



Dear Parents

This week we have enjoyed warmly welcoming 43 fourteen and fifteen year old Japanese students and their teachers into our school. The children

and staff enjoyed listening to their musical performances and also the workshops that they ran for us and the games we led with them in our playground. In response, our children recited Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star in Japanese and sang their favourite song from 'I sing Pop.' The morning was very busy but it was great to see the children interacting and growing in confidence as they made friends with our visitors. There is a lovely display in KS1 of photos and the children's names written by them in Japanese. There will also be photographs of the activities on our website very soon so please take a look.

We have also been working on ideas for our final week of school. Today the children have been working on outdoor reflection stations to capture the crucifixion and resurrection outside our Parish Church. They have also had the opportunity to make their own Easter Gardens, which they will bring home at the end of term. We will be holding a Easter Mass on **Friday 5th April at 9.15** am which will begin in the church grounds and then progress into Church for the Eucharist. It would be lovely to see you there to join in this special Easter reflection and celebrate the resurrection and the message of hope for us all.

I hope every one has a very enjoyable Easter break and has time to relax with family and friends.

Best wishes

Mrs Sollars



*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

Bread– making: All children will be involved in making unleavened bread next Thursday in readiness for our Easter Service . This will be shared in the re-telling of the last supper by KS1.

Forest School/Outdoor learning

The children will be creating their own Easter Gardens and outdoor reflection stations in the grounds of the Church in readiness for Easter. These will be used in our special end of term mass. Please have a look at them when passing. RE

Prayer Life of the school.

In this year of Prayer, through Lent, each class has taken responsibility to produce a prayer stations in the church for the parishioners to enjoy so that we link Parish and school.

Please take time to pop into church to take a look and maybe spend some time in prayer for our school community.

Thank you to KS1 and Class 3 who have already shared theirs. This week it will be class 4's turn.

Attendance:

We continue to monitor absence and where we have concerns we will discuss this with you. I also share the schools overall absence figures with governors as part of my Head teacher report .

In the recent parent meetings you received information with regards your child's attendance. This is very important so that you can help us monitor this. It is very important that all children attend school on time and have low levels of absence so that they are not disadvantaged in their learning, which can have an impact on their progress and feelings of well-being. If you have any difficulties which may be impacting on your child's attendance, please contact us so that we can do what we can to support.

The school overall target is 96.0. Well done to **Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils** whose joint attendance percentage exceeds this figure. Their average attendance is 97%!

School Drop Off

Please do not drop your child off at school before 0840 unless you are staying with them. There have been times recently where children have been dropped off well before 0840 and without adult supervision. This could be regarded as neglect if Social Services were to be involved. If you have to get to work before school starts then please make use of our OOSC. You might not want to pay £4 for 15-30mins but what price can you put on your child's safety and wellbeing!

End of Term Mass—Easter Theme

Please come and join us at 9.15 am on 5th April 2019.

We will start the service outside in the church grounds and process in to church for the offertory and Communion.

Other Items:

Statutory Assessment Tests 2019

After the Easter holidays, it won't be long until Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be undergoing their end of year Statutory tests. The teachers are working very hard helping to prepare children for this experience and to ensure that it is as stress free as possible.

Year 6 will undertake their SATs in week commencing Monday 13th May. Year 6 will be invited to share a healthy breakfast together in school each morning during this week. The timetable is as follows

Monday 13th May: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Tuesday 14th May: English Reading

Wednesday: Mathematics

Thursday: Mathematics

For KS1, the assessment process will take place throughout the month of May and it is far less intensive. Much of the evidence for the teacher assessment is collected over time and thus is not daunting for the children.

Year 1 children will undergo their Phonic Assessment during week commencing 8th June 2019

If you have any questions related to the information above do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Lowson and Miss Mansell.

Enrichment Clubs:

Clubs will change for the summer term and more information will be circulated to parents very soon. They will include sports activities and Forest school.

School Trips:

We are planning a whole school trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and we plan to do this just before the Summer half term holidays. More information will be shared after the Easter Holidays

Year 6 will also have their own special trip which they will be planning with Miss Mansell.

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—4.30 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.

5th April at 9.15am: Whole School Easter Mass

Best wishes,

Mrs Jacqui Sollars

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

May Lent be for us
A time of learning to see
Where Christ is crucified today,
A time of learning
To recognize the complex roots of injustice,
To recognize the Gethsemanes In our global community.
May we witness the suffering Of God's children
As Mary witnessed Her beloved son's suffering.
May Lent be for us A time of learning to become
An Easter people,
A time of learning
To recognize the deep roots of compassion,
To recognize we too are called
To witness the empty tomb and
To announce
To a world in despair the
Hope of the Resurrection.

Amen

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