



Newsletter No.13

Fri 6th May

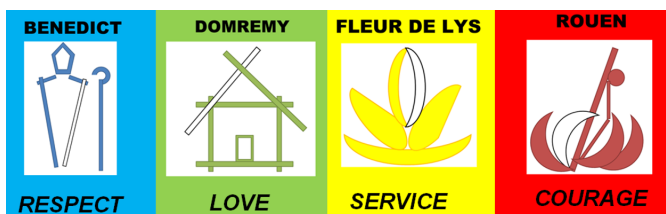
Dear parents and carers.

I hope you all had a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend and managed to spend some quality time with your family and friends. It is lovely to hear the children talking about their weekend adventures and how much they are enjoying doing the very simplest of activities.

As we enter the month of May, we will be thinking about Jesus' mother Mary and dedicating some of our assembly and class prayers to her. We have also been saying a decade of the Rosary, asking Mary in particular to look after all the people in the world who are sick, suffering or in need.

This newsletter is very short as we will be sending out a special Jubilee newsletter in the coming weeks which will give you a flavour of what we will be doing during our week of celebrations.

Clare Campbell

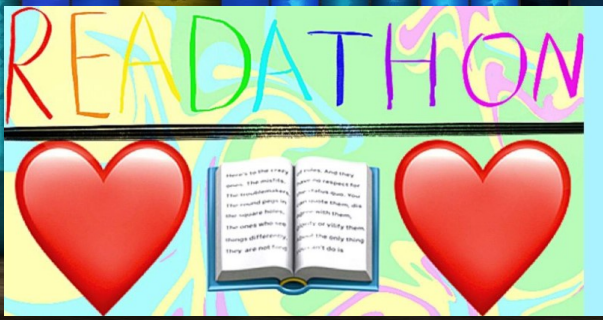


Uniform:

Thank you for such a positive response to our request regarding following the uniform policy. There has been a huge improvement with this (particularly the wearing of trainers on non-PE days).

The PA's uniform shop had lots of customers last week. Thank you to the parents who give up their time to run this. The next date that uniform is on sale is 8th June and 9th June.





2022 Readathon:

A huge thank you is extended to our local restaurant -Beam

BEAM

Readathon:

Thank you so much for encouraging your child to participate in the school's Readathon and asking family members and friends to sponsor them. It was lovely to read messages of encouragement for pupils from extended family members. We are in the process of counting the cash contributions and will be announcing the final amount of money raised as well as the class winners, the week beginning the 16th May. All of the book prizes have been paid for by our local sponsor Beam – so thank you to them as well.

The money raised will go towards updating all of the class libraries with new furniture and books. These are currently being ordered and will hopefully be in situation before the beginning of the new academic year.

Uniform:

We continue to push the importance of everyone following the school uniform rules—discipline, unity and responsibility. The vast majority of the children are wearing the correct uniform both on non-PE days as well as PE days so, thank you very much for your support with this.

There are a few (mainly older children) who are wearing trainers with their uniform on non-PE days. Just in case they are communicating to you that this is allowed, I am confirming that it's not. We are very happy for children to wear their PE kits and choice of footwear on their PE days but on non-PE days, school shoes must be worn. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

If there are legitimate reasons why your child needs to wear trainers, please inform the school via the reading record or email.



SJA Online Auction

6-12th May

Auction:

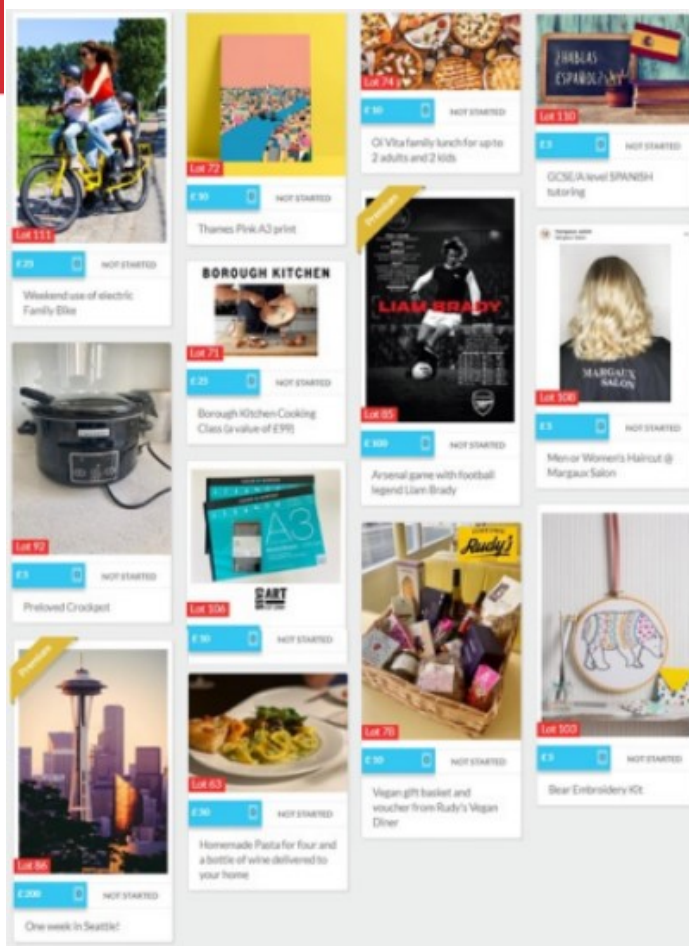
SJA online auction opens tomorrow. Our goal is to raise £12,000 and we need your help. We have 140+ lots secured so far, many from generous local businesses in our community. We are now looking for donations from our parents and carers these are what make the auction most special.

www.jumblebee.co.uk/SJAuction2022

Many thanks to the PA and all who have donated.

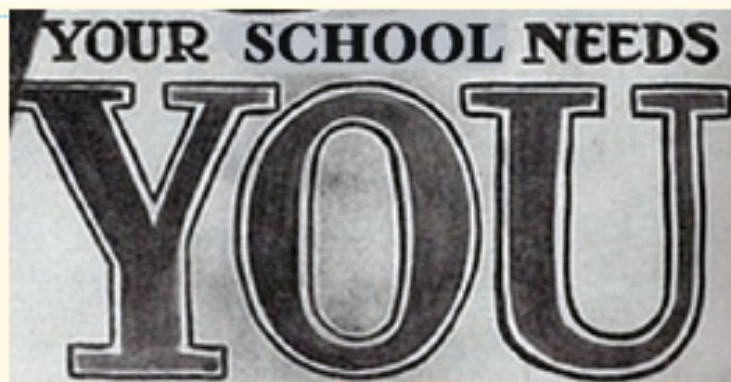
AUCTION LOT DONATIONS NEEDED

- **Unwanted New Items**
- **Personal Passions** – bake a cake or coach tennis lessons
- **Pre-Loved Items** – such as houseware items or designer goods
- **Products from your Workplace** – a free consultation or gift vouchers
- **Experiences** – have a student shadow your interesting job or hobby
- **Premium Items** – like a holiday home rental



Local business lots so far include:

ARSENAL CLUB | ATOM GALLERY | BOOK BAR | BOROUGH KITCHEN | CASS ART | CIRCUS DREAMS | CLAY TIME | DUCK & DRY | ESTORICK COLLECTION | FARANG | FRANKS | Highbury Vinters | HOURGLASS COFFEE | INK@84 | JUMI | LA FROMAGERIE | LIM STUDIO | LITTLE SOCCER STARS | MARGAUX SALON | PAUL | PERFORM | PUSH CYCLE | OI VITA | OOBERS KIDS | OTTOLENGHI | RAY STITCH | RIGHT WAY SPORTS | RUDY'S VEGAN DINER | SALUT | SHINE ON THE GREEN | SHOP CURVEE | SYLVANIA FAMILIES | TAYLOR'D HAIR, BEAUTY & LASHES | TETTO'S | TINA'S ICE | VINS | VIRGIN ACTIVE | WATERSTONES



Cake and Book Sale

Friday 20th May

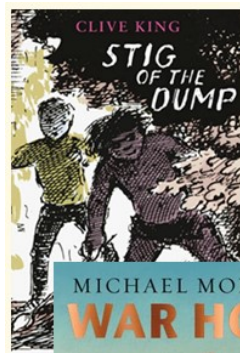
The PA are organising a book and cake sale for the children of SJA on **Friday 20th May**.

The PA are looking for parent volunteers to support them with:

- organising donations on the afternoon of Thursday 19th May
- selling cakes and books on the morning of Friday 20th May

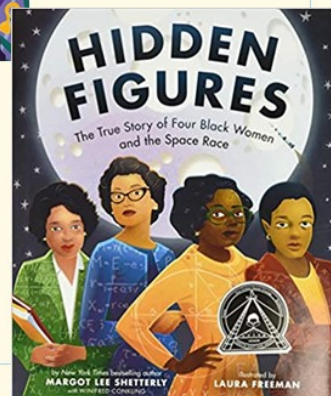
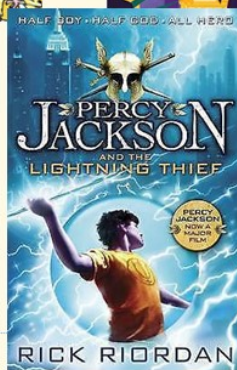
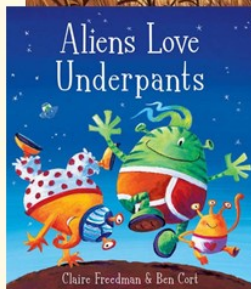
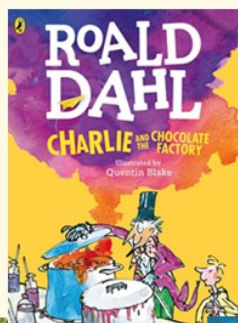
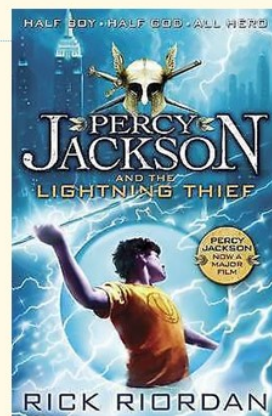
If you are able to support the PA please e-mail sjoacommittee@gmail.com

Unfortunately, without enough parental support, the PA will be unable to run these events.



Book Sale

Friday 20th May



The PA are organising a book sale for the children on **Friday 20th May**. This is a great opportunity to recycle books and to encourage children to renew their book collection.

The book sale will take place during school hours. Children are asked to bring in individual cake donations and £1.

To ensure this event is a success, we need lots of book donations. We are looking for books from reception through to older readers to Years 6+. **No baby board books please.**

Donations can be left on the table in the playground at school drop off from Monday 16th May.

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Cake Sale

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As a nut free school, please make sure your donations do **not contain any nuts.**



Please leave all shop bought donations on the table in the playground at school drop off.



Dates for your diary:

W/B Mon 9th May – SATs week for Year 6

W/B Mon 16th May—SATs week for Year 2

Friday 13th May—Parent Forum meeting for parents who are class reps and governors -8.45am in the staffroom

Friday 13th May—Dress to Express—odd socks day

Wednesday 18th May – Parents meeting for new nursery children starting in September

Friday 20th May – Cake and Book stall

W/B 23-27th May – Queen’s Jubilee Celebration week

Thursday 26th May - 9am Mass at SJA church led by the House Captains

Friday 27th May – Jubilee Fun Day

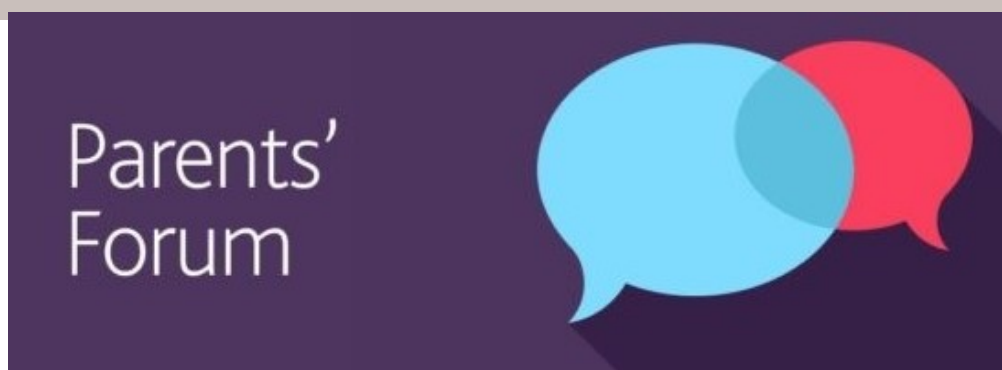
Advanced notice of events to come

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – School Closed

Friday 17th June – Sports Day at Finsbury Park

Saturday 2nd July – Summer Fete



Parent Forum Summary:

On Friday 13th May, the School Governors will be hosting the first Parents’ Forum of the school year. These meetings are an opportunity for parent representatives from each class to bring their ideas and feedback directly to the Governing Body and a representative of the School’s Senior Leadership Team. They are different to the Parents’ Association meetings as they are designed to inform the School’s Governing Body about what is working well and what could be improved from a parents’ perspective. Meetings are documented and shared at the full Governing Body meetings.

Parent representatives for each class will be asked to share the points of discussion in advance so they can represent your views. We ask that all input is related to whole class/ year issues rather than individual concerns, which should always be raised directly with the class teacher in the first instance. These meetings have been really useful in the past in helping to share information and understanding of how the school works and in helping to see how we can improve the school for pupils and parents going forward.

Pupils Moving on:

If your child is leaving SJA at the end of the school year (and is not in Year 6), please inform the school office via email as soon as is possible: info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

We also need to know the school they are transferring to, so that we can complete local authority records.



Mental Health Awareness Week:

Nationally, next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. To mark this event and continue to cover statutory government guidance, our school will have a focus day on Friday 13th May. The children will have a number of class sessions on mindfulness, building positive connections, support networks, promoting positive mental health and strategies on how to deal with emotions. As a way to celebrate all our differences, we are asking children to 'dress to express' on Friday 13th by wearing odd socks for the day- the funkier the better! All children will be required to wear full school uniform (or PE kit if it is your child's allocated PE day) except the odd socks.

If you would like further guidance or ideas on how to support your child's mental health and wellbeing, then please visit the Place 2 Be website where they provide lots of resources and links. <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/>



Mental Health Awareness Week

9-15 May 2022

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



Hail Mary

full of grace

the **Lord** is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women
and **blessed** is the fruit
of thy womb **Jesus**.

Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.

Amen