



St Dominic's School Friday Flyer

May 26th 2017



dates for your diary

Monday 5th June

First day back at school

Monday 12th June

9:30am - Family Voice Meeting
The Morning Room
(Topic: School Development Plan)

Wednesday 14th June

KS2 – Rotary Kids Out Day

Friday 16th June

Key Stage 2 Parents' Afternoon

Friday 30th June

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly
Full details to follow soon

Saturday 1st July

Domfest/Summer Fete 2017

Friday 7th July

Sixth Form Leavers' Assembly.
Full details to follow soon.

Friday 14th July

Sports Day

Monday 17th July

Start of Activities Week

Friday 21st July – Last Day of Term

1:00 – 2:10pm – Family Forum

Monday 4th September

First day back at school

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The Cystic Fibrosis Trust has their annual 'Great Strides 65' walk on June 10th and will use St Dominic's site as one of the watering points. We have offered to provide two Marshalls for the race.

Research Update

Hayley Hunt a PhD Student from Kingston University has been continuing her research at St. Dominic's School regarding Autism and Emotions. She wanted to give parents whose children met the criteria the following feedback:

'I just want to let you know how incredibly well your students are getting along with my research. They have now all completed the eye-tracking study and we are undergoing ADOS collection with a view to collecting IQ data after half term.

Your students have all been very helpful and supportive. All of them have given me their very best - of which I can ask no more. They have managed themselves and their behaviour to exemplary levels, particularly considering I am so new to them and some of the work I do will naturally challenge aspects of social conversation and imaginative play that could be challenging for people with ASD.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time at St Dominics and cannot thank the Staff, parents and students for all of their support. Happy half term!'

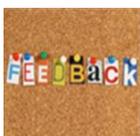
POSITIVE SLIPS

This week's winner is
Reuben Lacey with 7 slips

SUN CREAM AND WATER



Ever in hope of good weather - would you please provide your child with sun cream (clearly labelled with their name on) to be kept in their bag for use during hot weather (SFP 15+). Please make sure that they also bring in with them a bottle of water, as it is important to keep hydrated during the day. Thank you.



St Dominic's is essential to our son's progress and wellbeing. He trusts the teachers and we have not had school refusal for over a year now, which is fantastic!

6th Form

Matthew and George served members of staff their lunch as part of their Food Tech qualification.

They had to wash hands, wear appropriate clothing and serve customers hot food following policy and procedures.

They were both great and chef Dave was very impressed!



Dear Families,

Re: Arrangements for Year 11 Pupils after examinations

As Year 11 examinations are now well underway, I am writing to confirm the programme for pupils when examinations finish on 13th June. Pupils have been consulted on the activities they would like to do and we have carefully considered transition arrangements for those pupils who are staying on to St. Dominic's Sixth Form and those pupils who will be moving on at the end of Year 11. The table below outlines the activities scheduled for each day:

Date	Activity:
Tuesday 13 th June	Final examination
Wednesday 14 th June	Leavers' activities (interviews, video, etc.)
Thursday 15 th June	Leavers' activities (interviews, video, etc.)
Friday 16 th June	Leavers' activities (interviews, video, etc.)
Monday 19 th June	Year 11 debate day
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 11 'Olympics'
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 11 enterprise day
Thursday 22 nd June	Joining 6 th Form for movies and lunch
Friday 23 rd June	Joining 6 th Form for car treasure hunt
Monday 26 th June	Join 6 th Form lessons
Tuesday 27 th June	Join 6 th Form lessons
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 11 reward trip TBC
Thursday 29 th June	Join 6 th Form lessons
Friday 30 th June	Last day for Year 11 pupils Leavers' assembly (pupils leave after assembly) GCSE Art exhibition

There will be more information sent out regarding the arrangements for the final day of term and the reward day in due course. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these arrangements or if you would like to discuss reasonable adjustments to your son's programme for the end of examinations. We look forward to welcoming you on Friday 30th June at the leavers' assembly.

Vicky Maxted
Head Education

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Creative Culinary Compositions

At Cookery Club and Independent Living Skills, pupils will talk with each other to decide what compositions they would like to make. Pupils will informally talk about a whole range of foods they would like to produce. Sometimes a little guidance is required, regarding whether the cost will fit the given budget. Pupils would also need to be mindful whether the food contains any allergens that may affect another pupil in the school and whether the production time to produce the food will greatly exceed the usual 90-minute session. The residential staff are able to support pupils to cover these potential obstacles.



FOOD ALLERGIES



Pupils will have to research and decide what ingredients are required for their composition. The residential area may already have some of the basic ingredients in their kitchen. Alternatively, pupils may be able to request some of the ingredients from the school main kitchen. Pupils will need to purchase the remaining ingredients from the supermarket.



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Pupils may find a recipe that they want to use. This might be from a cookery book, or by using the internet. Alternatively, a recipe or cooking instructions may be on food packaging. Pupils often visualise the food they wish to cook and so have a good idea of how they are going to make their dish. Pupils are able to get creative with their cooking and show their culinary skills.



Whether at cookery club, or on independent living skills, pupils will use their ideas, understanding and individuality to assemble a food composition. This could be by simply adding or leaving out ingredients of their choice. A pupil might make a stir-fry, without adding onion or may choose to spice it up with the addition of chili. Pupils may decide to add sultanas to a muffin rather than melt in the mouth milk chocolate chunks.....Although realistically this is highly unlikely as most of the pupils have a great love for chocolate.

Pupils are able to express creative ideas through their own culinary compositions.

Frank Manning
Residential Care Worker



Saturday, 1st July 2017, 12 noon til 6.00pm

Unfortunately, we cannot organise the weather for DomFest, but there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes to ensure that everything else is in place and runs smoothly on the day.

Raffle prizes are coming in, and raffle tickets will be available to buy shortly. Prizes so far include an iPad, £100 cash, and a rugby ball signed by, amongst others, Austin Healey, former England Rugby Union player.

The inflatable fun run and bouncy slide and have been ordered, activities are being organised, and after half term holidays there will be a tasting of the lamb and beef burgers that Chef Dave will be making for the BBQ.

Please hand any raffle prize donations, or bottles for the tombola, to the front office.

Menu for week beginning Monday 5th June 2017

MENU	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST					
MORNING SNACK	Jam Buns	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Crunch	Fresh Fruit
LUNCH	Sausage & Gravy Macaroni Cheese Croquette Potatoes Jacket Potatoes Sliced Green Beans Mixed Vegetables Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Cheese	Diced Pork a la Cream Vegetables a la Creme & Rice New Potatoes Jacket Potato Leeks Mashed swede Fresh Salad Bar Sliced Ham	Roast Chicken Breast & Stuffing Courgette, Tomato & Cheese Pasties Roast Potatoes Jacket Potato Savoy Cabbage Carrots Fresh Salad Bar Boiled Egg	Navarin of Beef Minced Quorn Chilli -Con -Carne Mashed Potato Jacket Potatoes Cauliflower Spinach Fresh salad Bar Tuna Mayo	Breaded Fish Blue Cheese & Broccoli Tarts Chips Jacket Potatoes Peas Baked Beans Fresh Salad Bar
DESSERT	Oaty Fruit Crumble & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Apple Pie & Custard Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Trifle Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Lemon Tart Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Basket Yoghurt
AFTERNOON SNACK	Lemon Curd Fairy Cakes	Bacon & Cheese Muffin	Lime Drizzle Cake	Cheese Strews	
SUPPER	Beef & Pasta Stew New Roasted Potatoes Sweetcorn	Lamb Curry, Rice Naan Bread	Beef Lasagne Garlic Bread	Chicken & Ham Wraps in Cheese sauce Carrots New Potatoes	

St Dominic's School

Social Communication Programme

STAY ON TRACK

The target is to encourage the individual to stay on task and not to get distracted by other things, such as own thoughts or other people/events.

Facts re ASD

- Many pupils have difficulty recognising what is and is not relevant and may just focus on details that interest them
- Some research suggests that difficulties could be related to deficits in executive functioning (includes working memory, planning, cognitive flexibility and inhibitory control)
- A child with Aspergers can disregard requests to focus on things they perceive as uninteresting simply by blocking it out.

Suggested Script

- You need to Stay on Track. You need to finish this page of maths.....
- You need to Stay on track. We are talking about the characters in the book not about football.

Hints and Tips

- Pupils may need to be reminded to stay on topic or task
- This will help the pupil to achieve the 'on task' point
- The ability to focus attention on the given task will support the development of communication skills and social appropriacy
- Increased understanding of how to focus and maintain attention will have a positive impact on pupil progress .

This is a message sent via In The Know - Surrey and Sussex on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau).

Action Fraud has received the first reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft who are taking advantage of the global WannaCry ransomware attack.

One victim fell for the scam after calling a 'help' number advertised on a pop up window. The window which wouldn't close said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware. The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn't sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free and took £320 as payment.

It is important to remember that Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number. Additionally Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

How to protect yourself

- Don't call numbers from pop-up messages.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft or someone on their behalf will never call you.

If you believe you have already been a victim

- Get your computer checked for any additional programmes or software that may have been installed.
- Contact your bank to stop any further payments being taken.

Assemblies

W/C 22nd May 2017 - Theme – Inventions

Monday 22nd May

Mr Pryor led this morning's assembly – firstly we had to guess what the theme was! After a few picture clues the theme was correctly guessed as being 'Inventions'. Mr Pryor showed us a number of different inventions and we had to guess their use – the first one being a floor sweeping Babygro! Some of the other inventions, far-fetched or not, were: fake mould sandwich bag/toe lit slippers/tamagochi/full length umbrella/never ending bubble wrap/banana keeper/tomato juice for marathon runners/touch pad mask for your nose, so that you can multi-task!



We moved on to the latest craze – fidget toys. Mr Pryor posed the question for debate – Are fidget spinners helpful or distracting? As can be imagined opinions were divided but interestingly not just between the 'haves' and 'have-nots'. A sample of the opinions follows:– Bit of both – can stop fiddling but also can distract from learning in lessons; can help with concentration; can distract from tests; when someone is using one the noise can be a bit irritating; are people concentrating more on the spinner than on the lesson? Altogether, some well thought out arguments and the debate was conducted in a very sensible manner.

Tuesday 23rd KS 2&3

Mrs Chown led this morning's assembly, starting off with mentioning the events in Manchester on Monday evening and how we are thinking of all the people affected at this time. We had examples of some useful inventions; firstly the broom (the invention that truly swept the nation – groan now).



We then learnt about the banana protector – and the fact that Mrs Chown is one of the people who bought one when it came onto the market!

We then thought of another problem – Mrs Chown likes to be in bed but then she gets hungry, how could she arrange to be fed but not have to get out of bed? Various options were suggested but in the end Mrs Chown showed us a movie of someone who had made a breakfast preparation machine – looked great! You could have eggs, toast, a cup of tea or coffee and a newspaper – what a good start to the day. Mrs Chown suggested that if we have a problem maybe we can think, invent a solution and possibly even make some money – let's be creative today!

Wednesday 24th Extended Tutor Time

Thursday 25th KS 4&5

Mrs Wawer-la-Verde took today's assembly for Mr Rola, who prepared the content. It started with a definition of Invention and went on to discuss how inventions were created, refined and finally patented so that other people couldn't copy their ideas. A number of key inventions were highlighted, including fascinating facts about both the inventors and their inventions.

Those listed were:

The refrigerator – Carl von Linde
The Aeroplane – Wilbur and Orville Wright
The mass-produced car – Henry Ford
The telephone – Alexander Graham Bell
The vacuum cleaner – many people, but we all know about Hoover!
Braille – Louis Braille (blinded as a child)
Toilet paper – Seth Wheeler
Bi-focals – Benjamin Franklin – fed up with wearing two pairs of glasses

The first patent was issued in 1790 to Samuel Hopkins, who developed a new way of making soap. August is inventors' month; let's see what we can invent during the holidays!

Friday 26th Good News

Mr Morton led this morning's assembly, giving the opportunity to share any good news for the week. A number of members of staff shared good news about pupils, there were a couple of 'staff shout-outs' originated by pupils and also we had the Positive Slips Winner of the Week and Key Stage Winner of the half term. Winners as follows:

Winner of the week – Reuben Lacey

The overall positive slips winners for the whole of Summer 1 Term are:

KS2: Will Kelly

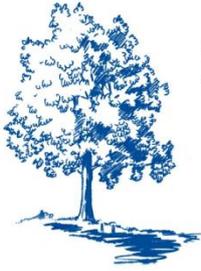
KS3: Dillon Williams

KS4: George Stevens and Harry Paterson

KD5: Sam Cleall

Finally, in today's Good News Assembly, one of the KS2 assessment pupils put his hand up and said "I would like to thank everybody. I have had a lovely time and like the school. I hope I will be coming back after half term".

What a lot of good news to celebrate! We also celebrated the last day of this half term before a well-deserved week's holiday.



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Siblings Groups Summer 2017

Blossom House has been running a Siblings Group for over 6 years. The aim of this group is for siblings of pupils to have fun together and share their experiences of having a brother or sister with communication difficulties. Children are invited to participate in games, crafts, and activities that give them space to meet other children with similar experiences.

The group has previously been provided for 7-11 year olds, which we will continue for the Summer term. We aim to provide additional groups for older and/or younger children going forward; therefore please let us know if you feel your child would benefit from attending.

The group will be held each month on a Sunday from 10am to 12.45pm. The dates for the Summer term are as follows:

- Sunday 7th May
- Sunday 11th June
- Sunday 16th July

We will offer a mid-morning snack therefore please let us know if your child has any allergies or cannot eat certain foods.

The cost of the session will be £10.

Please contact me if you are interested or have any queries; verityl@blossomhouseschool.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming old and new faces to one or all of the groups.

Verity Leeson-Mill and Fiona MacNaughton-Jones

Siblings Group Co-ordinators



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