



# Newsletter No. 14

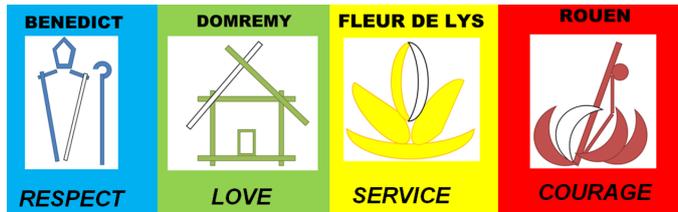
Fri 20th May

Dear parents and carers.

Next week is Jubilee celebration week so we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children which I am sure they will all enjoy. More information is below, including the fun day on Friday 27th, which is also a non-uniform day.

I know the staff are very much looking forward to a turn on the various bouncy castles! Thank you in advance to those of you who have offered an hour of your time to help us with this day. We are very much looking forward to having you back in school. You are very welcome to stay on or come earlier if you would like to be part of our picnic. Pre-schoolers are also welcome. If your child normally has a school dinner, their picnic will be provided by the school kitchen. I am sure that it will be a lovely day and one they will remember.

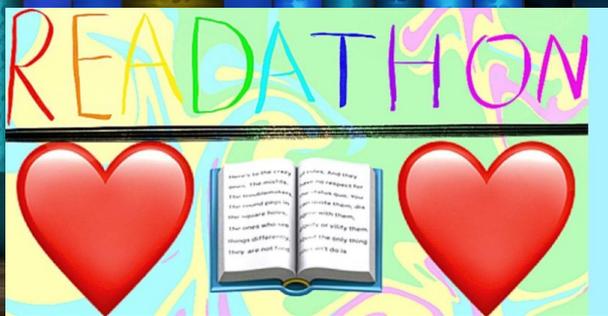
*Clare Campbell*



## 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).





## 2022 Readathon:

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

# BEAM

### Readathon:

It was great to see so many children participate in this initiative. Lots of parents have commented on the fact that they noticed an improvement with their child's reading after engaging with this initiative. This was the main purpose of the Readathon and any funds raised were a complete bonus.

However, I continue to be completely blown away by the generosity of you all and your extended families and friends. It was really heart-warming to read messages of encouragement from grandparents in particular on the fundraising pages. The PA are in the process of doing the final count of money raised but to date it stands at a whopping £10,500.00! This has exceeded all expectations and will go a long way to improving the reading environments in each classroom.

### 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.





## Jubilee Celebration Week



Next week, SJA will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Throughout the week, children will have opportunities to learn about different decades of the Queen's reign, looking at historical events, artists, music, fashion and much more from their decade of focus.

Next week, we will also be celebrating SJA Day. To mark our school's feast day, we will be having a whole school Mass in the morning and will be completing work linked



to our houses and their values. Each year group will also be representing their houses in some sports activities. On SJA Day, all children will wear their PE kits to school.

The week will then conclude with a celebration day with lots of fun activities including crown and flag making, a whole school lunch party on the playground, bouncy castles and lots more. All children will be able to wear red, white and blue as part of the day's celebrations.

Thank you to the Jubilee working party and the PA for all your support in organising this celebration.



**SATs week :**

The pupils in Year 6 and 2 have been busy during the last two weeks taking the various tests assigned to their year groups. They all have had a very positive attitude and as we told the children, they are not a measure of the child but more of a means for the DfE to check school standards and how well the school is doing.



**First Holy Communion:**

Children in Year 3 and 4 who attend various parishes connected to our school will be making their first Holy Communion over the next few weeks. It will be a wonderful celebration for all the families who can actually be together in person.



**Dates for your diary:**

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

**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.



**Half term:**

Monday 30th May to Monday 6th June. School re-opens on **Tuesday 7th June.**

School closes Friday 27th May 3.00pm

Enjoy a restful break with your family.



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