

# Newsletter No. 17

Fri 24th May 2024



Dear parents/caregivers

Well done to our Year 6 children who worked very hard last week on completing their statutory SATs papers. Year 2 were completing theirs this week and all were done with a positive attitude. There is huge national debate about whether or not our children should have to go through testing at primary school, but I can say with confidence that all our children know that they are more than a score!

As half term approaches, I hope you all have a lovely break. You can really tell this week that the children are tired so let's hope that we get some sunshine to aid their recuperation.

### Thank you to the PA and all parent helpers

A huge thank you to all PA members and parents who have organised and helped the numerous fundraising activities this term. Giving up your time and sharing your talents is something wonderful for your children to see. I know how difficult it is to balance all the various 'hats' that you are wearing so thank you on behalf of all the children and staff. I really am in awe of the way that you support our school community so that we can continue to provide the very best for your children.

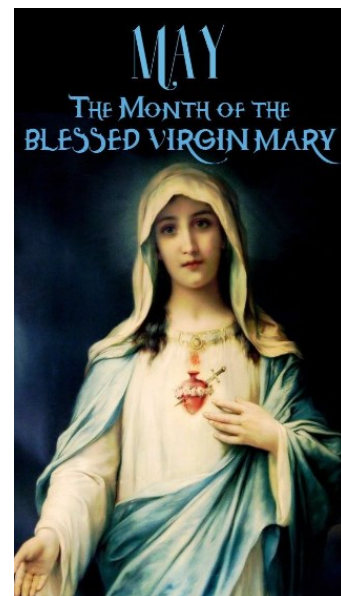
The Readathon was a huge success and the auction last week broke all fundraising records. I hear the Elvis night was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all who attended. The final amounts raised from all of these events are being finalised and will be announced after half term.

A reminder that funds raised help to cover the cost of our specialised music teacher, Mr Owen, who teaches music to all of the classes across the school. Having been in primary education for many years, I can not tell

you what an asset having a music teacher is. The children absolutely love their music lessons and are really benefitting from this.

The money also enables us to have an art therapist in school, who is able to support children on site with their emotional and social development. Any remaining funds will be put towards the purchase of new touch screen Chrome Books to be used again by all pupils across the curriculum.

*Claire Campbell*



### School Masses

Friday 28th June – Mass – led by Mini Vinnies

Friday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass



### Year Group Assemblies

Friday 14th June – Year 1—Fathers' Day



### Cake stall

Friday 21st June – Year R



### Uniform Stalls

At the main entrance 8.15 and 3pm

Friday 21st June



### PA events

Saturday 6th July 12-3pm – Summer Fete



### Safeguarding

Thank you to all the caregivers/parents who follow the one way systems in the morning and the afternoon. Having the crowd flow in one direction makes it easier for staff to see exactly who is coming into the school grounds and ensure your child leaves the school safely.

If you are late for pick up, it is still advisable for you to go the Northholme Rd. entrance. Please do not go against the flow of traffic via the church gate.

If you have a child in the nursery, may we suggest you drop them off first before entering the school gates in the morning.



### Nursery caregiver/parents.

Please drop off you **nursery child FIRST in the morning** before the older siblings. At **3pm**, please pick up your **nursery child LAST** after picking up the older siblings. This will ensure your support of the one way system. Please do not be offended when reminded of this on the playground. Much appreciated.

## Uniform Strategy

Thank you for your support regarding our uniform standards.

We have noticed there are still a handful of polo shirts being worn as well as non logo PE t shirts. Can you please work on improving these features.

**Summer term will focus on all aspects of the uniform as well as hair, jewellery, makeup etc.**

Mr Fuiava will be contacting those who still do not have the correct uniforms. If your child receives a Uniform Reminder Notice, please sign it to acknowledge receipt.

Please take no offence but let us know how we can help your child adhere to the uniform policy of our school.



	Uniform review	Cut-off date	Focus
Spring term 1	Week 1 – week 4	Week 5 Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sport brand free, black/navy blue leather footwear</li><li>• Logo jumper/fleece</li><li>• Button up shirt</li></ul>
Spring term 2	Week 1 – week 4	Week 5 Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logo White t-shirt</li><li>• Navy/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (plain)</li><li>• Navy/black/grey/white leggings/tights</li></ul>
Summer term 1	Week 1 – week 4	Week 5 Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	All of the above plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• general uniform (jewellery, hair accessories, make-up etc)</li></ul>

## Watches in school

Please note that only a simple watch that tells the time is allowed in school. Watches that have cameras or access to the internet are absolutely forbidden.



## Farewell

This week we say farewell and happy retirement to Valerie Semper who has been a lunchtime supervisor at SJA for the past 16 years. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best as she embarks on this new journey.

### Other dates for your diary

Monday 3rd June – Year group photographs  
Thursday 20th June – Sports Day – Finsbury Park  
Thursday 4th July – Parent/Caregiver Forum  
Saturday 6th July—Summer Fete  
Friday 12th July – Reports out to parents  
Wednesday 17th July – 9am -Year 6 production  
Wednesday 17th July—6pm to 8pm—Year 6 Disco  
Friday 19th July – 1.30pm – school closes for the summer

### Preparation for warmer weather after half term

As we head into the warmer months, I want to mention a few matters regarding sun safety and hydration. Firstly, please ensure your child applies sun-screen before coming to school. Protecting their skin from the sun's rays makes a big difference in preventing sunburn and long-term damage. Secondly, please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle in school. Staying hydrated is essential, especially during hot weather. Additionally, I recommend that your child has a sun hat which covers their head, neck, and ears. This will offer extra protection from the sun's heat and help prevent heat-related issues.



### School Nurse drop in dates at SJA:

9am 15/3

9am 13/5

9am 28/6

You can contact us on 020 3316 8021 or [whhtr.IslingtonSchoolNursing@nhs.net](mailto:whhtr.IslingtonSchoolNursing@nhs.net) where there is a nurse to speak to Mon-Fri 9am- 5pm

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**Hello, We Are Your School Health Team!**

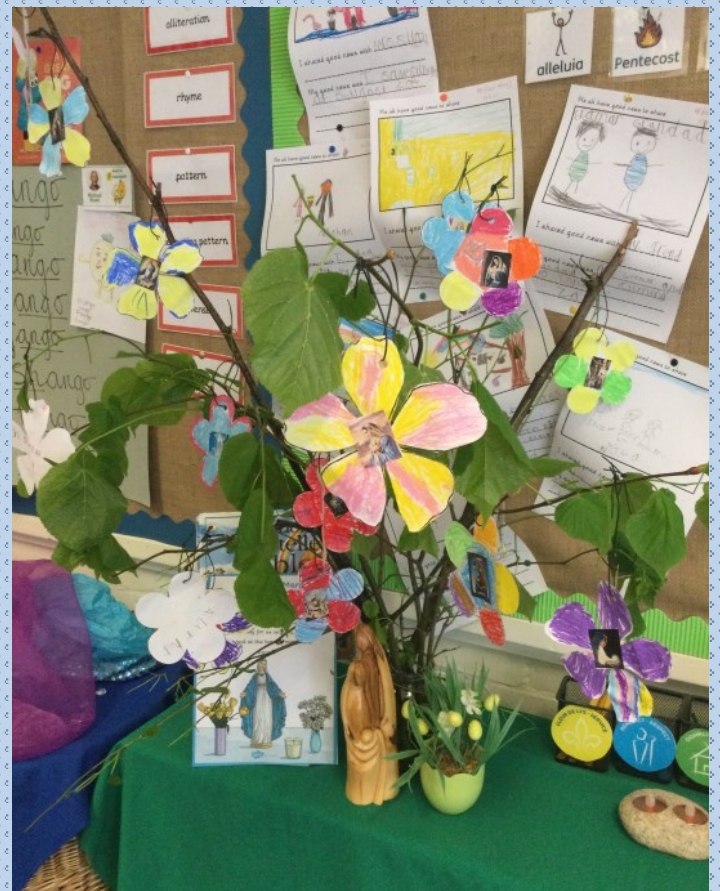
**School Nurse Drop in clinic**  
You can talk to us about any health issue, including these...

- ❖ Bedwetting/ Toileting Problems
- ❖ Body Changes/ Personal Hygiene
- ❖ Diet and Nutrition
- ❖ Dental Health
- ❖ Managing Minor Illnesses

Please fill out a REFERRAL FORM (collect from school reception) or contact us by email/telephone

## Month of Mary

The children in Reception have decorated a blooming tree for the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary with images of Our Lady's life using oil pastels.



## St Joan of Arc Day 2024

We celebrated today with a wonderful Mass led by Y2. Then we created artwork that used recyclable materials to help the planet heal. Nur and Rec used paper towel holders to create roosters, the national animal of France. Y1 and Y2 used S recycled magazines to create reverse silhouettes of the house logos. Y5 and 6 t made dioramas of the 4 houses and Y3 and Y4 studied an international saint (India and El Salvador) then partook in food technology with a cuisine from those respective countries.



### Year 3 Assembly

Yesterday the Y3 children shared what they have been learning about throughout the year. They also shared the history of our patron saint St. Joan of Arc as her feast day is May 30th. It was lovely to see so many parents/caregivers attend and support—we appreciate your presence. Thank you must also go to Ms. King, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Mullen, Ms. Long and Ms. Francis for their support and organisation.



### School photos

School reopens on **Monday 3rd June**. School photographs will be taken on this day—please ensure full, correct and clean school uniform for the photographs.



O, Mother Mary,  
We love You.  
We thank you for  
Your promise to help  
us in need.  
We trust in Your love  
that dries our tears  
and comfort us.  
Mother, please teach  
us to find our  
peace in Your  
Son, Jesus and may You  
bless us every day of  
our lives. Amen.