

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers.

As we approach the end of the spring term, please see below for a summary of school news and information about future events.

### **'Sports News'**

#### **Netball News**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, the netball team battled the snow and participated in an Islington led competition at Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School. We had two teams competing on the day of which they played four games each. After a tough battle, team one got through to the grand finale; it was an incredibly close game and with 3 seconds remaining they conceded a goal. However, they were all very happy with their second place position! They played extremely well especially considering the challenging weather conditions and both their sportsmanship and behaviour was impeccable! Special thanks to Miss Kelly and Mrs Mullen for training and accompanying the team. Well done to the team players- Xavier, Otis, Alexander, Aleazer, Christian, Francesco, Meghan, Amelia, Olivia Rae, Skye, Ify, Ava, Grace, Olivia NB and Chiara.

#### **Cross-country News**

Sixty children from Years 4-6 participated in the Islington Schools competition in the last week of term. Well done to everyone who took part – we were really impressed with your perseverance and stamina! In total there were 12 individual medalists and St Joan of Arc came 3rd in the overall competition.

A special mention should go to Kiara (4J) who now holds the Islington record for Year 4 girls!

Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the runners and to all the parents/carers who came along to watch. It was great to have so much support.

#### **A message from Mr. Shreeves**

During training for the London Marathon, I damaged my iliotibial band in my thigh. This is a common injury for runners but causes the knee to be very painful when running. After meeting with a physiotherapist, I was advised to rest and abstain from running for 6 weeks which has meant that I have not been able to train. It was a difficult decision but unfortunately I have had to defer my entry in this year's London Marathon due to this injury. Instead, I have entered the Ride London, a 100 mile bike race in July to raise money for Children with Cancer UK (This is the same charity that the children so generously supported with their world book day costumes and donations). This will give me time to recover and to train properly.

Thank you for your Children with Cancer UK donations received on World Book Day which totalled £173.18, which has now been sent to the charity.

#### **Book Week and World Book Day**

We had another successful World Book Week here at St Joan of Arc last week. The children participated in a variety of reading activities; including going to a different member of staff for story time, participating in a story

telling session delivered by the Little Supernovas, as well as dressing up. The whole school also had great fun producing their own stories. Classes A, C, E, G, J, K and M became the authors of Mr Wimp, a tale of a nervous wreck, who with the help of a few friends overcame his fears. Whilst classes B, D, F, H, I, L, and N created the story of Little Miss Question, an inquisitive young lady who had so many questions that it led to her missing out on all the fun. It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up as one of the Mr Men and Little Miss characters and congratulations to the pupils below who were selected by their class mates as having the best costumes.

Nursery: Tom, Reception: Joseph and Timothy, Year 1: Lula and Oscar, Year 2: Lorenzo and Gabriel, Year 3: Filippo and Daphne, Year 4: Florence and Mimi, Year 5: Alex and Cecilia and Year 6: Olivia N B and Matthew.

Thank you to all parent/carers for your help with the costumes; so much effort and creativity was put into them. In a climate whereby you are all so busy, this was very much appreciated.

### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you for your continued support in this area. 94% parents attended meetings with their child's class teacher which really shows your continued commitment to your children's education.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to the parents who participated in the school survey in November.

I have attached the results and a plan of how the school is going to address the areas of concerns raised.

### **Easter Preparation - Events to come**

During the week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, we will be preparing for Holy Week. For junior children (years 4-6), part of this preparation will be to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Years 3-6 will also be participating in the Stations of the Cross on a daily basis at St Joan of Arc Church.

Infant children will visit the church to look at the Stations of the Cross and to participate in an appropriate prayer and reflection service.

The children in Year 5 will be performing the Easter Passion Play on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.** Parents of children in Year 5 are warmly invited to attend. It would be lovely to invite all of you, but I am sure you appreciate that we have limited space available.

### **Easter Raffle**

The Parents' Association will be organising the traditional Easter Raffle which all the children really love. This year there will be three prizes per class which will be organised by the Parents' Association.

Children to bring in £1 for raffle which will be drawn on Thursday 29th March.

Donations of **smaller Easter eggs (the ones on sale for £1 in major supermarkets, 75-80gr weight)** would be much appreciated and can be left at the school office by **Friday 23rd March**. This is to ensure that each child receives a prize.

*\*\* If your child has an allergy, please could you donate an allergy egg with their name and class on it to ensure they get the right egg.*

Children are allowed to purchase a maximum £1 worth of tickets. Mrs O'Neale will be selling the tickets during the school day (week beginning Monday 26th March) and the raffle will take place on Thursday 29th March.

### **Please support our very proactive Parents' Association**

We are coming into busy PA season. Two of our main events for the pupils, parents and fundraising are coming up and we are looking for a number of volunteers to take on important PA positions next year. Now is the time to make your interest, talents and ideas known.

For the **Auction on 11<sup>th</sup> May** we need volunteers to donate auction lots (any talents, services or perks you could offer), sell food/drinks, and there are many other ways to help out on the night itself.

Please get in touch with Jenny - parent of Rowan (H) at [drjennyparker@gmail.com](mailto:drjennyparker@gmail.com)

For the **Fete on 7<sup>th</sup> July**, there are numerous tasks; from planning and prepping, to running all the many fun stalls and activities on the day. It's a brilliant day for our school community thanks to the many parents who get involved.

To make this all happen again next year we need enthusiastic, resourceful and active Chair(s), Vice- Chair(s), for 2018/19.

From our experience, it's a very rewarding role and is a lot of fun, especially if there are two of you to tackle it together! It's a great way to get to know other parents, the school and broader community, and of course to play an instrumental role in raising valuable funds that benefit all the children in the school.

Elena - parent of Filippo (G), Kim – parent of Jasper (H) and Penny (Nursery), Giusi parent of Grace (G) and Alicia (D) and Jana parent of Ella (G) would be more than happy to have a chat and tell you all about it!

Thank you for your support and help in keeping SJA an amazing school for our children with a hugely supportive parent group behind it!

### **CAFOD Collection**

Please return your CAFOD collection envelope to your child's class teacher next week. Thank you for your support with our charity focus this Lent.

### **End of Term Mass**

This will take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.15am, led by class 4I. All parents are welcome.

### **FIS Holiday Play schemes**

There is a link to the Easter 2018 play schemes available online at: [www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare](http://www.islington.gov.uk/holidaychildcare)

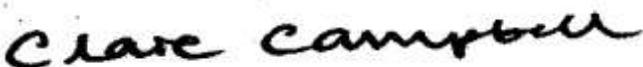
### **2pm Closure**

A reminder that school will close at **2pm** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** for the Easter holidays. Extended Schools' provision closes on Thursday for the holidays.

### **School reopens on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 08.50am**

Thank you for your support this term. We wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Miss C Campbell  
Headteacher

Diary dates for the rest of this term are listed below. A Parent Diary for the Summer term is attached.

### **March**

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Class H visit to King Henry's Walk Garden 3.25pm Cake and Recycled Uniform Stall
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Raffle tickets on sale
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Class G visit to King Henry's Walk Garden
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Easter Passion Play – Year 5 parents invited Easter Egg Raffle 2pm School Closes

### **April**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens at 08.50
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am School Mass led by Class 6M