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Newsletter Number 8

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing Easter holiday and are looking forward to our final term of the school year.

Easter Egg and CAFOD Donations

The children were absolutely thrilled to receive an Easter egg at the end of term. Thank you to all parents/carers who donated eggs and organised the raffle. Thank you also to everyone for your generous contributions to our **CAFOD “Give it up”, Lenten appeal**.

CAFOD have collected the money for counting and so I will inform you in the next newsletter the total raised.

Attendance

237 children achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term and will be presented with their certificates in class next week. Congratulations to Class H which had the highest attendance of all the Junior classes, and Class F which had the highest infant attendance.

Just a reminder of the protocol regarding pupil absences: please call the pupil absence line before 9.30am, press option one and leave a message. If the school is not informed of your child's absence, a member of the office staff will call you to see where your child is.

Regarding holidays during the school term, these are granted in **very exceptional circumstances** and only with prior permission from the Headteacher. Your child's current attendance levels will be taken into consideration as part of this process. Please refer to our Attendance Policy which is on the school's website.

Year 6 Citizenship Award

Congratulations are extended to Amelia in Class M, who was awarded the School Citizenship Cup at our school Mass during the last week of term. This is a very prestigious award and Amelia is a well-deserving recipient.

Congratulations School Councillors

I am delighted to announce that the following children have been elected as new councillors:

- Class E – Nylah and Jack
- Class F – Messie and Peter
- Class G – Jess and Filippo
- Class H – Sam and Lucy
- Class I – Erin and Riccardo
- Class J – Samuel and Kiara
- Class K – Matteo and Grace
- Class L – Amaechi and Evie

Class M – Lara and Patrick
Class N – Kamil and Nicole

They will be presented with their School Council Badges on Monday in assembly at 9.00am. Parents of these children are very welcome to attend.



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018

Before half term, we had a fantastic week celebrating Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you.'

The Digital Leaders helped to lead a whole school assembly on Tuesday morning where we discussed how to be a good digital citizen whenever we are using the internet.

We then led some online safety activities in the outdoor classroom at break time and lunchtime. Lots of children across both key stages dropped in to take part in these activities so that the Digital Leaders could share their online safety expertise.

Lastly, we held a poster competition where KS1 had to design a puzzle piece poster linked to the theme and KS2 had to design a 'Wanted' poster looking for a person who has all the necessary qualities of an excellent digital citizen. We had lots of fantastic entries into the competition and it was difficult to pick just one winner from each class. We celebrated the winning entries in an assembly on the last day of school where the winners won an emoji keyring! Well done to the following children: Eloise (A), Alexandra (B), Niamh (C), Elizabeth (D), Jasio (E), Amaia (F), Ella (G), Rebecca (H), Charlotte (I), Kiara (J), Martha (K), Eva (L), Patrick (M), Grace (N).



Breakfast Club opening in September

In response to parental demand, we will be opening a breakfast club in September 2018. This is open to all children attending St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School from Nursery to Year 6. Nursery children must be toilet trained and able to dress and feed themselves.

The club will be open from 07.45am to 8.50am (when the bell goes for the start of school and nursery). The children will then be taken to their classrooms by Breakfast Club staff. The club will be run by non-teaching staff who are presently employed in the school.

Breakfast will be served from 8am until 8.30am. It will consist of a healthy breakfast including: fruit, toast and cereal options; one hot option per day -for example scrambled egg, porridge, or beans on toast- and will be accompanied by both milk and water. Catering will be undertaken by the school's catering provider.

Unfortunately the school does not qualify for any subsidies or grants, for example, Magic Breakfast and so the cost of providing this service **MUST** be covered by parental contributions accessing this service. The cost will be £4 per day for the first child and £3 for additional siblings.

There will be no credits, refunds or alternative sessions for sessions booked but not used, even in the case of your child being absent due to sickness. However, if the school cancels the club, a refund or the chance to carry payment forward into the next week will be offered.

Reserving a place and payment will need to be made half a term in advance and any arrears will result in a place being withdrawn. Please note, Breakfast Club is not a 'drop in' any day session without prior booking.

As well as providing breakfast, the children will be able to access a number of activities for example reading, board games, card games, puzzles and colouring.

To book a place you will need to obtain an application form via the school's website. These will be available **from Wednesday 6th June**.

Breakfast Club will accommodate a maximum of 30 children on a first come first served basis. We will hold a waiting list if the club has reached its capacity.

The office will send a reminder text when application forms have been posted on the school's website (Wednesday 6th June).

School Dinners

You will recall from my last newsletter that Caterlink were awarded a new contract by Islington Council to continue providing dinners at our school. This was one area of the school that parents had expressed some concern with in our recent survey. Caterlink have published a new menu which was circulated last week and the kitchen staff are now adhering too. I am in consultation with the head of Caterlink and Islington Council's school dietician to see how we can further improve our school dinners at SJA. I will keep you updated of any changes and improvements in the following newsletters.

P.E Kits / Summer Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, pupils will be participating in lots of outside sports activities. All children need to wear correct P.E kit and footwear at all times. P.E t-shirts can be purchased from the website: www.YourSchoolUniform.com

General reminders:

- Summer sandals are an acceptable part of school uniform as long as the toe is closed in.
- Jewellery should not be worn to school. If your child has pierced ears, please use small, smooth studs.
- No nail varnish or make-up is to be worn in school.
- Hairstyles should be conventional, tidy and in keeping with the formality of the school uniform. Extreme or unusual styles including shaved areas or highlights are not allowed.

Full details of our school uniform policy are available on the school website.

BBQ and Auction

The PA has been busy organising this annual event which will take place on **Friday 11th May. Doors open at 6.30pm**, the BBQ and silent auction start immediately.

This year, the children will have the opportunity to take part in street dance and football workshops starting at 6.45pm, which will keep them busy whilst allowing you some 'free' time!

The main auction will start at 7.30pm and the Raffle being called at 8.15pm. Winners of the silent auction and raffle will be announced from 8.30pm.

The list of all the auction lots has been sent home with the children today.

The PA would be particularly grateful for donations of vegetarian food and offers of help to run raffles/ support with the auction. This does not need to be for the whole night – if you can help for an hour during the night that would be much appreciated.

Volunteers can see what roles are available using the sign-up website below, which has been circulated by your class reps. You can sign up directly there, or contact your rep or one of the PA organisers.

<http://signup.com/go.gqZWLRX>.

Summer Term Diary

The updated version is attached and is also available on the website.

Please note that our Sports Day is on Thursday 28th June and our fete is on Saturday 30th June. The year 6 Leaver's disco will now begin at 6.30-8.30pm on 19th July and not at 6pm as previously advertised.

I look forward to working with you this term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Miss C Campbell
Headteacher