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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

Following the success of the boys' year 5/6 football teams last month, it was the turn of the girls' teams last week. Including a number of girls who had never played in a football competition before, the squad of nine represented the school brilliantly participating in the Islington primary schools' competition. Having played four games without defeat on Wednesday, they were invited back for the finals day on Friday where they played with distinction, eventually finishing as the fifth placed team in Islington. Mr Shreeves organised and coached the girls and described them as a 'credit to the school.' Thanks go to him, Miss Burns and Miss Cumpstey for giving up their time to provide this wonderful opportunity for the girls.

Congratulations go to the team for participating so well: Kiara (L), Cecilia, Flora, Rosalind (M), Beatrice, Scarlett-May, Meghan, Martha and Grace –Anne (N)

This year Islington have extended the football tournament provision to include Year Two. Just before we broke up for the half term break, Mr Gordge and Miss Burns took a girls' team and a boys' team to compete at the Market Road pitches. Representing the school fantastically, both teams returned undefeated; the girls winning one match and drawing the other while the boys won all of their games, scoring a staggering forty goals and conceding only one. A huge thank you to Miss Burns and Mr Gordge for taking the children out to participate.

Congratulations go to: Noah, Oscar H, Otilie, Alisia, Harley, Elizabeth and Jacob (class E), and Julian, Clara, Jack S, Ted, Emily M, Eva and Joshua (class F).

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. The children will be organised by Miss Connolly who is kindly giving up her time to run the group. They were presented with their badges at an assembly celebrating their appointment.

Class G - Chrisma and James

Class H – Queenie and Samuel

Class I - Tom and Rebecca

Class J – Daphne and Lewis

Class K – Ciara and Albie

Class L – Yonaton and Natalia

Class M – Malwina and Milo

Class N – Alexandra and Seamus

Mini Vinnies

During Monday's assembly we also awarded our 'Mini Vinnies' with their new badges. Mini Vinnies are young ambassadors for the St Vincent de Paul Society, who do so much good work to help those in society who are less fortunate. Led by Mr Fuiava, the young Vincentians will be organising and supporting the school's charity work across the year. Their first major project will be organising gift donations to help the homeless in the run up to

Christmas; details will be sent home in the coming weeks. This year's Mini Vinnies are:

3G	Leila
3H	Victoria
4I	Maeve
4J	Ava
5K	Riccardo
5L	Yalenna
6M	Maicey-Jayne
6N	Angelica

Anti-Bullying Week

This takes place the week beginning the 12th November, and will be led by Miss Connolly and the new school council. Year 6 will also be participating in 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshops led by former professional footballers on Thursday 22nd November.

Parents' Evening

Individual consultations with class teachers will take place on **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November from 3.45-6.30pm**. You should have received an e-mail from the school office with details of the booking system. Bookings can be made up until Monday 12th November. If you do not have access to the internet, appointments can be made by calling the school office. 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 only.

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 **01.09.15 - 31.12.15**, 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

School Building Works Update

A huge thank you to all of you who came to view the plans for the proposed building works last half term. The general consensus from parents was overwhelmingly positive and your support is very much appreciated. As with any building works, the process of creating plans that consider everyone affected is painstaking and time consuming. Following the initial consultation, and taking into account the concerns raised, the architects have carefully amended the proposed plans to address the concerns raised. These amendments are attached for your information in the architect's letter and can be viewed on www.islington.gov.uk/planning/applications/comment If you would like to make representations (support, object or other comments), please do so before the **15th November**. I will keep you informed of any updates as soon as we receive them.

Parents' Association –AGM

An important date for your diaries is the PA Annual General Meeting on **Friday 16th November at 08.50am** in the large hall. As well as reviewing the PA activities over the year, this is the meeting at which the PA committee will be elected and key volunteer roles confirmed so please come along and show your support. Formal notice of the AGM and more information will be sent out shortly. All parents / carers are welcome. There will be a crèche for pre-schoolers available during this time.

We are fortunate to have a very active parental body that are very generous with their time and skills, resulting in large sums of money being raised for the school.

Last year, all school trips (including the theatre trip for KS2 and a visiting theatre company for KS1) were paid (either in full or in part), by the PA. The final payment was made on the outdoor classroom, tube train and

nursery playground update which was installed in the summer holidays 2017.

Our current PA members have been supporting the school for many years and would really appreciate new parents coming forward to support in any capacity. Some of these parents now have children in secondary schools and really have done their turn! If you can help to keep this wonderful association going in any capacity, please either attend the AGM meeting or leave your details in the school office and we will pass them on to the relevant person.

School Cookbook

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed recipes for our first St Joan of Arc School Cookbook. The editors are now busy putting it together and it will be on sale in the playground from early December – a great Christmas gift idea!

A Special Thank you

This week many of the lunchtime clubs for key stage 2 children have started. On Wednesday, the year 4, year 5 and 6 book clubs visited our local book shop, INK@84 on Highbury Park. The proprietor of the shop kindly gave up their time to talk to the children about some books that would be ideal for their group. The children chose a book to focus on in the coming weeks based on some very insightful recommendations. We will be visiting the book shop regularly with the book clubs and can highly recommend the inviting atmosphere of INK@84.



The internet is an incredible resource which allows children to connect, communicate and be creative. However, the internet is always changing so we need to be vigilant to ensure children are using technology safely and respectfully.

Children need to be explicitly aware that the Internet, although a fantastic tool, can be a dangerous place. Therefore, maintaining an open dialogue with your child is vital. Childnet International have suggested some possible conversation starters.

1 Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use.

4 Encourage them to help someone! Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.

5 Think about how you each use the internet. What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

To experience all the positive aspects that technology has to offer, children need to be accessing safe websites and resources. London Grid for Learning (www.lgfl.net) is a great learning resource for children of all ages. Each child has been given a LGFL pupil USO account for use in class and at home so log on and give it a try.



A summary of dates are listed below for your convenience.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 13 th & Thursday 15 th November	3.45-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Friday 16 th November	9am PA Annual General Meeting 9am Year 6 Class Assembly
Friday 16 th November	9am - Assembly – Anti-Bullying Awards
Tuesday 20 th November	Dogs Trust Workshops
Thursday 22 nd November	9am- Year 3 Class Assembly Year 6- Show Racism the Red Card Workshops
Tuesday 11 th December	9 am - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Nativity
Thursday 13 th December	9 am - Year 2 and 3 Christmas Play Performance
Friday 14 th December	9.30am Infant Panto- in school 3.45pm Cake and Recycled Uniform Stall
Tuesday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 18 th December	6pm Junior Christmas Concert St Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Wednesday 19 th December	KS2 Panto- Shaw Theatre- Jack and the Beanstalk
Thursday 20 th December	Non-Uniform Day- Children's Disco
Friday 21 st December	9.15am Mass – led by Class L 2pm School Closes

Your sincerely

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