



Newsletter No. 6

Friday 22nd November

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a very busy but productive start to our second half of the Autumn Term.

The reception and nursery classes are very settled and never cease to amaze me about how quickly they have become part of our school community. They have grown in confidence and independence in a short amount of time. As parents of these children, you should feel very proud of what they have achieved in a very short amount of time.

Other year groups have been busy out on trips, participating in sporting events as well as working very hard in class. We now start the preparation for Christmas, which is always a busy time both in school and at home! As our Christmas Fair was so successful last year, it will be returning on Friday 6th December from 3.30-5.30pm.

Like last year, this is going to be more of a 'let's get together as a community' rather than a focus on making purchases! If you can come and support this event, it would be lovely to see you. More details are in the newsletter below.

A little reminder, that in this cold weather, every child needs to wear a coat to school.

Even if it is drizzly weather, we try and ensure that the children have an opportunity to play outside and having a coat helps with this.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell



St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School – Reception Admissions for 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you will be looking for a school place for September 2025. If you (or a friend) have missed our open mornings and would like a tour of the school please telephone the school office on 020 7226-3920. Our final open morning takes place on Wednesday 4th December at 9.15am.

LSRC Legendary Award

Congratulations to Alice M 2F who recently received the LSRC award. Staff can nominate any pupil to receive this prestigious award for personifying the 4 Christian Values of the school: Love Service Respect and Courage.



Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Odd socks | Benny Blue Blue Day – This year, the theme was ‘Choose Respect’. There was an array of odd socks and blue attire being worn in school on

Tuesday 12th to mark the beginning of ‘Anti-bullying Week.’

The message around the odd socks is to celebrate difference and each of us being unique – and that this is a cause for celebration and not harm. This year we wore blue in honour of Benedict House whose Christian value is ‘respect’ The term “bullying” can be easily mis-

used. Bullying is when there is an action by an individual or group against another individual Several Times On Purpose (think of STOP). Children may not get on or like each other and there may be one-off incidents of



unkindness, but this mustn't be confused with bullying. It is hard to prove that actions are intending to inflict harm with the youngest of children and so that is why education is so important, so children learn quickly the impact their actions may have. Children with autism, ADHD or other neurodiversities may act impulsively at times and not through deliberate unkindness and again, education plays a vital role here.



WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Research shows that

- 
30%
of children have been bullied in the last year alone?
- 
17%
having been bullied online.
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With approximately
ONE CHILD IN EVERY CLASSROOM
experiencing bullying each day.

**CHOOSE
RESPECT**
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-Bullying Week 2024
MONDAY 11TH TO FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

ODD SOCKS DAY - BENNY BLUE BLUE



1D



5K







1D



5K



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Football success

On Monday 11th November, nine children from year 4 and nine children from year 6 represented St Joan of Arc at a local football competition. The competition was fierce but the children displayed great resilience and sportsmanship. Well done to the children from year 4 who won nearly all of their games overall and were very positive during the tournament. And congratulations to Year 6 who won the final and got to take the trophy back to school along with their winning medals. Many thanks to Ms M Kelly for training the team.



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 6th December from 3.30-5.30pm in the school halls and car park. We are continuing with our theme of this being a community event and an opportunity for us to get together prior to Christmas. Children from different year groups will be performing their Christmas carols in the large hall at

4.15pm to help to get us all into the festive spirit. More details will be published nearer the time. Refreshments will also be available, as well as some stalls in the small hall.

The Extended School service will be open as normal on this day but will be operating from a different part of the school. Parents who access this service on Fridays will receive a separate e-mail with information about the temporary collection procedures for this day.



Elfridges

Please bring in any unwanted, unopened, good quality items for our 'Elfridges' gift shop and wrapping room for the fair. You can drop these into the school office any day during the week in the lead up to the event. Please do not give any dirty, damaged or used products, as we will be unable to sell these.

Thank you from the Elves in Year 6 – Shop Managers!

Fruit for KS2

Pupils in KS2 (Y3 - 6) do not have fruit provided. This is a reminder to please provide your child/ren with some fruit for a mid morning snack; this is a good opportunity for a burst of energy to aid with concentration and learning behaviours.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th November—Y5 trip to The Unicorn Theatre

Tuesday 3rd December—Y2 trip to London Zoo

Friday 6th December—Christmas Fair 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wednesday 11th December— Christmas Concert in School Hall at 9 am for parents of **Part-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 **Full-time Nursery children and children in classes RB, 1D and 2F**

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

Christmas jumper day

This year's Christmas Jumper Day is on Tuesday 17th of December, which is also the day of the children's Christmas dinner and the panto. This year we are promoting sustainability through re-using Christmas jumpers and purchasing pre-loved jumpers at the Christmas Fair (6/12) and uniform stall (10/12). No Christmas jumper? No problem! Purchase one at the 2 stalls for a decent price. Decorate a current jumper at home with Christmas paraphernalia. Wear red, green or purple clothes. We ask each child to bring in £1 to support the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Joan of Arc does an enormous amount of work to support families and individuals within the local community.



School Christmas Dinner

This is taking place on Tuesday 17th December and will be provided by the kitchen as normal. If your child has a packed lunch, you may want to treat them to a festive packed lunch – no nuts. We will combine this event with Christmas Jumper Day. If your child has a festive jumper, they can wear that in replacement of their school jumper but the rest of the uniform needs to be worn. Please do not purchase a jumper especially for this, alternatively children can wear any jumper with festive colours – red, green, purple etc.



Uniform stall – 6th and 10th December

If you have an Xmas jumper to donate, please drop them off in advance to the school office. There will be a stall as part of The School Council and Mini Vinnie sustainability drive.



Book return plea

Over the past few years, we have invested thousands of pounds in high quality reading books to help support the children's love of reading. We want these books to be read and enjoyed and so we have always encouraged the children to take the books home. The vast majority are returned for other children to read. However, it is clear that we are missing lots of books from all across the school.

Every book we have is carefully chosen and comes with a price tag to match. This term alone, the school has had to spend over £2500 replacing books that have not been returned or have been damaged. We would therefore ask you to help us.



Please have a look at home and send any school books into school as soon as possible. All St Joan of Arc books have a stamp on the inside cover or a colourful sticker on the back or the spine (see image). Some books could be from our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme or from the Oxford Reading Scheme and so will be easy to identify. However, most of our book corner books will look similar to the books you own at home so could have easily become mixed up with your own stocks.

If we want to continue allowing children to take these books home in future, we need as many as possible returned before the end of the term. Thank you in advance for your support,



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 sweat-shirts and fleeces with the **school logo** are school uniform. Wellington boots, 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/>



More school leaders

The Mini Vinnies, School Council and Digital Leaders were recently presented with their badges. These children personify Fleur de Lys' Christian value of 'service'. They will serve the school proudly in their campaigns and endeavours.



Maison Jasmina Abigail Bella Tayah Noah

Chriselle Mehmet Soliyana Joanna Gregorio Phoebe

Shama Destiny Oscar Eliana Anna Owen Leo



2024-25

Our Voice counts...



Florence Eryk Kit Valentina

Calum Chloë Samuel Esther



2024-2025

SJA



Rudi



Xavier

Nicky

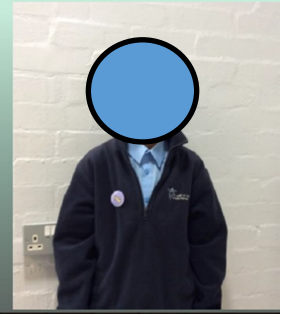
DIGITAL LEADERS
Be Digital Be Safe



Oscar



Joseph



Santiago



Officially and formally, this happens once a term.
Autumn - parent/teacher interviews
Spring - parent/teacher interviews
Summer - formal report document

Outside of these formalities, communication can be via the reading record, appointments and email
info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

Prayer for Peace
Peace go with you.
God's quiet within the noise.
God's hope within uncertainty.
God's rest within the toil.
God's presence within your soul.
Peace go with you.