



St Dominic's School Friday Flyer

Friday 24th November 2017

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dates for your diary

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch for staff, students and pupils

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper Day

Celebratory Assembly for students and pupils only.

Year 7 and New Parents' Afternoon in The Gym - 2:20pm

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

Last Day of Term

Christmas Service for students & pupils only.

Christmas Pantomime 2.20pm

4TH JANUARY

First day of term – back to school

Positive Slips Well done to Sam Thompson



St Dominic's School
Physical Education



Physical Education Stars of the Week

W/E 20th November 2017

Ben Kirkland, Blake Petrie, Ewan Dow, Callum Roe,
Sam Thompson

Excellent sportsmanship and contributions in class

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If there are any changes to your child's taxi arrangements at the end of the school day, you **MUST** inform your child's tutor **AND** the front office beforehand

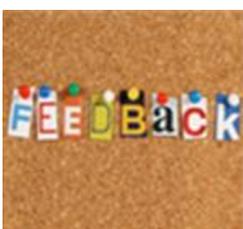
If we do not have this information then we will not be letting any pupil or student travel anywhere unless in their designated taxi.

This is a safeguarding issue and your cooperation is appreciated.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

This year we will be, again, taking part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children' on Friday 15th December 2017. Everyone is invited to wear a Christmas Jumper and to make a suggested donation of £1.



Our son's placement has been invaluable. We would like to thank Surrey County Council for funding this placement.

St Dominic's School is a very safe caring understanding and tolerant school. Without St Dominic's he would have found it impossible to access education. The school has a lovely caring ethos which I hope will remain.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Family Voice meeting last Friday. It was very well attended; we had around 20 family members there. Angela Drayton sent her apologies. In her stead, the meeting was chaired by Bob Beckley, the Interim School Business Manager, and Liz Godfrey, AHoE. See below for notes from the meeting:

We ran through action points from the previous Parent Forum Meeting and confirmed that more texts will be sent out to remind families of forthcoming events and to clarify that families are welcome to attend. Families expressed the need for clarity about when a response to an invitation is required. Some families wanted just blanket messages to all parents and some wanted messages targeted to Key Stage groups. There was generally good feedback about communication with families.

Bob explained where we were with the OHCAT transfer, describing how we are working closely with their back-office departments and the CEO. Liz reiterated that the staff were optimistic about the transfer.

Bob confirmed that the funding for the new Performing Arts Centre was still in place and advised that the likely timescale for the project is: construction to start May 2018 and complete by Christmas 2018, with the Centre ready for occupation February 2019.

Liz went through the new reward system, explaining it in some detail and dealing with questions. The Rewards Guide can be found on our website under the 'Our Approach' tab.

The families made suggestions about on-line systems for dealing with dinner money, paying for trips etc. Two different systems were mentioned:

School money: https://www.schoolmoney.co.uk/public/school_money/index.html.nc

Squid: <https://www.squidcard.com/>

School will look into this post-1st January in case OHCAT already have a system we can use.

There was a long discussion about uniform. Families would like the policy restated as their children are sometimes confused about why they have to wear a uniform where others apparently don't. There were suggestions about uniform options that might deal with children's sensory issues such as: black trainers, black tracksuit bottoms and zip up sweatshirts. 'Own clothes' Fridays remain very popular.

The subject of official school photos was raised. There was a discussion about formally posed pictures not being appropriate for children who may not have facial expression awareness. Alternatives suggested were having non-posed pictures, even if we did this in-house, or giving families the opportunity of purchasing pictures used in the display in the main hall.

A question was raised about the gate by the lodge – are there any plans to reinstate this?

The timing of the meeting on a Friday afternoon was general popular, especially if it coincided with another event.

The meeting lasted around 50 minutes.



The St Dominic's Christmas pantomime: Peter Panto!

The time has finally come to book your seats ready for the Christmas pantomime at St Dominic's!

In case you hadn't guessed already, the show this year is Peter Pan and boasts a cast of nearly 20 students! Tickets are free for this show, however we do ask that if you are able to give any donations at all on the day, they will be gratefully received and will go directly towards equipment for the new performing arts block. Please can you email the front office or myself to book your seats so that we know numbers for the day. We also ask that on the day itself, you report to the front office before you head over to the gym.

The show is taking place on **the 21st December at 2.15pm in the school gym.**

See you soon!

Miss Rubens
brubens@stdominicsschool.org.uk

P.S. A note about costumes: An email has already gone out about measurements for costumes and I would just like to reiterate that students will need black trousers and black shoes. It would be really helpful if you can send these in with your children as soon as they are in their own clothes for the last week of term. Also, please make sure you label them as it got a little tricky giving clothes back to students after the summer show!

Forest School

Due to the high winds, we stayed out of the woods and made kites in Forest School. Pictured: Blake Petrie.



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Residential

In both Residential areas, they have been participating in sporting events, such as playing Football. Some of the pupils/students are trying to increase their sporting abilities, as they would like to become professional footballers in the future or take up football roles. All the pupils/students are encouraging each other and showing support in learning new skills such as communication, teamwork and individual development. The pupils/students are very appreciative for having this activity on and the staff that help them with their progression of the sport.

Transition and Careers

Students in the Sixth Form have a lesson on Transition every week. This is to help them prepare for their future both in the short and longer term. As part of Transition lessons, the Sixth Formers are playing 'The Real Game'.



The Real Game is a classroom-based programme to help the students learn more about themselves and the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life in a fun and constructive way. Students learn the importance of education and qualifications in getting a job or training; how occupational choice impacts upon lifestyle; how to balance monthly income and leisure time; and the roles and responsibilities of the community.

Within the game all students are given a job role. At this stage of the game, jobs have been distributed completely randomly. The students play the game in this job role, working out budgets, planning holidays and leisure time within the constraints of the income and working patterns of the job.

There have been some highs and lows amongst the students as they discover more about the job they have been given, how much they would earn in that role, how much leisure time they would have and what of work patterns would be required.

As the game moves on, students are able to explore their own skills and interests, identify how they may wish to use their leisure time and consider the type of further education/training/ employment they would like to move on to. Students are then given support to help them plan their next steps in order to help them reach their goals.

Children In Need – KS2



St Dominic's School

Social Communication Programme

SHOW SUPPORT

The target is to encourage pupils to be supportive of their peers, through use of language and actions.

Facts re ASD

- Poor theory of mind makes it difficult for pupils to understand what and how others think and feel
- They cannot readily understand or predict the intentions of others
- They may be disinterested in other people and not understand the social value in helping their peers
- It is hard for them to recognise that others have their own plans, thoughts and points of view
- Pupils need to learn to use appropriate language to offer support and reinforcement to their peers

Suggested Script

- Please show support. See if you can help your partner to finish their work.
- Please show support and help Mrs. Xx to move the chairs.
- You could show support and listen to xx's answer.
- Thank you for helping me to carry these books. You have shown support

Hints and Tips

- Adults need to help pupils by describing a behaviour that merits support, such as 'It is kind to get a chair for x, thanks you for doing that. You have shown support'.
- 'That was a helpful thing to do'. 'You could say thank you to x for helping you with your work'.
- Adults can direct pupils' behaviour 'You could show support and help xx with ...'

Menu for week beginning Monday 27th November 2017

MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST					Cooked Breakfast
MORNING SNACK	Vanilla Shortbreads	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Cookies	Fresh Fruit
LUNCH	Beef and Winter Vegetable Casserole Butternut Squash & Sweet Potato Risotto Roasted Rosemary Potatoes Jacket Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower Fresh Salad Bar Egg Mayo	Braised Pork in a Mustard & sage Gravy Five Bean, Pepper and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Mashed Potatoes Jacket Potatoes Roasted Parsnips Mixed Vegetables Fresh Salad Bar	Chicken Thigh Stuffing & Gravy Chick pea, Tomato & Spinach Stew Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato Mashed Swede Savoy Cabbage Fresh Salad Bar Grated Cheese	Lamb Cobbler Topped with Golden Cheese Vegetable Cobbler topped with Golden Cheese New Potatoes Jacket Potato Mixed Vegetables Fresh Salad Bar Coronation Chicken	Breaded Fish Cheese & Red Onion tart Chips Cheese Jacket Potato Baked Beans Peas Fresh Salad Bar
DESSERT	Semolina pudding & Jam Sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Spiced Apple Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Cosmic Custard (jelly Whip) Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Ginger Sponge & Vanilla Sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Pudding & Cream Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt
AFTERNOON SNACK	Iced Sponge	Cheese & Bacon Turnovers	Flap Jacks	Cheese Roll	
SUPPER	Pasta Bolognese and Garlic Bread	Sausage Roll Potato Noisettes Baked Beans	Meat Pie Roasted New Potatoes Carrots	Gammon Steak Egg Chips	