

Newsletter No.2

20th September 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to see and speak to lots of you during the last three weeks and particularly nice to get to know the new families to our school. I am pleased to report that the children have been very settled and have adapted quickly to their school routines.

I am hoping that you found last week's parents curriculum meetings with your child's teacher helpful. It is always good to get an insight into what they are doing in the day as I am sure when asked by you at the end of the day what they have been doing, the response is usually 'nothing'!!

All slides shown at these meetings will be posted on either Tapestry or Google Classroom for you to refer to if required.

The weekly homework routine has also started for all year groups and as family life outside of school is very busy, this is now set on a Friday for completion by the following Friday. Hopefully, having the weekend to complete homework, will make your evenings after school

less stressful. Reading books have also been sent out, with children expected to read for at least ten minutes per night for younger children and twenty minutes for our older pupils.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child has a coat at school (with their name on). As we have experienced recently, heavy downpours seem to occur at home time!
Have a good weekend with your family.



Pupil Photographs

The photographer will be returning to duty on Thursday 10th October to take individual photos and those with siblings (who attend our school). Please ensure your child is in full uniform. If it is your child's PE day, please send their kit in a bag and they will get changed in school on this occasion.

SAY CHEESE!



Meeting your child's teacher in person

Parents evening will take place in your child's class- room on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October from 3.15 to 5.45pm (appointment slots are 10 minutes per child). Entry to the school is via the main entrance on Northolme Road. The focus of these meetings is to meet your child's teacher in person, to find out how they have settled into their new class and be made aware of what area of the curriculum they need to focus on.

Appointments can be made from Monday 7th October at 10am. Look out for a separate email from the office with details of how to book.



Welcome to SJA - EYFS - Coffee mornings

Friday 27th September 8.30-9.30am

Parents of Nursery and Reception pupils are warmly invited to an informal 'come and meet' other parents in the Large Hall. Pre-schoolers are obviously very welcome too!

For other year groups (including EYFS)

This will take place in the Spring Term.



School uniform

Thank you very much for your part in ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including shoes. A reminder that school shoes need to be worn with uniform and trainers are for PE days only. The correct school shoes should be free of sports labels/branding and should be able to be polished. Cardigans and polo shirts are NOT part of the school uniform. <https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/1Uniform-Policy.pdf>



Recycled uniform stall



A big thank you to parents who have volunteered to run this initiative this year. This is a big voluntary role that requires more helpers. If you can spare a small amount of time to support with this well used facility, please email the school office, putting 'help with uniform stall' in the subject.

The next stall is on Friday 8th November at 8.30am outside the school office entrance.

There is a lot of uniform in stock as well as coats across all ages so if your child is not wearing the correct uniform there is now no excuse!

Labels



Our lost property cupboard is already full with items that have not been named from the beginning of this term. Mr Fuiava has reminded the children during assembly about taking responsibility for their belongings and the importance of labelling items. I know as a parent there is nothing more infuriating at pick up time to be minus a jumper, or even worse a coat, but name labels were a fantastic invention and help to reduce the rising blood pressure levels of all adults involved (including mine)!

Lunchtime Assistants Vacancies

We are looking to appoint three additional Lunchtime Assistants, who will be responsible for supervising the children in the dining hall and on the playground during the school's lunch break.

Hours of employment are 11.50-1.20 daily – term time only
Rate of pay- £15.18 p/h.

Please e-mail the school office for information on how to apply.
info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk
(please put Lunchtime Assistant in the subject line).



October—the month of the Rosary

During October, we remember the prayer of the rosary, the faith of St Dominic who was presented with the rosary and to the virgin Mary who is mother to all.



School Building Fund

You will have received a letter on Friday regarding the School Building Fund.

A number of parents have reported that they couldn't find the bank account details. These were at the bottom of the second page but for ease are below.

How do I pay?

Please use the following details, quoting your child's name as a reference:

Sort Code: 16-01-09
Account Number: 14983032
Account Name: WD St Joan of Arc High

Please see the e-mail sent last Friday with the school's academic year dates and this term's school calendar.

International Evening 4th October 6-8pm – Our fun family evening where we celebrate the fantastic diversity at our school and everyone is encouraged to bring a traditional dish from their country of origin. Starters, salads, mains or desserts are all welcome (although we tend to have too many desserts, so a savoury dish is preferred). If you bring a dish entry is free, otherwise a £5 entrance fee is charged. There is a bar for the adults, and stalls selling fresh popcorn, soft drinks and glow sticks for the children.

Parents Association  St. Joan of Arc School
Coming together

Come eat your way around the world!

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

4TH OCTOBER 6-9PM

IT'S A FUN EVENING FOR EVERYONE

BRING A DISH (SWEET/SAVOURY)
OPPORTUNITY TO BUY DRINKS, SWEETS, GLOWSTICKS!

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO: SET UP/SERVE
FOOD/RUN STALLS/TIDY UP - LET YOUR CLASS
REP KNOW OR USE SIGNUP
[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/XNNO0SE](https://signup.com/go/xnno0se)

