



Newsletter No.5

Fri 8th November

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a nice half term and were able to recharge your batteries! We have had a calm and purposeful start to the second half of the autumn term, with our first school trip via coach taking place yesterday. The Year 3's had a wonderful day at The Hive and were full of stories about what they got up to today. Many thanks to the parents for accompanying the children. I hope you managed to rest last night.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening just before half term. Thank you all for being so punctual and positive about working together with the school which really benefits your child/ren's education. A reminder that 1C's parents' evening will be rescheduled soon.

Last night was the PA AGM whereby all the fundraising efforts in the last year were shared. I have to say, I come away from those meetings feeling very in awe of you all. I really don't know how you manage to juggle everything in life alongside giving of your time and talents to our school. An incredible **£60,000** was raised last year which is well beyond what were hoping for. More detail on how that money was spent is in the latter pages of this newsletter. Special thanks to the parents/caregivers who held specific roles on the PA, and to the Chair, Claire Eldridge, who has led the PA so ably over the last two years.

Thank you to those caregivers/parents who volunteered to help with the cake stall and uniform today. Your support is crucial to the success of the school.

As we move into the season of Advent, there will be some opportunities to support those less fortunate than ourselves. The children at our school, through service, show their generosity every year—this is greatly supported by you at home and for that we are thankful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Clare Campbell



Our Christmas Fair

SAVE
THE
DATE

6TH DEC

You don't want to miss this one!



Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is happening from Tue 12th – Friday 15th November and has the theme ‘Choose Respect.’ It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at a leading children’s charity—The National Children’s Bureau.

Across the week, the children will be learning about the positive things that we can do to prevent bullying, how respecting others is a choice we make as well as who to speak to if they need to. We are asking that all children come to school on **Tue 12th** wearing blue in honour of Benedict house which represents the Christian value of **respect** as well as odd socks—these can be as outlandish as they wish them to be.

Children will take part in a whole school assembly for years 1-6 on Tues morning and complete a lesson in class as well as activities related to anti-bullying.

If you would like to learn more about the anti -bullying programme, you can do so by clicking on this link

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 12th to Fri 15 November—Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November—Odd Socks Benny Blue Blue Day—Anti Bullying

Tuesday 12th—Y1 trip to The Young V & A

Thursday 21st November—Parent/Caregiver Forum—8.45am (Year group reps.)

Tuesday 26th November—Y5 trip to The Unicorn Theatre

Friday 6th December—Christmas Fair 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wednesday 11th December— Christmas Concert in School Hall at 9 am for parents of **Full-time Nursery children and children in classes RA, 1C and 2E**

Thursday 12th December— Christmas Concert in School Hall at 9 am for parents of **Part-time Nursery children and children in classes RB, 1D and 2F**

- see details below

Friday 13th December—PA meeting—8.45am

Thursday 19th December—KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm in St Joan of Arc Church

Friday 20th December – Christmas Mass – Led by Class 6N—9am

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performances

We are delighted to invite our EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents to our Christmas performances, which will be held on **Wednesday 11th** and **Thursday 12th December** at **9 am**. To ensure all families have the opportunity to enjoy this event, we have designated specific days for different classes:

- **Wednesday 11th December** - Parents of **full-time nursery** children and parents of children in classes **A, C, and E**
- **Thursday 12th December** - Parents of **part-time nursery** children and parents of children in classes **B, D, and F**

For part-time nursery children, those who attend on **Wednesday afternoon – Friday**, you are welcome to join us for the Wednesday morning performance between **9-10 am** if available. Please note, however, that due to our staffing ratios, these children will need to leave immediately after the performance.

Each family will receive **two tickets** via their child for their performance day, allowing entry for two adults. Please remember to bring these tickets with you on the day, as they will be required for access to the hall.

Thank you for your cooperation in attending on the allocated day, which will help us accommodate all families comfortably. We look forward to celebrating this festive season with you and your children.

Uniform standards

As the temperature starts to drop, please ensure your child has a suitable coat labelled with their name.

Also a reminder of the uniform policy stating that branded trainers are not school uniform and that only sweatshirts and fleeces with the **school logo** are school uniform. Cardigans and polo shirts are **NOT** part of the uniform policy

Your child may receive a uniform reminder notice informing you of any infringements. We appreciate your support on the matter. Please share any concerns you have via the reading record or a note. It is all part of the holistic approach to learning and encouraging discipline, unity and the school identity.

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



Parents' Association

DONATION

The PA have generously donated £60,000 to the school. This kind donation will be invested in our children by the way of new classroom furniture, maths and English computer software, Year 6 activity week subsidy and leavers' hoodies, reading books for all classes, a weekly on-site art therapist and our fabulous music tuition.

Through fundraising events, cake and uniform stalls and donation schemes, the PA have spearheaded many a successful campaign fundraising impressive amounts of money to give back to the school.

We thank the PA for their generous and unflinching efforts as well as all in the community who support these ventures. We at SJA consider ourselves blessed to have such a stalwart support system.





Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Hello, We Are Your School Health Team!



School Nurse Health and Wellbeing Clinic

You can talk to us about any health issue, including these...

- Bedwetting/ Toileting Problems
- Diet and Nutrition
- Dental Health
- Managing Minor Illnesses

Tuesday 26th November from 9:00am - 10am

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

You can contact us on 020 3316 8021/ whh-tr.IslingtonSchoolNursing@nhs.net
where there is a nurse to speak to Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Christmas CONCERTS

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December

EYFS & KS1 (Nur Rec Y1 Y2)—9am —Large hall

(See full details above)

Thursday 19th December

KS2 (Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6) Christmas Concert 2pm—St

Joan of Arc Church

Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

*Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same place calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH

8 Uniform Sale
Bake sale

20 workshop: managing your child's emotions - part 1

22 PA meeting
focus will be on Christmas Fair

12 Odd sock day

28 workshop: managing your child's emotions - part 2

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR 6TH DEC 3:30-5:30PM

Sign up to volunteer

Buy your tree from us

Donate your pre-loved items:



- Christmas jumpers
- Gifts for our kids to buy parents and carers in our gift store
- Wrapping paper

FUTURE EVENTS

- 31st Jan - Quiz
- April - Readathon
- May - Auction
- 5th July - Summer Fete

HOW TO JOIN IN

Use this QR code to join our SJA PA Community What's app group

Or email us:
sjoacommittee@gmail.com



Parents Association  St Joan of Arc School
Growing together

SJA CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 6TH DEC 3:30-5:30PM

JOBS

FAIR SUPPORT	CRAFT STALLS
SET UP TEAM	MINI TREE MAKING
ENTRANCE SHIFT	BISCUIT DECORATING
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE	HAIR CLIPS & HEADBANDS
CO-LEADS	TATTOOS AND GEMS
COOKIE BAKERS	WOOD DECORATIONS
CLEAN UP TEAM	
CASH COUNTERS	
FOOD & DRINK STALLS	
MULLED WINE & MINCE PIE	
HOT CHOCOLATE	

SCAN TO SIGN UP

FATHER CHRISTMAS NEEDED!