



Newsletter No.15

Wednesday 15th June

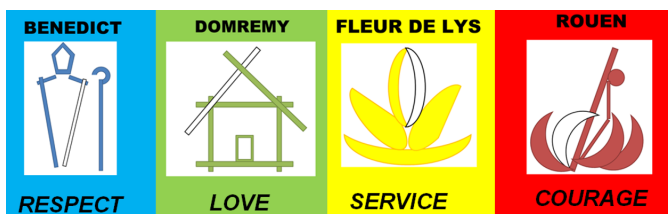
Dear parents and carers.

It is unbelievable to think that we are in the final half term of the school year. We have had some really memorable occasions this year which included the beautiful Jubilee celebration on the Friday before half term. The sun shone, the bouncy castles arrived on time, ice lollies were delicious and lots of parents kindly gave of their time to help. Thank you to the whole school community for making this such a wonderful day – the staff who organised the day, the parents who helped and finally to the children – your joy and enthusiasm on the day was infectious and has given us all lasting memories that we will treasure. Attached is a lovely collage of photos of both pupils and year group displays that they had been working on during that week.

I am sure like me you were very impressed with all of the concerts on The Mall. I am delighted to say that one of our pupil's, Ambar in Year 4 was performing on stage as part of a children's choir. Ambar told us all about it in assembly on Monday and we were all so excited to hear that she played a part in this piece of history. Well done Ambar – a future star in the making.

Even though we are in the final term, it is always a very busy time of year so please keep this newsletter safe as it has lots of dates / information that you will need in the run up to the summer holidays.

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).



World Ocean Day:

Last week staff led school assemblies for “World Ocean Day” and they used some beautiful and engaging videos which you may wish to have a look at.

The Ocean - Our Climate Hero - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLWKWYxXOYY>

World Oceans Day 2013 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBvXAPnel6o>

A Whale's Tale | Hope Works - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFPoIU5iiYQ>

The children were challenged to think about single use plastics and how they could reduce their use. One idea is using a Tupperware tub for sandwiches instead of cling film.

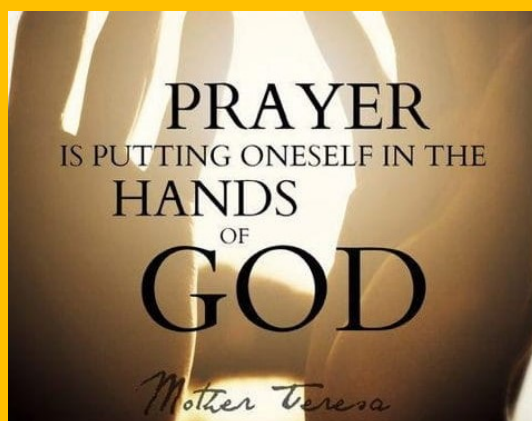
We will be focusing on how we can protect our environment next year as a whole school focus.



Some good news:

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Aristodemou, one of our long serving TAs in Year 5 has been very unwell. I am delighted to share that her health is improving and she is getting stronger every day. I managed to have a short chat to her on the phone of Friday, which she asked if I was enjoying doing her playground duty in her absence!!

It was so nice to speak to her on the phone and really made my day. This is such welcome news and proof that children's prayers are the most powerful and most listened to. We will continue to ask God to help Mrs Aristodemou on her road to recovery in our Monday assembly prayers.



Extended Day Bookings for the Autumn Term:

A separate e-mail will be sent out next week regarding making bookings for the Autumn Term. We will send a text also to alert you to this.



Rail Strikes:



As you will probably be aware, next week London will be dealing with the largest coordinated rail and tube strike in a generation. While this will hopefully not affect too many of our pupils as the majority of them make local journeys to school, this will have a significant impact on staff journeys as many of our staff commute in from considerable distances. At this point I anticipate that all classes will be fully open but with some reorganisation required. It is likely that some

classes may not have their usual class teacher for some days, or for parts of the day, as for some members of staff the journey to work may be significantly delayed or become impossible. In these instances, some teachers may be asked to teach via Google Classroom while another member of staff coordinates activities for the children in the classroom. I would like to emphasise that I anticipate all classes being open and running next week but ask for your additional patience as the strikes will cause significant disruption to staff availability.



Sports Day:

Please arrange for your child/ren to arrive at Finsbury Park athletics track at 9.15am for registration. They will need a packed lunch for this day. If you are attending and staying for lunch, we ask that you hold your child's lunch otherwise all lunches will be collected by a staff member and stored away till lunchtime.

A glorious day is expected for Sports Day 2022. Please ensure your child has enough water and protection from the sun (sun screen, hats). Your child/ren should wear their house colours to represent their teams. (Rouen – red, Domremy – green, Benedict – blue, Fleur de Lys – yellow)

Lunch is at 12pm in the stadium grounds. At this point, parents and caregivers may collect their children but they need to be signed out. No child is to leave without the teacher's knowledge. No child will be allowed to go home independently from the park. Any children not collected will be walked back to school and dismissed at 3pm (unless they are using after school provisions)

We welcome you to stay and enjoy but please remain in the allocated spectator spaces to ensure safety and efficiency of the events.

PA Book and Cake Sale

Before the half term break, the Parents' Association held the first-ever SJA cake and book sale. This was a wonderful opportunity for families to donate unwanted books and for children to choose a new book to bring home with them.

The children from Nursery all the way to Year 6 were very excited to visit the book sale and choose their books. Lots of teachers reported that the children were so excited, that when they returned to class, they had some extra reading time.

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who gave up their time to sort through the many, many donations and organise these into age-related categories and to those who supported with the book and cake sale on the Friday morning.

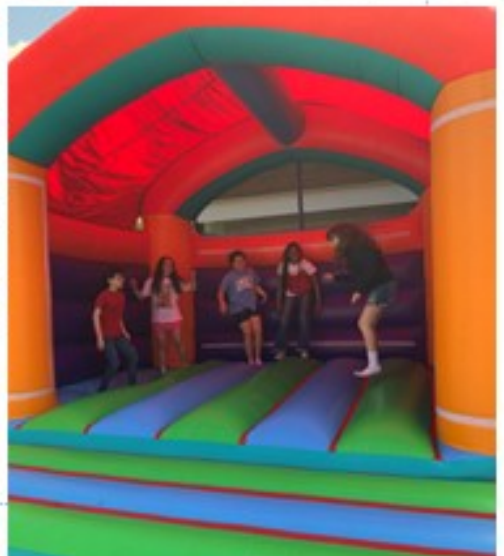


Jubilee Celebration Day

During the final week of last half term, SJA celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The week was filled with lots of exciting learning activities where each year group learnt about a specific decade of the Queen's 70 year reign and produced a display in the hall. The week then ended with a celebration day where children made crowns and flags, designed their own biscuit creation, played on bouncy castles and enjoyed a whole school lunch, with ice lollies, on the playground.

We would like to thank the PA for all their amazing support in making preparations for our celebration day and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to support us in school on the day. This event could not have taken place without you!





SJA Jubilee Displays

Year 6 — 1950s



Year 5 — 1960s



Year 4 — 1970s



Year 2 — 1990s



Year 3 — 1980s

Year 1 — 2000s



EYFS — 2010s



Girls Cricket:

Just before the half term, a team of year 5 and 6 cricketers attended an Islington competition. All the children performed brilliantly and were awarded the gold medal! Congratulations to the following children- Year 5: Otilie, Emily M, Alyssia and Harley and Year 6: Jackie, Messi, Haitu, Clara and Sophie. It was a tough competition but the team worked well together and had perfected the overarm bowling technique which made it very hard for the batters on the other teams, along with super-speedy wicketkeepers stumping the other teams out! A huge congratulations to all who participated and will also be representing Islington in the all London finals this term.



Quadkids Athletics:

Last week, a team of Year 4 children represented St Joan of Arc in the Islington Quadkids athletics competition. They participated in four events: standing long jump, 400m, howler throw and 50m sprint. They all did fantastically well and during Monday's assembly, we were delighted to announce that they are Islington champions again! A huge congratulations to the fantastic athletes: Aidan, Maddox, Myles, Bruno, Eloise, Ivana, Nissi and Lois. A special congratulations to our individual winners: 50m- Maddox, howler throw- Bruno (the best in the whole borough!) and 400m- Aidan (who was closely followed by Maddox 2nd and Myles 3rd).



Dates for your diary:

Friday 17th June – 9.15 – Sports Day at Finsbury Park -all children to go straight to the running track

Wednesday 22nd June – Girls Cricket Team – London Youth Games

Thursday 23rd June

- Year 2 Outing
- Year 6 TFL workshops at Sobell Centre

Friday 24th June

- 9.00am Year 2 Mass @SJA Church
- Nursery visit to the Ecology Centre

Monday 27th – Year 6 visit to the Ecology Centre

Tuesday 28th – Years 1-6 Science Show

Friday 1st July

- School photographers taking Year group Photographs
- Year 5 visit to the Ecology Centre
- Year 6 – End of year performance – ‘School of Rock’ – school Hall @ 9.00am

Saturday 2nd July – School summer fete from 12.00-4pm

Monday 4th July

- Year 3 visit to the Ecology Centre
- Year 6 Activity Week

Friday 8th July

- Year 4 visit to the Ecology Centre
- End of Year Reports out to parents

Wednesday 13th July–

- Children to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant
- 3-4.30 – opportunity to discuss your child’s report if you are unclear about anything. Please see your child’s teacher directly to make an appointment

Thursday 14th July – 6.00-8.00pm -Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 15th July

- 9.00am – Year 6 Leavers Mass at SJA church
- 1.30pm – School closes for the end of term (After School Club closed)