



# Newsletter No.18

Fri 14th June 2024

Dear parents/caregivers

It is unbelievable to think that we are in the final half term of the school year. I hope you all had a lovely half term and you managed to make the most of the limited sunshine.

Someone asked me if I was looking forward to winding down this term! I spent at least ten minutes explaining to them that this half term is one of the busiest of the year, so we're ramping up not winding down here! It's going to be a very busy few weeks with lots of exciting trips and events happening in school. Keep regularly checking the diary dates so you don't miss anything.



# **Holy Communion**

The children from Year 3 who attend St Joan of Arc Church, will be making their Holy Communion on Sunday. We hope they have a lovely day and enjoy this special occasion with their family.





#### **Sports Day**

Sports Day for the whole school including nursery, is on Thursday 20th June. Advanced warning – children need to be taken to Finsbury Park running track for 9.15am.

You should have received a more detailed letter from Ms Kelly on Tuesday.

www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



<u>School Masses</u> Friday 28th June – Mass – led by Mini Vinnies Friday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass

### Cake stall

Friday 21st June – Year R

# **Uniform Stalls**

At the main entrance 8.15

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 <u>Northolme</u> 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.





#### **Summer Fair**

This term is always busy with lots of community events including our wonderful summer fair, which is on Saturday 6th July from 12-3pm. As part of the school's Christian 'Service' value, the Year 6 children will be running their own stall at the summer fete. It is called 'sweet jar hoopla'. The House Captains will be explaining in Monday's assembly that they would like each child to recycle an old jam, pasta or coffee jar and fill it with sweets. These will then be used as part of their stall. Any support with this would be much appreciated. The summer fete is usually a lovely opportunity for the school to come together on an informal day so please put the date in your diary. More details of the summer fete will be forwarded soon by the PA. Winners of the summer fete poster competition will also be announced in Monday's assembly.

#### Hot weather

Just a reminder that during hot spells of weather, please ensure that your child has put sunscreen on before they leave in the morning. They also need a 'named' sun hat (whatever you have at home is fine).

I hope you all have a good weekend and let's pray for sunshine on Sunday for the Holy Communion celebrations.



# Other dates for your diary

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

#### SJA Cricket Tournament

#### By Aidan

Before half term, our boys and girls cricket teams left with Ms Newman for Wray Crescent to compete in a sports tournament that we had trained long and hard for. Following excellent bowling and batting, both the boys and girls team were deservedly through to the final day.

After more training, talks and patience, the final day came. First, in the semi-finals we played Ambler who had topped their group on the first day, but so had we. The game brought out the best in all of us and we eventually came out on top. A close and competitive game prepared us for the coming finals with Canonbury. Both of our teams were still in it and both facing Canonbury. After another tight game each with some tight decision, congratulations go to the boys team who won the tournament and commiserations to the girls who came so close to gold. They all did so well. GO SJA!!!



Good luck to the boys at the London Youth Games Finals next week.

#### Year 5 and 6 Multisport House Champs.

#### by Theo

Last Thursday, a house tournament consisting of year 5 and year 6 took place. Children signed up to participate with sports captains organising the teams. Benedict won the netball, Domremy won the handball as well as the tag rugby. Overall Domremy won the tournament and got extra house champs play! It was a very competitive tournament and was very close but Domremy came out on top. Well done to all the competitors.



#### Year 3 and 4 Quadkids

#### By Aidan

Our talented athletes from year 3 and 4 competed at the Islington Borough Quadkids Championships last week. After training hard at school for this multi-event competition, the children performed brilliantly at Finsbury Park Track. All team members completed four events: 400m, long jump, howler throw and 50m sprint and narrowly missed out on the top spots (with only a few points separating the top 3 teams). The children were awarded bronze medals for their team efforts. Well done to Seb, Leo, Leonardo, Miracle, Mehmet, Brendan, Milan, Blanche, Cara, Alexa and Mae! Special congratulations go to Milan and Blanche who came 1st and 2nd individually in the girls competition. They both achieved scores equal to UKA gold award – which is very impressive!











# **Donuts with Dudes**

Year 1 had a fantastic morning with their special men at out Donuts with Dudes event. They sang brilliant songs, recited great poems and decorated delicious doughnuts! It was enjoyed by all! Thank you for those special dudes who came today . Thank you the staff and children of Y1 who put on a spectacular presentation for their loved ones.



# **Uniform Strategy**

Thank you for your support regarding our uniform standards.

<u>85%</u> of the pupils are wearing the correct uniform. Thank you so much for your support in lifting our 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.

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<br>4 | Week 5 Mon 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb  | <ul> <li>Sport brand free,<br/>black/navy blue leather<br/>footwear</li> <li>Logo jumper/leece</li> <li>Button up shirt</li> </ul>            |
| Spring term 2    | Week 1 – week<br>4 | Week 5 Mon 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Mar | <ul> <li>Logo White t shirt</li> <li>Navy/black sho<br/>tracksuit bottoms v/ain</li> <li>Navy/black/grow/wbite<br/>leggings/tights</li> </ul> |
| Summer term<br>1 | Week 1 – week<br>4 | Week 5 Mon 13 <sup>th</sup><br>May | All of the above plus<br>• general uniform i evellery,<br>hair accessories, wake up<br>etc)   |



#### **Extended School**

The Extended School's bookings for the autumn term will be going live on Sunday 23rd June at 8pm.

As always, childcare is the primary purpose of this service, with clubs being offered as an additional extra. Booking for clubs will then go live on Wednesday 26th June at 8pm.

#### Prayer for during summer

My Lord, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, and warmth and the ability to share and enjoy all this with others. Amen.

