

We have high expectations of behaviour in lessons and around school, and reinforce these values through class and whole school assemblies and PSHCE lessons. Where these are not upheld appropriate sanctions will be used as a consequence for poor behaviour.

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.

22nd March at 9.15am: Class 3 Mass

5th April at 9.15am: Whole School Easter Mass

Scholastic Book Fair: 20th-27th March 19

Best wishes,

Mrs Jacqui Sollars

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

Heavenly Father,
We praise and thank you for the gift of your Son,
Jesus Christ
Who is our peace and our reconciliation.

We bring before you all those who are suffering because of violence,
war or injustice
We pray for all who experience hunger, poverty and homelessness.

We ask your blessing on our Diocesan Commission for Justice and Peace,
Give us wisdom, courage and discernment,
as we pray and work together.