



ST. DOMINIC'S
PRIORY SCHOOL

Living and Learning with Christ as our Guide

The Week Ahead

Week Commencing: Monday 10th September Week 2 **Autumn Term**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! All the children have settled in well and are enjoying their new classes.

Please remember to check the weekly Bulletin for all you need to know as this is your main point of contact for the week ahead and we wouldn't want you to miss anything.

Announcements

- **Clubs:** are starting this week and some are on a first come first served basis. If you wish your child to attend please email the relevant staff

Cookery and Life Skills scawdell@stdominicspriory.co.uk

Science Club jmessenger@stdominicspriory.co.uk

Both of these clubs are free of charge but we do ask that ingredients are weighed and brought to school each week for cookery.

- **Car Park:** The new parent, staff and minibus car park has been functional during the first week of term; however, it is still not completed as the gate for the new exit has been delayed. We have been assured that the work will commence week beginning 10th September, and we will keep you updated as to when the gates will be fully operational.

In the meantime, could we please ask that the following considerations are respected:

- **The section of the car park nearest the Main Reception Entrance will be used for priority parking, near The Priory Hall main door** - we request that this area be used **ONLY** by families who require disabled parking and for families with young children.
- **Senior students** - The car park will be extremely busy during drop-off and collection times; we would be thankful if senior students could be dropped off at the school entrance with the minimum of delay. As our senior students are old enough to leave the school grounds independently, we ask that you either park near the school in a safe place and your child walks to you. Alternatively, you delay your pick up, so it is slightly later than the prep school pupils' collection time of 3.30pm i.e. 3.40pm to ensure the minimum disruption to the car park. Pupils are more than welcome to wait by the bench under the tree in the car park.
- **Pre-collection** - We would be grateful if parents don't stay too long on the car park, as we would like to make it as free-flowing as possible during collection and drop-off.



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- **Parking Permits:** Whilst on the subject of parking, can we please remind you about the **new parking permits**. If you have issued the school office with your car registration, names and contact numbers, your permit will be sent home with your child next week (please do check they are not left in their school bags). If you have not supplied the relevant information, please do this as a priority, and if you feel you may be eligible for priority parking due to disabilities, injuries etc. can you please contact Mrs Harrison through the school office.
- **Lunches and other school costs:** A big thank you to all who have signed up to **Parent Pay**. You can now see what your child is spending on their lunch/snacks etc. as well as any additional charges such as Tea Club and other extra-curricular clubs. Bus bookings will start to show next week. Can I please ask that if you have not already signed up that you do so as soon as possible, especially if your child is in the senior school as this new billing process will ensure you are aware of your child's expenditure. Many thanks – any queries please email Mrs Harrison or the finance department.
- **Monday 10th September 11:30am** – Whole School Mass, all welcome in church.
- **Tuesday 11th September** – **P6 Kibblestone Residential Meeting 6pm**, Dining Room - *please see the letter attached.*
- **Wednesday 12th September** – **P3 to P6 9.15-11am** the Takeaway Theatre Company will be visiting school to share their production of *Hope 'Helping Schools to Tackle Bullying'*. The children will watch a performance and then take part in a workshop exploring emotional and social health issues of relationships, decision-making and friendship by promoting good behaviour and respect for others.
- We are becoming increasingly busy in Early Birds and are conscious that the younger children are becoming overwhelmed with the volume and busyness every morning. We do hope that this will be alleviated slightly next week with the start of yoga at 8.30am, but can we please request that parents of children in KS2 encourage their children to come into the dining room alone and that you say your goodbyes on the playground. This will help us enormously with the increased traffic and unfortunate acoustics in the dining room. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Reminders

- **Healthy Snacks** - Please can you ensure that the snack you provide is healthy and nut free. Thank you. Please see the NHS website for more ideas:
www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks
- **Water Bottles:** Please make sure that your child is well hydrated by supplying them with a bottle of water for their use throughout the day. We do have cooled water in school for breaks and lunchtimes, but please remind your child that they should replenish their water supplies at these times in order to avoid disruption to lessons.



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- **Please Note Gate Opening and Closing times:** It will be open between the hours of 7.30am to 8.45am. It will open again at 3.30pm and closed again at 4pm. Please may I remind you to shut the gate behind you after this time. Thank you.

Dates for diary

- **Monday 17th September - PFA AGM 7pm Dining Room (see letter attached)**
- **Tuesday 18th September - P3 and P4 visit to the Potteries Museum (see letter attached)**
- **Thursday 20th September - Individual and Sibling Photographs**
- **Saturday 13th October - Open Morning 9.30-12.30pm**
- **Monday 15th October - Open Morning 9.30-12.30pm**

Clubs on this week are:

Monday

Guitar lessons

8.30-8.45am Yoga Rec-P6 Priory Hall

3.30-4.30pm Sports Club P3-6

Tuesday

Violin, Percussion, Piano, LAMDA Lessons, Prep Choir

No Yoga

12.30-1.00pm ICT Club P3-P6

12.30-1.00pm Jnr Netball Practice

3.30-4.30pm Drama Workshop

3.30-4.30pm Cookery & Life Skills P1-6- Limited places

Wednesday

Piano & Percussion Lessons

8.30-8.45am Yoga Rec-P6 Priory Hall

12.30-1.00pm Prep Science Club P3-6- Limited places

12.30-12.50pm Rosary Club P3-6

1.00-1.30pm Junior Percussion Ensemble

1.00-1.25pm Knitting/Sewing P2-P6

3.30-4.30pm Tennis Coaching P1-P2

4.30-5.15pm Tennis Coaching P3-P6

4.00-4.30pm Introduction to Ballet (4+)

4.30-5.00pm Mini Movers (Age3-6)

5.00-5.30pm Pre Primary Ballet (P1/P2)

5.30- 6.00pm Pre Primary Tap (P1/P2)

Thursday

Brass, Singing and Piano Lessons

8.30-8.45am Yoga Rec-P6 Priory Hall

12.30-1.00pm Chess Club/Board Games P3-6

4.00-4.30pm Primary Ballet (P2/3)

4.30-5.00pm Primary Tap (P2/3)



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Friday

8.30-8.45am	Yoga Rec-P6 Priory Hall
3.30-4.30pm	Trampoline Coaching P1-P3
3.30-4.30pm	Badminton Coaching
4.30-5.30pm	Trampoline Coaching P4 upwards

If you have anything you wish to talk to staff about please contact us.

J Talbot and all Prep Staff

