



Friday 18th October

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to see our wonderful pupils starting to take on different responsibilities within our school community. Over the last few weeks, children who are Sports and House Captains as well as Librarians, have received their badges in assembly with their families present. As well as this, pupils have been busy putting themselves forward for roles as Mini Vinnies and School Council Ambassadors. Many congratulations to the pupils who have been selected for these roles. We have some lovely pictures included in the newsletter. It is really important that pupils have a voice within their school to shape what we do but also it is a good opportunity to work in a different team and take some responsibility for the school's development.

Next week is parents' evening on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October, from 3.15-5.45pm. Bookings have now closed so if you haven't made an appointment, you will need to see your child's class teacher directly to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Appointments are ten minutes and so we kindly ask that you keep to that time. Please knock on the classroom door to let the teacher know that your appointment time has arrived. If you feel you need a longer discussion with the teacher, a mutually convenient time will need to be booked for another date. Entry is via the Northolme Road main entrance and if you have an appointment after 5pm and your child finishes extended schools at that time, you will need to pick your child up first.

Parents of pupils in 1C will be informed of their new parent meeting dates to see Ms. Nicou after half term.

Thank you for making such an effort to send your child to school with a waterproof coat. It has enabled us to and get all of the children outside even when it is wet. We all know the power of fresh air and at school, it is an essential part of our day. Also, thank you for getting your child to school on time on Monday during that down-pour. The wet mornings I know add to what can already be a trying task of getting out the door. Your valiant efforts were much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you around the school during parents' evening next week.

Kind regards,

*Clare Campbell*



## International Evening

This was a great success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who helped to organise the evening.



### Cake stall:

Thank you in advance to the Y 6 and Y 5 families for running the first 2 cake stalls of the year. Y6 Cake stall is **8th November**. The Y5 cake stall/uniform stall is 13th December. Thank you for your contributions and your support.



### Secondary School Applications:

A reminder regarding applications for admission into Secondary School – September 2025

The closing date for applications into Year 7 is 31st October 2024. You must also complete an application form from the borough in which you reside.

### Reception Applications:

If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child will be eligible to apply for a Reception place in September. Please remember that transfer from Nursery to Reception is not automatic - a new application needs to be made via the council online platform, and a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) needs to be submitted to the school. Supplementary Information Forms are available on the school website or at the school office. Please see the Reception Admissions Policy on the school website for details of documents to be submitted with the SIF. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2025.

### Nursery Applications:

We also have spaces in our nursery, so if your child is three years of age before 31st December (or you know of anyone with a three-year-old not in nursery), please visit our website for an application form.

**APPLY NOW**

## School Trips

Last year the school participated in a Garden Classroom project, which involved local visits. This year, classes will be going on various school trips, depending on the area of the curriculum that they are focusing on. Some of these will involve coach travel and some will involve the use of public transport. This term, the following year groups will be out on trips:

Year 3 – Visiting The Hive on 7th November - History Focus

Year 1 – Young V & A on 12th November - History Focus

Year 5 – Unicorn Theatre on 26th November - English focus



## Judaism workshops

This week on Wednesday, all school years came to a special assembly, hosted by Ruth Jampel, about Judaism (which is a different religion to Christianity).

Ruth helped educate us about Judaism and how different religions can be linked to your own - for example, the old testament in Christianity is very similar to the holy script to the Jewish (Torah). As well as this, it includes the book of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Tabernacles:

In year 6 we learnt about the festival of tabernacles. Tabernacles is a religious celebration for the Jewish people remembering the 40 year period of wandering for the ancient Jews.

What We Learnt:

In every class, Ruth taught us about the significance of Judaism in different ways and gave us a chance to explore and have fun such as writing in Jewish, putting on traditional clothes and the as well as learning about the Torah.

Did you know all of these people are Jewish:

- Daniel Radcliffe
- Drake
- Jake Gyllenhaal
- Amy Winehouse
- Robert Downey Junior



By David and Alex Y6



## **Extended Schools Booking -Spring Term 2025**

Please see the attached newsletter from the Extended Schools team.

Bookings for Spring Term Childcare open on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm, with clubs opening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm.

I know Extended Schools has been an item on the Parent/ Caregiver Forum agenda, particularly around the booking system and the number of places available. Parents have reported difficulties accessing the system and subsequently find it difficult to make bookings. We have checked the system again, and can't find any glitches. We have attached an updated guide on how to book and have double checked that this actually works. Hopefully, this time round booking will be easier for you.

Regarding capacity, we have ninety places available each night, which is an increase of ten spaces compared to last year. The number of places available is determined by the space which is available for the running of the provision. We must also ensure that the set staff / pupil ratios are adhered to. Most nights there are two clubs running alongside childcare and within this, we have to ensure that the large hall is available to be used if there is wet weather – which at the moment is nearly every night. On wet weather nights, the small hall may have up to sixty pupils, which is no easy task to manage.

We are extremely lucky that our wonderful class teaching assistants also work as part of the Extended Schools team, which means that your children are being looked after by staff who know them well. I can report that pupil behaviour in this provision is exemplary and staff provide a calm, nurturing environment for the pupils to be in.

The main purpose of this provision is to provide childcare first for parents who are working and require this. That is why childcare bookings go live first, followed by clubs a few days later.

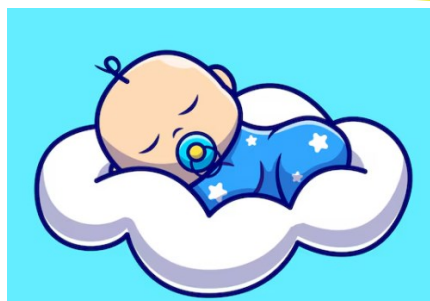
If you are not successful in securing a booking, we do have a waiting list which is systematically followed and parents are contacted when places arise. I completely understand that it is frustrating and disappointing when you are unable to secure a booking but I would kindly ask that any communication with the extended staff team (in person, via phone or email) is done in a courteous and respectful manner. We must remember that as adults we lead by example to our children.



### **St Joan of Arc staff news**

Many congratulations are extended to Ms. Newman who welcomed to the world a new baby boy named Jude.

A warm welcome back to Ms. O'Brien who will be teaching 1D from Wednesday to Friday. Ms. Thomas will continue to teach this class at the beginning of the week.







### **PA AGM -Thursday 7th November @ 8pm**

Our wonderful PA have their PA AGM on Thursday 7th November at 8pm via zoom. This is an opportunity for us to thank those parents who worked so tirelessly last year to raise funds for our school and to welcome new members and find out our fundraising goals for this year. As we have already said, every parent is automatically part of the PA so if you can't normally attend the meetings held on a Friday morning, this meeting will hopefully enable you to feel part of the wider school community. Using last year's funds, we were able to purchase the following:

a maths program to enable our junior children to record their learning both electronically and in their maths books. This is the future direction of pupils' learning and one we want to embrace.

Our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes have benefitted from lovely new furniture and resources to support their independent learning.

All classes are taught by a specialist music teacher weekly

The Year 6 activity week was subsidised by donations from the PA. Each pupil also received a leavers' sweatshirt and attended their special disco at the end of the year

Reading books have been updated for both class libraries and phonics – benefitting all year groups

Fund an on-site art therapist once a week to conduct art therapy with children needing support

This year we really want to

Increase the availability of computers within the school so we can further develop our offer of the digital curriculum

Continue and expand on our music offer

Subsidise all school trips

Continue to update reading books for both school and home use

Update our PE resources to include purchasing a Girls' football kit and improving access for girls' football provision

AGM zoom link:

[https://zoom.us/join?\\_ga=2.132504974.1470264379.1729252617-1882453315.1729252617](https://zoom.us/join?_ga=2.132504974.1470264379.1729252617-1882453315.1729252617)

Meeting id: 862 2157 4510

Passcode: 888964

## Time to mention the C word....

Your child will be coming home with their Christmas card designs this week so please look in their bags. We're on it early this year to ensure you receive your orders in school by the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, plenty of time for posting.

**Deadline for orders: 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Highly recommend the chocolate as a fun alternative to your standard bar!



Also, please here are some of the other ways you can get involved:

An advertisement for Easyfundraising. It features the Easyfundraising logo and the text: 'It's the most wonderful time to support us. Raise free donations while you pick up Christmas gifts online. Shop with thousands of retailers'. Below this, there are logos for various retailers: eBay, Nike, Tesco, Etsy, John Lewis, M&amp;S, Amazon, Asda, Booking.com, and '+8,000 other retailers'. At the bottom, it says 'St Joan of Arc Parents Association - N5' and includes a QR code with the Easyfundraising logo in the center.

An advertisement for a Christmas Jumper sale. It features the text: 'GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT EARLY... Donate your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers now! HAND IN DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE'. Below the text are six colorful Christmas jumpers with various designs like penguins, snowflakes, and gingerbread men. At the bottom, it says: 'We'll have a Christmas Jumper sale at the Christmas Fair on the 6th December and again on the 10th December so drop off.'

An advertisement for a Christmas Fair. It features a central white box with the text: 'Our Christmas Fair', 'SAVE THE DATE', and '6TH DEC'. The background is a festive Christmas tree decorated with lights, ornaments, and a star. The text 'You don't want to miss this one!' is at the bottom.



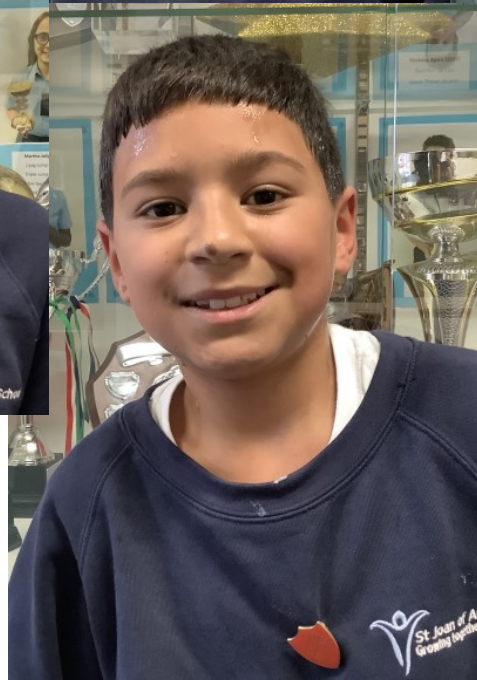
The PA funds hard at work.





### School leaders.

The following leaders have been formally presented with their badges at school; House Captains, Sports Captains and Librarians received their badges at assembly.



### Sports Captains

Introducing you to our new 2024-2025 sports captains... Scarlett (Benedict), Aldana (Domremy), David (Fleur-de-Lys) and Mathias (Rouen). Many children from year 6 showed our value of courage by nominating themselves for the role, but these four sporting ambassadors received the most votes in their classes. They will now represent their houses and support with many sporting activities throughout the year including; assist with training/ captaining teams for inter-school competitions, help organise and run sports day, assist younger year groups in pe sessions and help order/ organise pe equipment. Well done to our new sports captains, we can't wait to see what wonderful work you do this year!



## Librarians

This week our Class Librarians received their badges in Monday's Assembly. Each pupil was carefully selected by their teacher because they have displayed a love of reading so far this year.

Reading is the most important skill that we can learn and so our class librarians play a crucial role in promoting reading across our school. They play a vital role in making sure that our class libraries are well organised and that the books continue to be in excellent condition. They must also help their classmates choose books that they will love reading by making recommendations.

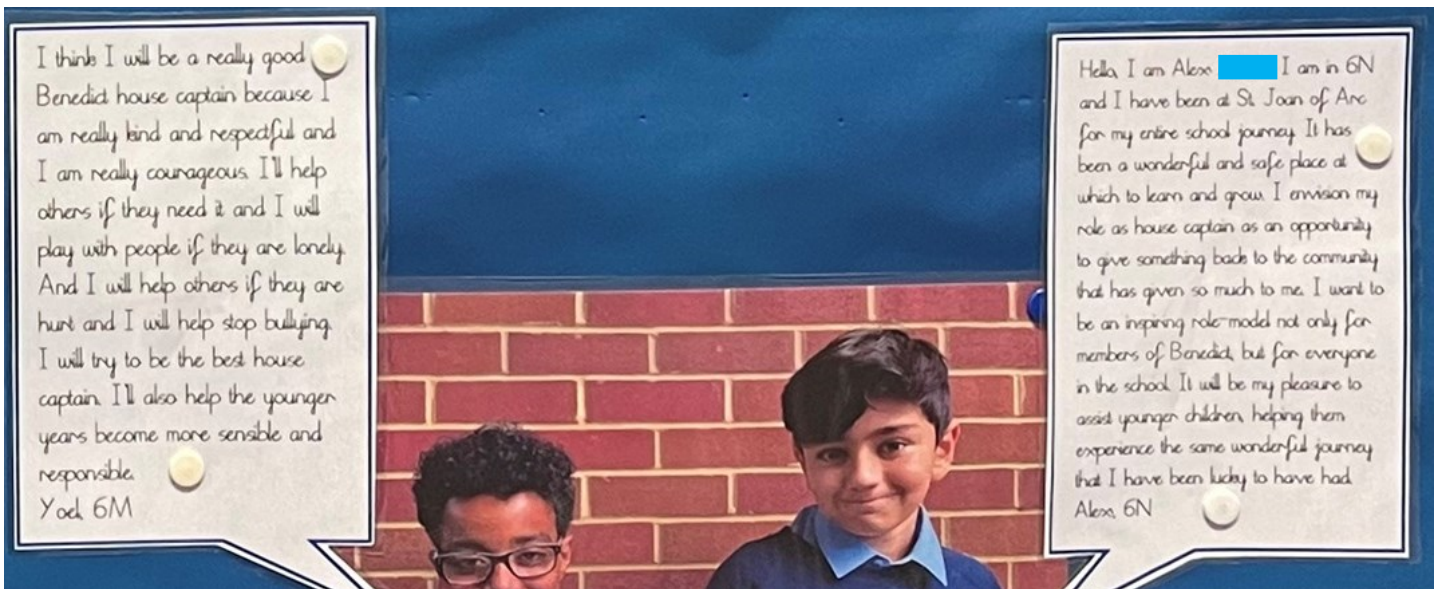
We are very proud of all of our now class librarians who have already demonstrated that they live by our school values; love, service, courage and respect.





## House Captains

Pupils in Y6 were invited to submit themselves forward as candidates for the elected role of House Captains. They wrote and presented a speech to their peers who subsequently voted for the candidate they best thought could lead their house. These roles of responsibility allow children to demonstrate leadership qualities while supporting their school house through different events and competitions. Some of the responsibilities will include budgeting for and purchasing Arc Awards, monitoring the school house points system, leading collective worship, facilitating school events, supporting younger children during school occasions and contributing towards issues of social justice.







As house captain for Fleur de Lys, I really want to show pride and do jobs to help. I want to be a good house captain and help younger years when they need it. I am good at doing jobs and helping people. I can always help if someone needs me - for example, the younger years. I will be a good Fleur de Lys house captain because I can do jobs properly.  
Alberia, 6M



I am proud to be House Captain because I want to help the school and Fleur de Lys. In all my years at St Joan of Arc, I have enjoyed being part of Fleur de Lys and have shown LSRC. In all I do I am responsible and reliable, meaning I can be trusted with tasks and counted on. I am able to listen to people's views about how to make Fleur de Lys a better house, and SJA an even better place. I am also very kind, so if someone looks lonely on the playground, I can offer them help and cheer them up. I am a good team player and very ready to help the other house captains for the school.  
Tom, 6M



My name is Noemie and I am a House Captain because I'm very organised and I show LSRC. I respect people around me, I step up for myself, I spread love around the school and I serve the staff. This is a great opportunity for me because I can help the school and the infants more. As the House Captain of Domremy, I hope to lead this house to victory on many occasions.  
Noemie, 6N



Hello my name is Enzo and I am in Year 6. I am proud to be a house captain for Domremy and to show LSRC. Firstly, love means showing kindness to everyone, even new students we haven't met. Secondly, service means helping others and contributing to the community. I encourage you to help teachers and friends whenever you can. Respect means treating everyone how you want to be treated. Lastly, courage means overcoming fears and not giving up. I promise to lead by example.  
Enzo, 6M

### **School Uniform:**

Thank you for your support in ensuring the uniform is presented in its highest quality as well as being regulation/correct according to the policy. We have noticed a lot less trainers being used as school shoes and the children are doing their best to ensure they are tucking their shirts in and presenting themselves neatly for learning.

*The main uniform infringements are trainers with the uniform, polo shirts instead of shirts and jumpers and PE t-shirts without the school logo.*

Mr Fuiava will be sending correspondence to all caregivers regarding the uniform; what is correct, what the priorities are, what the new procedures will be when dealing with incorrect uniform, timeframes and support. It is all part of the holistic approach to learning and encouraging discipline, unity and the school identity. As always, your support will be greatly appreciated and needed.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>



### **INSET DAY**

A reminder that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 4th November to allow for staff training. This is on Curriculum Development.

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## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

### **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.