

Newsletter No. 19

Friday 7th July 2023



Dear parents and caregivers.

Last Saturday's summer fete surpassed all expectations. It was lovely to see so many families there and equally lovely to see lots of new families to the school. On Monday, there was a real buzz around the school with the children all talking about what a great day they had. It really was a day to enjoy.

The Year 6 children did an amazing job on their stall which had a constant queue, as well as helping to tidy up at the end of the day (never a popular job).

The music performances in the small hall hopefully gave you a little taste of what they have been learning in school this year. Ms Gallagher and Mr Owen continue to be a great asset to our teaching staff and have enabled many children to develop a real love for music. Ms Rawlings also contributes her skills with the choir's passion for singing.

I will reiterate what I said in my email sent on Monday; a big thank you to all of the parents who were part of the PA or who gave of their time to help out on the day. Your support and help were greatly appreciated. Special thanks also go to our Site Manager, Mr Campana, for going that extra mile to ensure the day went smoothly.

The PA are finalising the amount raised but it is in excess of £ 6,500. This is a huge amount which is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Next week our Year sixes have got their activity week so I am sure they will enjoy participating in lots of different activities off site. With one and a half weeks left before we close for the much-anticipated summer break. My final newsletter of the year will be published on Monday 17th July.

Claire Campbell



Check out the following newsfeeds on the school website

Sports Day

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/news/sports-day/>



Extended Schools

A reminder that bookings for Extended Schools – for the Autumn Term 2023 is now open. Please refer to the separate emails sent last Friday and Wednesday.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have completed the questionnaire below which really helps us evaluate our school and prepare for September. Your views are very important to us and will be considered as part of how we can further improve the school.

It would be really helpful if you could help with this process by completing the questionnaire, which will close on Friday 14th July.

<https://forms.gle/AWYsoPuXZfrYAJwF6>



Dates until the end of term

Week beginning 10th July – Year 6 Activity Week

Friday 14th July – End of Year reports sent to parents

Monday 17th July – Children to meet their new teacher

Tuesday 18th July at 9am – Year 6 Matilda production

6-8pm – Year 6 Disco

Wednesday 19th July – 9am End of Year Mass led by Year 6

1.30pm school closes for the summer holidays

School Term Dates for next year

These can be found on the school website, here is the link:

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023-24-Term-Dates-grid.pdf>

NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

Children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant on Monday 17th July. We are continuing to mix pupils within each class to create two new classes for September 2023. As well as providing us with an opportunity to ensure that each class has an equal number of pupils, it also allows children to expand their social circle within their year group.

Class splits are carried out so that the classes have equal strengths and are equally diverse in all ways. We are very conscious of organising classes so that children have the opportunity to develop further friendships across the year but also maintain links with some of their existing strong friendships. In some cases, we organise the classes so that some children might be separated if their previous learning behaviours had a negative impact on their own or others' learning. In planning the classes, teachers want every child to be happy in their new classroom environment, alongside having a settled and focused learning environment.

Teachers have given this a huge amount of time and attention. We strongly believe the class splits will work well for your child/ren. While some children can sometimes be nervous at first around the new class mixes, it is always the case that come September the children settle quickly and happily into their new classes with new friendships quickly established.

