

ST. DOMINIC'S  
PRIORY SCHOOL

Living and Learning with Christ as our Guide

## The Week Ahead

Dear Parents,

*With just a few days to go before the Christmas break, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely holiday period, a peaceful Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.*

**Week Commencing: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 Week 2**

- Thank you to you all for attending the Nativity and coming to watch our younger children perform. We would like to congratulate all the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children; you were amazing!
- Congratulations to the PFA for organizing a fabulous Christmas Fayre last Saturday - a fabulous £3700 was raised. Thank you also to all the PFA members who have supported our events providing tea and coffee to parents. We really appreciate your support particularly at this busy time of year.
- Our St. Dominic's School Christmas Card will be sent home with your children next week via their school bag. Please check that you have received one.
- A reminder please that **grapes** that are brought to school for snack need to be cut in **halves or quarters** as there is a high risk of choking, especially when running around.

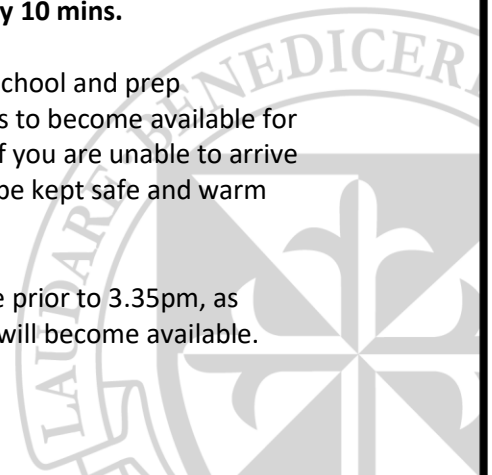
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- Please can we remind you that from this week, we are proposing to stagger collection times as follows:
  - **Pre-school and Prep students are to be collected from 3.20pm**
  - **Senior students are to be collected from 3.35pm**

**Please be assured that there has been no reduction in teaching time for your child in Prep – instead their one hour lunchtime has been reduced by 10 mins.**

Could I please ask that on collection of your children, all pre-school and prep parents/carers leave the car park promptly in order for spaces to become available for parents/carers who are then collecting our senior students? If you are unable to arrive at 3:20pm to collect your prep child, then of course they will be kept safe and warm until you arrive.

I ask that senior students' parents/carers do not arrive on site prior to 3.35pm, as hopefully it will be after this time when more parking spaces will become available.





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If a parent /carer is collecting both a prep and senior student, then they will not be asked to vacate their parking space.

Everyone's cooperation in this matter is essential to make it work. Our students and their safety is at the forefront of our minds and our priority at all times. We will trial this until the end of term and then review the situation in the new year.

- Could we please request that **pencil cases** that come to school in KS2 be of the more simple variety, as many children are fiddling with them and flicking out rubbers etc? They need to contain the basic items in them such as pencils, colouring pencils and a rubber. Thank you for your co-operation.

### This Week

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Junior Pantomime rehearsal 12-4pm.** As part of the final preparations for this year's production, Mrs Dickson would like all members of the cast to attend a **pantomime rehearsal on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 12-4pm.** Please bring a packed lunch and a little something to entertain yourselves. Mrs Dickson would like to know if you are able to attend or not on her email please [sdickson@stdominicspriory.co.uk](mailto:sdickson@stdominicspriory.co.uk)
- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Festival of Carols Rehearsal, P3-Y11 in church. The children will be practicing in church during the day.
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Festival of Carols, P3-Y11 – 6.30pm in church.** Our annual Festival of Carols will take place, in church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30 pm. This is a very important event in the life of our school and, as such, we encourage all our pupils to take part. The service has traditionally been very moving and is a wonderful celebration as we lead up to Christmas. Pupils from Primary 3 to Year 11 are required to attend. It is important that everyone is looking as smart as possible. We ask that all pupils are **wearing their blazers, no jumpers, shirt, tie and clean shoes.** We advise arriving at about 6:15pm in order to find your preferred seats and ask that you **enter through the main church entrance on Margaret Street** and not via the convent building. **Students from P3-P6 who are participating in the event need to arrive by 6:00pm.** At the end of the service the retiring collection will be for our chosen charity - Teenage Cancer Trust. Please be reminded to email [syeomans@stdominicspriory.co.uk](mailto:syeomans@stdominicspriory.co.uk) to confirm your attendance and any family members or friends who would also like to attend. If numbers are high, we may have to consider the attendance of extended family members and friends as the church can only accommodate a certain amount of people. After the service, please do come and join us for some mince pies and mulled wine.
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Prep Christmas Party. **Children to wear their uniform and a Christmas jumper.**
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Lunch.
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Junior Choir Pantomime 2pm Priory Hall. **Please can you email your attendance of your preferred dates to [admin@stdominicspriory.co.uk](mailto:admin@stdominicspriory.co.uk).** If you have any special requirements, please let us know.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term Assembly with Carols – 11.30am Priory Hall.
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Holiday begins, term ends 12.30pm.



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**Further dates and information**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

First day of Spring Term – Week 1

**Clubs on this week are:**

**Monday**

3.30-4.30pm Junior Sports Club P3-P6

4.30-5.30pm Football Coaching

**Tuesday**

NO LAMDA LESSONS – finished for this term

Violin, Piano, Percussion – finished for this term

Prep Choir

12.30-1.00pm ICT Club P3-P6

**NO Cookery and life skills**

**NO Drama Workshop – finished for this term**

**Wednesday**

NO LAMDA Lessons

Piano

**NO Table Tennis Coaching**

**NO Tennis Coaching**

**NO Introduction to Ballet – finished for this term**

**NO Mini Movers – finished for this term**

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

J Talbot and all Prep Staff