



Newsletter No.4

Friday 21st October

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to half term and we are all looking forward to a week's break from the school routine. We have packed a lot into our first eight weeks of the new year and as always, the children have been amazing.

It was wonderful to see lots of you at our parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. 98% of parents attended meetings with their child's class teacher which really shows your continued commitment to your children's education. The teachers all commented on how valuable it was to meet you in person too. I am hoping that you all left the evening feeling more informed of how your child is getting on at school and how we can both continue to work together to support them in their learning journey.

Yesterday, we had a special visit from Bishop Hudson, who is the Bishop with a special responsibility for Education in Westminster. Bishop Hudson attended assemblies, went on a tour of the school and conducted a Q & A session with pupils in years 4 and 5. The Bishop showcased some of his specialist attire and commented that our school was the very first for a pupil to identify the crozier (shepherd's staff) by its correct term. The children were a real credit to their parents and the school in the way they behaved and asked some very mature and in-depth questions during the classroom sessions.

Today, you had a chance to come and see the school in action, visit their classrooms and meet fellow parents for a coffee and chat. These sessions are always very busy but I feel are beneficial to all.

I am hoping that you left feeling that your child does do something at school and not the usual 'nothing' when asked what they have done today.

I have advertised at the end of this newsletter the assemblies and school Masses that will be happening over the next half term, including the Christmas performances to which you are warmly invited.

I hope you manage to get some respite over the half term and look forward to seeing you when the school reopens on Monday 31st October.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell

Cake Stall

I am hoping that today's cake stall was a success, so a big thank you to the parents of Year 4 pupils for supporting with this. Cake stalls are a very easy way to generate some much-needed income and normally generate £250 per stall. This year, parents from each year group are asked to support with one stall – to share the load. The next stall is allocated to parents of Year 3 parents and is taking place on 9th December at 3pm.



Help for future PA events – including the regular uniform stall:

If you can spare some time to help at future PA events please sign up at

<https://signup.com/go/MFKEygX>



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Admission into Secondary School –September 2023:

A reminder that the closing date for applications into Year 7 is 31st October. You must also complete an application form from the borough in which you reside.

Admission into Reception –September 2023:

The closing date for St Joan of Arc School applications into Year R for September 2023 is: 15.01.23.

Parents of children attending the school nursery need to make a separate application for a place in Reception for September 2023. You must also complete an application form from the borough in

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Labelling jumpers and coats:

Thank you for your help with this. We have had a marked improvement in being able to return lost uniform to whoever owns it.

Nursery vacancies:

We also have spaces in our nursery, so if your child is three years of age before 31st December (or you know of any-one with a three year old not in nursery), please visit our website for an application form.



National and local schemes are available to help with the costs of childcare:

Some parents have been asking how they can get support with the cost of childcare. A summary is below, with more detailed information attached.

Parents can get support with the costs of childcare through the following government schemes:

- Tax-free childcare
- Universal Credit for Childcare
- Care to Learn (Under 20)
- Discretionary Learner Support
- Childcare Grant

Information about these schemes is available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Islington Council offers a Childcare Bursary which supports parents living in Islington with the costs of childcare as they move into work or training.

Contact the Family Information Service (FIS) for information about what support is available with the costs of childcare and how to apply. You can contact them on 020 7527 5959; fis@islington.gov.uk

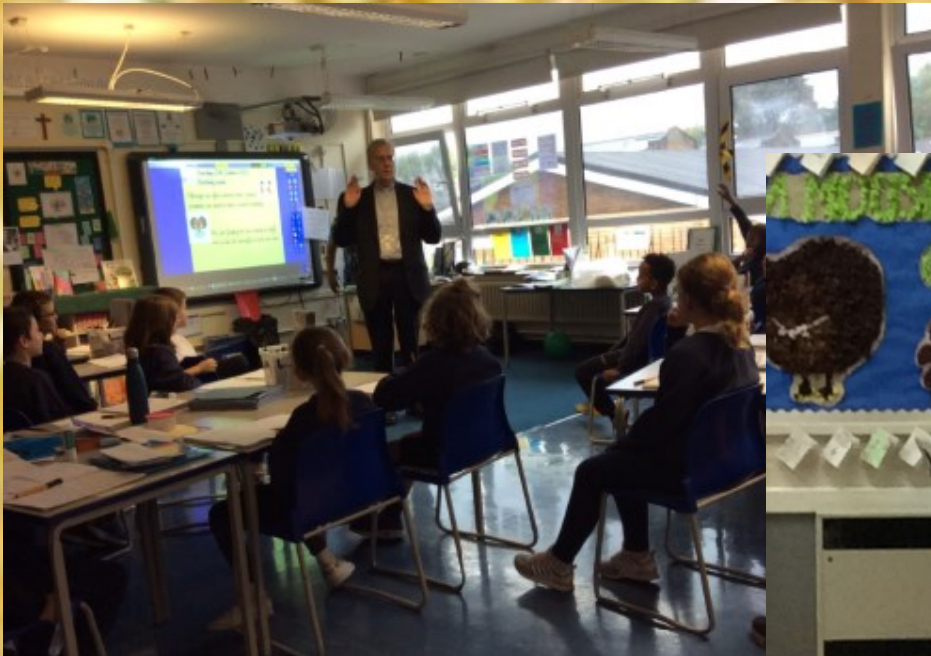


Congratulations Mr Shreeves:

Many congratulations are extended to Mr Shreeves and his wife as they welcomed a second son to their family. As the parents of his class know, he is now on paternity leave and so his parents' evenings that were postponed this week will take place after half term. Dates to be confirmed.

BISHOP HUDSON'S VISIT







Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st November – All Saints’ Day – Led by 5L

Thursday 10th November—Year 6 Assembly –8.45am

Friday 11th November—International Evening

Thursday 17th November—Year 5 Assembly –8.45am

Friday 18th November—PA AGM—8.30am

Thursday 1st December—Year 4 Assembly—8.45am

Tuesday 6th December—Recycled Uniform Stall—8.15am—8.45am

Friday 9th December—Cake Stall—3pm (Y3 caregivers)

Friday 9th December—EYFS Christmas Concert—9am and 1.40pm showings

Tuesday 13th December—Year 1 2 3 Christmas Concert—9am and 1.40pm showings

Wednesday 14th December—Year 4 5 6 Christmas Concert 1.40pm

Friday 16th December – Christmas Mass – Led by Class 6N

Friday 16th December—School closes at 1.30pm

