



Newsletter No. 10

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear parents/caregivers.

We have had a busy couple of weeks with Year 4's Special Assembly and Year 6 visiting the Unicorn Theatre.

Next week, Reception have their outing to the Discovery Centre in Stratford. A big thank you to all the parents who came to watch the assembly and those of you who have helped with the trips.

I also have some staffing changes to inform you about. I have appointed three interim Assistant Headteachers in Mr Fuiava's absence. Ms Tibbs will now be in charge of EYFS and KS1, Mr McCormick, KS2 and Mr Shreeves, Behaviour and playtime/ lunchtime. All three will continue with their class teaching role but will have one day per week to focus on their new areas of responsibility. We have also appointed a new teacher, Mr Venus, who will be teaching the new Assistant Headteachers' classes one day per week. He has been to visit the school this week and I am pleased to say that he was made to feel very welcome and the children made a very positive impression.

Tonight is the Quiz Night which I hear is sold out. Again thank you to everyone who has worked behind the scenes to organise this event. Mr Fuiava will be attending and is hoping that the staff will win back their crown. I hope you all have a wonderful evening. I will be attending a PA event at my children's school so will get to see an event from an alternative angle for a change.

A reminder that on Friday 28th February @8.30am is our parent coffee morning/ open morning for you to come together and see your children in their classes.

Have a lovely weekend and a good half term break, when it arrives. I know that all the staff are now very much looking forward to that.

If I don't see you at the gate, I will see you at the coffee morning.

Clare Campbell



Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

During Monday's assembly, I spoke to the children about this year being a Jubilee Year and Pope Francis asking us to be Pilgrims of Hope. In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Online Safety Week - Starting Monday 10th February

Safer Internet Day 2025 will be held on 11th February, with events, assemblies, and learning activities centered around the theme *'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from online scams.'*

On Monday, 10th February, the Three Discovery Team and the Digital Leaders will kick off the week with an assembly to explore the theme and introduce class-based activities. Additionally, Three Discovery will lead Digital Literacy Workshops, where students will create animated adverts and short films to promote safe online practices.

Here are key websites for parents to help raise awareness of the 4 C's (Content, Contact, Conduct, and Commerce), understand online risks, and set boundaries:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

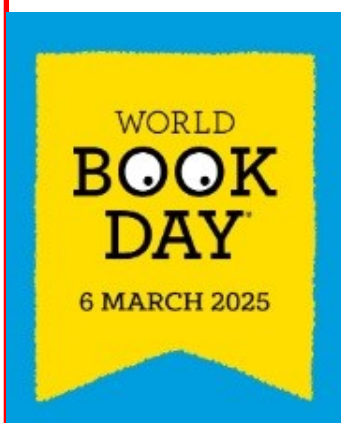
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These resources provide helpful information, advice, and tools to support parents in keeping their children safe online.

Book Week 3rd – 7th March— 'A Book at Bedtime'

We are delighted to announce that the school will be holding a book week commencing on Monday 3rd March to celebrate the joy and importance of reading. This year our celebration will be called 'A Book at Bedtime' and it will focus on how reading at bedtime not only helps us develop a love of reading but also helps us to sleep well.



Advanced notice—**World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March** and this year we would like the children to come into school in their pyjamas/ dressing gown to celebrate this year's theme. Your child may also wish to bring in slippers to change into at school. This will hopefully make sourcing a costume easier for busy parents and will also support our school's sustainability drive as there should be no need to buy or make a costume.

The children will also be participating in a number of reading activities during the week both in their class and as a year group. At 2.30 pm each day, the children will be read a bedtime story by another adult in a different classroom. We will also be learning about how using screens at bedtimes can effect our sleep and how reading is a better activity before you go to bed.



St Joan of Arc School
Growing together

“Pre-loved” Book Sale

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be running a “pre-loved” book stall in school on Tuesday 4th March. This is a great opportunity to recycle books and to encourage children to renew their own book collection with good quality, second-hand books.

In order for us to do this, we will need your help. We need donations of lots of books. We are looking for books of all genres from Reception level through to older readers (Years 6+). No baby books please.

We will be collecting the books at school between

Monday 24th—Friday 28th February.

Children will need to leave donations at the school office.

We would also like some parent helpers who would like to help us sort the books into different year groups. If you are able to help with sorting the book into age categories on the morning of

Monday 3rd March

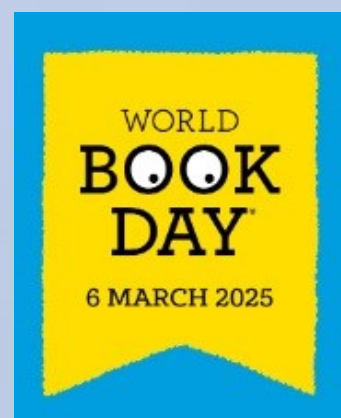
or support running the book sale on the morning of

Tuesday 4th March,

please contact the school office.

All the money raised from the sale will go to the school to purchase much needed school resources for our children.

Thank you for your continued support.



St Joan of Arc Catholic Nursery School -

Summer Term intake

If your child was born between 01.01.22—31.03.22, and you are interested in applying for either a full or part-time place to start in April, please contact the school's admissions officer on 020 7226 3920.

Alternatively, information is outlined in the Nursery Admissions Policy which is on the school's website: www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

The nursery is led by a fully qualified class teacher, early years practitioner and nursery nurse.

The nursery hours are Monday to Friday 8.15am—3.00pm



Reading In A Strange Place

After the success of last year's competition, we are again opening up the chance to win a book voucher for a photograph of your child reading in a strange place! Last year we had pictures of children reading in their garden sheds, on the tube and London Bridge to name but a few.

Entries to be submitted to info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk by Friday 7th March @3pm. More information about other events happening during this week, will be published in the next newsletter



Children having packed lunches

For those children who bring a packed lunch to school, we would like to remind parents that in order to encourage healthy eating, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches.

Children's packed lunches should be nutritionally balanced, providing the required sustenance for the afternoon's learning. Please remember that as some children have nut allergies, we ask that packed lunches are free from nuts. All children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water to school, which they can have during class time.

DATE REMINDERS

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY

School closed. Staff training on the teaching of writing and how to improve writing standards



HALF TERM

MONDAY 17th -

FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY

School reopens on
MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY



PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 19th and
Thursday 20th March
3.15-5.45pm



*Holy Spirit,
our inspiration,
In this Jubilee
year,
you remind us of
our call to grow
in faith
and love.
Help us to hear
you
in scripture,
to see Jesus in oth-
ers,
and to be united
as God's global
family.*



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM

Date	Time	Event
21.01.25		Fluoride Varnish Application—Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2
23.01.25	8.45am	Year 4 Special Assembly
23.01.25	1-3pm	Year 6 trip to tfl/Islington Junior Citizenship Scheme, Sobell Centre
29.01.25		Year 6 trip to Unicorn Theatre—Pig Heart Boy
31.01.25		PA Quiz Night
03.02.25		Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
04.02.25		Reception trip to the Discovery Centre, Stratford
07.02.25	8.30am 3pm	PA Recycled Uniform Stall PA Cake Sale
11.02.25		Safer Internet Day Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
13.02.25	8.30am	Parent Support Network
14.02.25		Inset Day
17.02.25	21.02.25	Half Term Holiday
28.02.25	8.30am	Parent Coffee Morning
24.02.25	07.03.25	Class 5 K Course of Swimming Lessons, Highbury Pool
03.03.25—07.03.25		World Book Week
03.03.25	10am	Bookings open for Parents Evening appointments
05.03.25	9am	Ash Wednesday Mass led by Class 5L
06.03.25		World Book Day Readathon opens
10.03.25	21.03.25	Class 5L Course of Swimming Lessons, Highbury Pool
10.03.25		Tag Rugby Tournament
11.03.25		Year 5 and 6 Netball
12.03.25		Network Tag Rugby Competition
13.03.25	9am	Year 4 Trip to the British Museum Parent/Caregiver Forum
14.03.25	8.30am 3pm	PA Meeting, Staff Room PA Cake Sale
19.03.25	3.15-5.45pm	Parents Evening
20.03.25	3.15-5.45pm	Parents Evening
21.03.25	04.04.25	Autism Awareness Week
21.03.21	9am	School Mass led by Class 4I
28.03.25	8.30am	Year 4, 5 and 6 Reconciliation Mother's Day Tea Party for Reception Mums/Carers
01.04.25	12pm	Stations of the Cross
02.04.25	12pm	Stations of the Cross
03.04.25	9am	Year 5 Easter Passion, School Hall
04.04.25	9am 1.30pm	End of Term Mass, St Joan of Arc Church led by Class 4J School Closes for Easter Holidays