



Newsletter No. 21

Weds 14th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that another school year is nearly over. As always, the children have been amazing and have adapted to our new routines and school life in bubbles. They will definitely know what resilience is when they get older. On Friday we shall be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and lots of families who have been associated with the school for many years. We wish these children every success and happiness for their futures and I hope they come to visit in their smart new uniforms in the autumn term.

As always, running a school is being part of a bigger team, so I would like to say thank you to the following staff and community members for their hard work and support this year:

The school staff have been amazing – willing to go above and beyond what is expected of them in order for us to respond to the various new requirements thrown on us. It has made this challenge more manageable knowing I have a good team behind me.

The Governing Body who has provided both challenge and support for the school's leadership team. This has been no easy task as it is a voluntary role and so like you, they have been required to add this to their list of things to do!

Finally, to you the parents – who have been nothing short of phenomenal. In all we have asked (and there have been numerous requests), you have all done everything in your power to support us. I really hope that you can enjoy some sort of summer break – whatever that will be. I look forward to September when we shall once again be well equipped with a dedicated and highly able team working together to empower all our children to achieve their fullest potential.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell

Organisation for September:

The procedures for ingress and egress will be emailed to parents/caregivers on 31st August (INSET Day) ready for school reopening with children on 1st September. Please familiarise yourselves with the new procedures. (times, entrances, one-way systems) Thank you again for your patience with the mitigations the school enacts.



TIMETABLE STRUCTURE FULL SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021

	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Gates open					8.15			
Start					8.30			
Finish					3.00			



Diary Dates

Year 6 Disco

Thursday 15th July 6.00pm

Year 6 end of year Mass

Friday 16th July 9.30am Y6 parents/carers invited

Last day of term—early finish times

Friday 16th July

Y5/6 and siblings 1.45pm

Y3/4 and siblings 2.00pm

Y1/2/Rec/Nur 2.10pm

Books going home:

Children will start to bring home their exercise books ahead of the academic year ending. Looking through the books, they may seem different to previous years. Firstly, due to the lockdown in the spring term there will be less recorded work than in previous years.

Having been encouraged to minimise teacher handling of books at the start of the year, children's books will also have less teacher marking than in previous years. Partly prompted by this requirement, teachers have been using strategic minimal marking this year; this places a greater focus on whole- class feedback and the use of verbal feedback to encourage children to take more ownership of correcting and editing their work.

In maths, particularly across ks2, we have been encouraging children to mark their own work as this enables them to share with the teacher much more rapidly if they are on track within the lesson. This approach has been really positive in the classrooms and both pupils and teachers have shared that the move to more rapidly delivered verbal feedback, and less written marking, has helped greatly in assisting children to move their learning forward. One of the key benefits to this approach has been that teachers have been able to adapt their teaching to mistakes and misconceptions in the children's learning in a much more responsive way.

Next academic year, we will be looking to refine this approach further, following much of the latest educational research which highlights that marking is significantly less important than responsive and systematic feedback to learners. We will update you about our strategy in this area, early in the academic year.



Staffing news:

We warmly welcome our new members of staff starting in September.

Mr Newman our new nursery teacher, Ms Burg and Ms Madden who will be supporting the learning in years 5 and 6.

You are most welcome to the community and we look forward to working together

Mrs Lowther, who has been teaching assistant at SJA for thirty-two years is retiring. It is very rare to have a member of staff who has worked for so many years in one school with such positivity and dedication. We have been very fortunate to have had such a hardworking member of staff who has worked tirelessly for the children in her care and contributed significantly towards the development of the whole school. We wish Mrs Lowther all the best in what will hopefully be a more relaxing future, with plenty of holidays out of term time!

Ms Newman and Mrs Rawlings will both be leaving us at various stages in the Autumn Term to start their maternity leave. It is wonderful to have such good news to share and we look forward to having them back at school for a few weeks in September before they start their new role as 'mum'.

We welcome back Ms O'Connor from her maternity leave who will be retuning as a full-time class teacher in September.

End of Term

Last day of term:

School closes early for the summer holidays on
Friday 16th July

Collection procedures will be exactly the same—
the difference will be the times of collection.
Please see below.

1.45pm Year 5/6 and siblings

2.00pm Year 3/4 and siblings

2.10pm Year 1/2 Reception and Nursery



Children meeting next year's staff:

The Children have met their new teacher and teaching assistant today in their new classroom. We have reinstated the mixing of pupils within each year group to create two new classes for September 2021. This was our normal practice prior to the pandemic which we found to be very positive. 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. I went to visit all the children in their new classes today and all were very happy and excited. Below is a list of the staff with class responsibilities for September.

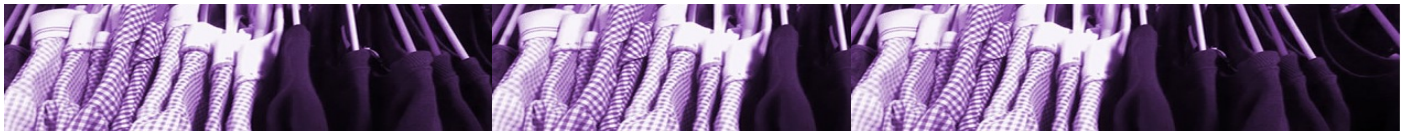
Class responsibilities for 2021 / 2022

Class (Sept 21)	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	Mr Newman	Ms. Decsi Ms Gibbs Ms Carty
RA	Ms O'Brien	Ms Ryan Ms Squire
RB	Ms Tibbs	Ms <u>Cumpstey</u> Ms Squire
1C	Ms Nicou	Ms Laszcziw
1D	Ms O'Connor	Ms Francis
2E	Ms Vassallo	Ms Long
2F	Ms Farrell	Ms O'Neale
3G	Mr Shreeves	Ms Convey Ms Warren
3H	Ms Kelly	Ms Bowden Ms Warren
4I	Mr Gordge	Ms Mullen
4J	Ms Newson	Ms Aristodemou
5K	Ms Williams	Ms Burg
5L	Ms Connolly	Ms O'Donovan
6M	Mr McCormick	Ms Madden
6N	Ms Gyles (Mon to Thurs) Ms Thomas (Fri)	Ms Madden

Pencil cases and stationery from home:

From September 2021, pupils will not need to bring in pencil cases and stationery from home. Classroom resources will be able to be accessed by all pupils in each classroom.





School Uniform

In preparation for the children's return to school in September, it is essential that **everyone** follows the school uniform guidelines, which are attached for your information. A reminder to ensure that all uniform is labelled to reduce the valuable time lost in reuniting children and items of uniform!

Please read the guidance on footwear and hair styles which is also part of our uniform policy.

The website address required for ordering uniform is: www.YourSchoolUniform.com

We are very fortunate to have an excellent used uniform service which will be available on the playground in September. I have been asked by a number of parents about children returning to school in September in summer uniform. In a climate where we are being rightly so asked to maximise clothing use, this makes perfect sense and is of course permitted.

We will be continuing to allow children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE day in September. We have found this year that this system allowed for maximum time in the lesson to be spent on participation rather than changing. It has also cut down on items left in the lost property.

I will inform you of your child's PE day in September.

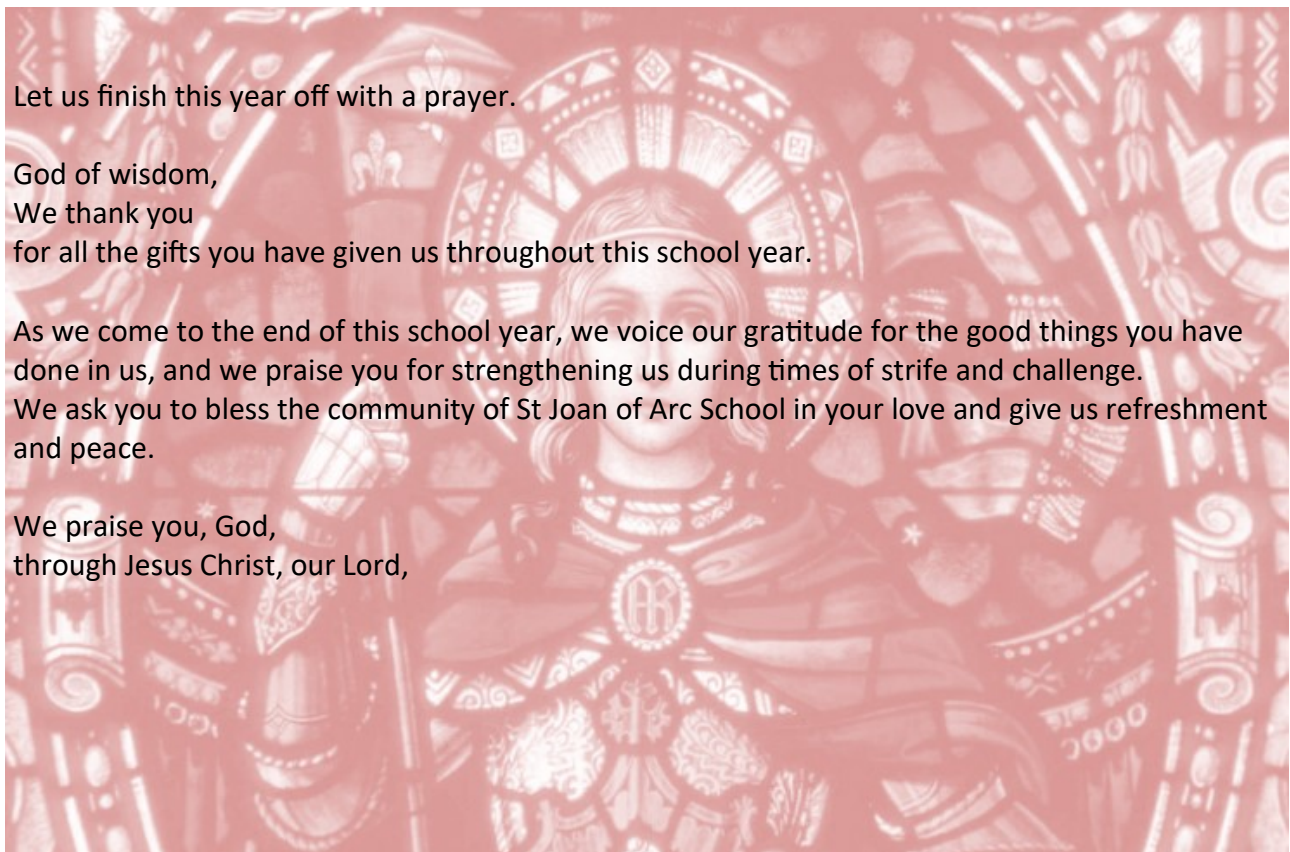


Let us finish this year off with a prayer.

God of wisdom,
We thank you
for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for strengthening us during times of strife and challenge. We ask you to bless the community of St Joan of Arc School in your love and give us refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,



COVID-19 UPDATE

Covid: England lockdown rules to end on 19 July, PM confirms

Covid restrictions: Changes in England from 19 July



No limit on meeting people but try to meet others outside where possible



People currently working from home should return to the workplace gradually



Nightclubs open and a return to full capacity for theatre and cinema audiences



Businesses and large events encouraged to use Covid-certification to limit the spread of the virus



Face coverings recommended in crowded public spaces, such as public transport



Social distancing no longer mandatory

The Prime Minister has confirmed that the restriction will be lifted but urged everyone to proceed with 'caution' as the pandemic is not 'over'.

Health Secretary Sajid Javid stated that people should meet others outside where possible

It is "expected and recommended" that people should wear face coverings (unless exempt) in crowded public settings such as public transport

Businesses like nightclubs and large events will be encouraged to use Covid-certification in "high risk settings".

A focus will be to encourage people to return to the workplace gradually.

September will see a review to assess how prepared the country is for autumn and winter.



September 2021 gate protocols:

On Aug 31st, you will receive communication from us regarding the implemented egress and ingress system from September onwards. It will prioritise safeguarding and ensuring that when the gates are open, we are doing all we can to ensure our children's safety. It will involve one way systems and year group positions on the playground. There will be a member of staff on each gate whilst the gates are open—as has been the practice this year.

Please familiarise yourself with the new systems being trialled. You achieved a brilliant effort this year with the systems we adopted at the gates. We anticipate the same support next year.