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Newsletter Number 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we prepare for our final half term of the year, below is a summary of school news to keep you up to date.

PA BBQ/Auction

The family BBQ / Auction was a huge success, with record numbers of families in attendance. PA members and Mr Campana worked tirelessly behind the scenes prior to and during the evening - a commitment which requires an enormous thank you! The children, staff and governors really appreciate all the effort that goes into raising money for the school. The amount raised from this event was an amazing £10,256.00 – congratulations to everyone involved.

Lenten Appeal

Many thanks for your very generous donations made during our Lenten appeal. £591.84 was donated to CAFOD. The school has received a letter of thanks from CAFOD thanking the school for its generosity.

Handball

Last Thursday, the year 4/5 handball team ventured to City Sport to compete at the Islington Handball Championships. They won all of their group games convincingly to go through to a hard fought semi-final against Robert Blair. It was neck and neck until half time when SJA pulled away, with a hat trick from top points scorer Xavier, to eventually win 5-3. Last up was the final against Canonbury, who had been unbeaten all day. SJA's defence (lead fantastically by Meghan) was too much for their attackers and SJA claimed another trophy in a 5-2 win. Well done to Xavier, Tuvia, Edward (GK), Matteo, Charlie, Shevin, Meghan, Chiara, Beatrice and Martha! A big thank you to Ms Newman for training the Champions.

SJA Day

This year we will commemorate St Joan of Arc's Feast Day on Friday 25th May and as part of this we will be celebrating inspiring women in history. On Monday 22nd May, we had a special assembly to introduce the inspirational women whom the children will be focusing on for the week. This theme has been chosen as 2018 marks the centenary since women were given the right to vote.

Friday will be a non-uniform day – children are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours. Domremy-green, Fleur de Lys-yellow, Benedict-blue and Rouen-red.

Mass will be at 9.15am and will be led by class 3 G, parents are warmly invited to attend.

Year 3 Holy Communion

Many of our Year 3 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. I would like to congratulate the children who have been preparing all year for this very special Sacrament. Enjoy the celebrations with your families.

World Cup Week

In the build up to the World Cup starting on the 14th June, St Joan of Arc will be getting into the spirit with a week of football madness! It will all kick off with our opening ceremony on Monday 4th June where the classes will draw two countries out of a hat to research and to support. Throughout the week, each class will have a football session. This fun week will conclude with a non-uniform day on Friday 8th June, whereby children will be asked to wear the colours of the country they are supporting (either at home or their class teams). Country football tops are allowed but please no Premier League football shirts. We will also have a special guest Headteacher for the day (an auction prize) - Sebastian in Class 2F. I shall be looking forward to a relaxing time on hopefully a sun-filled day!

Proposed building works

The school Governors' Finance and Premises Committee have been working alongside our Diocesan appointed architects on plans to extend the small hall to incorporate children's toilets, small group tutorial rooms and a separate entrance for extended schools' services (Breakfast and After School Clubs). This part of the school has not been modernised since construction in 1963 and so is in desperate need of some attention to bring it up to the standards required in schools today. We are delighted to announce that we have secured some funding from the DfE for phase one of this project. This money is ring-fenced, which means that it can only be spent on the building project stated in the application. As a voluntary aided school, we are responsible for making a 10% contribution towards the project. This money will come from the building fund which you are asked to contribute towards each Autumn term.

We are now at the stage of seeking planning approval from Islington Council. Local residents have received notification of our planning application and public notices have been placed on lamp-posts surrounding the school.

I will keep you updated of the outcome of our planning application in the next newsletter.

Year 6 –End of Year Play

A date for parents of Year 6: the children's end of year play 'Time Lord' will be presented on Thursday 5th July at 9.00am. This will be their swansong at SJA and it will be wonderful to see the children showcase their many talents. I am sure that we are in for a very entertaining show.

Moving on

If your child is leaving SJA at the end of the school year - (and is **not** in Year 6), please could you inform the school office in writing as soon as possible. We also need to know the school they are transferring to so that we can complete the relevant local authority transfer records.

Next PA meeting

The PA is issuing an invitation to parents/carers to attend their next meeting on Friday 8th June at 9am in the staff room. Childcare will be provided for those who attend with little ones. To ensure the best for our school fete, your feedback and ideas will be welcomed at this meeting.

Dates

The last day of school is **Friday 25th May** when we will close at 3:25pm. After school club services will be running normally until 6pm.

Half term is **Monday 28th May** to **Friday 1st June**.

The school reopens on **Monday 4th June** at 08:50.

Applications for Breakfast Club (starting in September) can be made via the school's website from **Wednesday 6th June**.

PA Meeting 9.00 in the staffroom - **Friday 8th June**.

World Cup Non – uniform Day - **Friday 8th June**.

Yours sincerely



Miss. C. Campbell
Headteacher