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Dear Parents / Carers.

A big thank you to all parents!

The school has been very fortunate to receive a cheque for an enormous **£27,360** - presented to us on behalf of all parents through the Parents' Association. I cannot tell you how grateful we are to all of you who have attended or organised fundraising events over the past year, such as the cake stalls, BBQ and summer fete. We feel very privileged to have such supportive families in our community and cannot thank you enough.

The £27,360 went towards the following projects which were held in the last academic year:

- 2 fully funded class trips (x 15 classes)
- Class workshops to support special areas of the curriculum
- Theatre trip and Christmas entertainment for KS 1 & 2
- 4 days travel for year 6 activity week
- Year 6 sweatshirts and leavers' gifts
- Leavers' disco and Christmas disco for the whole school
- *Nursery playground update – new seating areas and play pod
- *Installation of a new outdoor classroom
- *Installation of a new tube train

- ***This is the second part of a two year fundraising initiative***

Mindfulness Week

Thank you to all the pupils, staff and parents for participating in our Mindfulness Week, the overwhelmingly positive feedback from everyone has proven it was a complete success. Special thanks to our House Captains for independently planning and delivering such an insightful parent workshop and our in-house Yoga instructor, Ms Giusi Coppola who kindly gave up her time to provide such a fantastic session.

A reminder regarding applications for admission into Reception –September 2019

The closing date for St Joan of Arc School applications into Year R for September 2019 is: 15.01.19.

Parents of children attending the school nursery need to make a separate application for a place in Reception for September 2019. You must also complete an application form from the borough in which you reside.

Christmas Appeals

Thank you for the generous donations to our Christmas SVP appeal and to The Margins Project. At a time of year where budgets are already stretched, we were all amazed by the generous donations received for both projects.

Below is a personal thank you from the organisations:

The Margins Project Homeless Shelter would like to say a huge thanks to all the children and their families for the very generous donations of clothes and toiletries. It makes such a difference to people who are without homes this winter to know that others are thinking about them. The shelter now has enough toiletries and spare

clothing to last the homeless people who rely on them several months. Well done St Joan of Arc children!

The children received a lovely letter from the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** for their generous Christmas gifts. The following is an extract:

'I am writing to thank you for organising and facilitating the Christmas collection for the SVP. These gifts have brought surprise, joy, gratitude and in many cases relief to local needy families.

The pupils and parents of St Joan of Arc have been very generous indeed.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year,'

From: All at St Joan of Arc SVP.

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 18th December – 6.00pm

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be hosting a traditional Carol Concert in St Joan of Arc Church.

The children need to arrive at school at **5.30pm and wait on the playground** for their class teacher. This performance is taking place in the church and children will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the performance at approximately 6.45pm.

We desperately require help at the end of this concert to clear the church and take all of the equipment back to school so that the church is ready for Mass for the next morning. Any small amount of time given to support us with this will be very much appreciated.

If you are filming any of the above performances using your devices, please be mindful of blocking other parents' vision. Please also remember that no recordings or pictures from the concert should be uploaded to social media platforms.

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

The school kitchen will be cooking a special Christmas meal for the children to enjoy. Children who have sandwiches may bring a 'special' packed lunch on that day to enable them to be part of the festive spirit. Please remember that all packed lunches should be nut free.

Wednesday 19th December

Junior visit to the Shaw Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast

Junior children will be leaving school at 9.00am and travelling to the Shaw Theatre by tube, so a prompt arrival at school on this day is much appreciated. They are required to bring a packed lunch in a named plastic bag so this can be disposed of at the end of lunch. Normal uniform and collection arrangements apply. The PA has generously funded the cost of the theatre tickets.

Thursday 20th December

St Joan of Arc's School Disco

The School Council have organised a disco to enable all the children to show off their dance moves. Children may come to school in non-uniform on this day. Sensible shoes and coats are a requirement.

Friday 21st December

School Mass

Our end of term Mass will be led by Class 5L and will take place in SJA church at 9.00am. One of our Year Six children will be presented with the Citizenship Cup at this mass. Who will the lucky recipient be?

School closes at 2pm.

Spring Term

The school will reopen for children on MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019 at 8.50am.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the above events this week, and wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Campbell

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