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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you all had a good break during half term. The children had definitely earned their rest after a very successful start to the school year.

It's that time of the year again when family and school life starts to become hectic. To aid your diary commitments, I have listed below the main events happening later this term, as well as some other news items.

### **News:**

#### **SJA Football News**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10 boys from our school took part in the Islington Year 3/4 football tournament. We competed against 10 Islington schools and as you can imagine, the competition was fierce! Our boys represented St. Joan of Arc brilliantly. Not only did they play with outstanding sportsmanship, but they remained undefeated for the whole day and conceded just one goal. They played in a nail-biting final against Ashmount Primary and won 3-0. Congratulations to Mario, Archie, Tarrell, Shevin, Samuel, John and Edward of year four; Brody, Jake and Oscar of year three. All the boys played with great skill, were humble winners and should be very proud of their efforts. The Islington Gazette featured their win in their newspaper – link below.

<http://www.islingtongazette.co.uk/sport/football/st-joan-of-arc-pupils-prove-top-of-class-to-lift-islington-primary-schools-cup-crown-1-5261123>

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, nine girls from SJA took part in the Islington year 3/4 football festival. They played against five schools of which they won three games, drew one game and lost one. SJA were the top goal scorers of the entire day and conceded only one goal. The effort and sportsmanship of our girls was impeccable. Congratulations to Lucy, Bethem, Olivia, Shiloh, Kiara and Rhylee of year four, Lydia, Lucy and Leila of year three. A huge thanks to Mr Lee for attending both days, as well as Ms Pryce for training the pupils.

In October a group of boys and a group of girls from Years 5/6 represented St. Joan of Arc in the Islington Football Tournament. Both teams played exceptionally well. The boys' team won 6 games and reached the semi-finals, only losing by one goal to a strong team from Montem. The team showed great determination and came back strongly to win the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place playoff match in a nail-biting penalty shootout.

The girls' team went one better and reached the final. SJA dominated the game and hit the woodwork several times but unfortunately didn't score. Eventually the girls' team lost 1-0 but played excellently.

Both teams played with incredible skill and courage and showed exceptional behavior and sportsmanship. Every member of both teams was a real credit to the school and they should all be extremely proud of themselves.

Thank you to Mr Shreeves and Ms Laszcziw for training the teams.

### **Congratulations School Councillors**

I am delighted to announce that the following children have been elected as new councillors until the end of the Spring Term. They were presented with their badges at an assembly celebrating their appointment.

**Class G - Nina and Arthur**

**Class H – Kitty and Jack**

**Class I - Zoe and Adrian**

**Class J – Mila and Shevin**

**Class K – Ava and Marco**

**Class L – Alex and Lexi**

**Class M – Gabriela and Tomas**

**Class N – Theo and Rionach**

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This takes place the week beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> November, and will be led by Miss Pryce, Mrs Ryan and the new school council. Year 6 will also be participating in 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshops led by former professional footballers.

### **Poppy Appeal**

This year the school is supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and a selection of other small items for children, these are available in the Reception area.

### **Lost Property**

The Lost Property cupboard has been relocated to just outside the main hall by the tube train, this will enable parents to look for lost items when dropping off or collecting their children.

### **Parents' Evening**

Individual consultations with class teachers will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 3.45-6.30pm**. You should have received an e-mail from the school office with details of the booking system. If you do not have access to the internet, appointments can be made using the ipad in the main entrance. Nursery parent consultations will take place in the Green Room – main school building.

For security reasons, entry and exit for parents' evenings is via the main door on Northolme Road.

### **Parent Surveys**

We have asked the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to undertake a survey of parents on our behalf. This survey asks you about how you feel the school is meeting your child's needs. The survey is anonymous and reports from the survey will not identify any individuals. NFER will collate the data from all parents/carers to feed into a detailed report, which in turn will be sent to you. This report will help us to plan the next stage of the school's development.

Your views are very important to the school and I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

Surveys will be available for completion either during parents' evening or to be taken away and returned to us by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### **St. Joan of Arc Catholic Nursery School – Change to Nursery Intake**

In response to the Government's free 30 hours of childcare scheme, the school's nursery is now admitting children from the term after their third birthday. This will mean an intake of children in September, January and April. If your child was born between **01.09.14 - 31.12.14**, and you are interested in applying for either a full or

part time place to start in January, please contact the school’s admissions officer on: 020 7226-3920. Alternatively, information is outlined in the Nursery Admissions Policy which is on the school’s website: [www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk)

**Christmas Appeal**

Each year we aim to make the children aware of those people in the world less fortunate than themselves. This year our Christmas Charity Appeal is for our local community. The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) at St. Joan of Arc Church does an enormous amount of work to support families and individuals within the local community.

This year, St. Joan of Arc’s Mini Vinnies would like the children to donate a **gift item** from the list below; these will be given out as Christmas presents by the SVP. The donated items must be new and if they are food items, in-date. The children will need to bring their gift to school by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. All gifts will be put on display outside the main school office and then made into gift boxes for distribution by The Mini Vinnies.

Many thanks for your anticipated support with this charity appeal.

Nursery	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Christmas decorations/ crackers	Sweets and chocolates (No Advent Calendars)	Children’s gifts: (hats, gloves, small toys)	Toiletries – Female adult: (bubble bath, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, perfume, shower gel)
Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Adult size hat, gloves or scarf (New)	Toiletries – Male adult: (Soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, shaving gel, shower gel)	Christmas food with long shelf life: (Christmas pudding, tinned meats, Christmas cake, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, selection packs of chocolates)	Christmas food with long shelf life: (Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, tinned meats, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, selection packs of chocolates)



The SJA Digital Leaders will be involved in lots of exciting projects, campaigns and assemblies to raise the profile and importance of online safety this year. Miss O’Doherty will be running lunchtime Digital Leader sessions where the children will be trained up to be online safety ambassadors for St. Joan of Arc School. As well as online safety, the children will explore other areas of the curriculum such as Computer Science.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Digital Leaders went on their first Computing trip to Base KX where they took part in a series of exciting workshops. A huge range of technological themes were explored: Robotics, Mobile app development, Web development, Basic programming concepts, Unplugged activities, Playful coding activities, Art and creativity, Visual/Block programming, Game design, Internet of things and wearable computing, Motivation and awareness raising and Promoting diversity.

The children really enjoyed programming Roamers to dance; using Lego to make a digitally controlled fan as well as taking part in a human algorithm exercise!



A summary of dates are listed below for your convenience.

**Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Years 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 visit to the British Museum
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9am National Diabetes Day – Coffee Morning Small Hall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	3.45-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9am - Assembly – Anti-Bullying Awards
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9am Year 5 Class Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccination – Reception and Years 1-4
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Week 1
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Class A visit to the Science Museum
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery visit to the Science Museum
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Class B visit to the Science Museum
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Theatre Panto performance for infants
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9am Mini Vinnies
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3/4 Athletics Competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9am and 2pm - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9am and 2pm - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Play
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Lunch Afternoon visit from Father Christmas 6pm Junior (Years 4/5/6) Christmas Concert St Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Trip to Shaw Theatre
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-Uniform Day – Children's Disco
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am Mass – led by Class M 2pm School Closes

**Junior Carol Concert - Years 4/5/6 –Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We understand that since we booked the above date, Arsenal have revised their fixture list and are now playing at home on the same night. This is not a premier league game and so we have decided to continue with this date for the Carol Service. We will start the service promptly at 6pm and aim to finish by 6.45pm. We are planning to use the side entrance of the church and nursery gates for the children to avoid contact with cars.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely



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