



Newsletter No. 6

Fri 10th December

Dear Parents/Carers.

We have made it to the last week of term in what has been an exceptionally challenging few weeks grappling with staff absences. We are truly living our "TEAM" motto – with all staff pulling together to ensure that children are the least affected – together everyone achieves more!

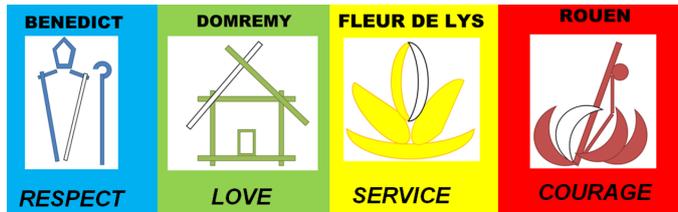
It was wonderful to have a parent presence at the various Christmas performances this year and the children were so delighted to see you there too so thank you for making such an effort to attend.

I am sure that you were as proud of your child as we were. I can not say a big enough thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure these experiences for the children went ahead as planned. I feel very honoured to work alongside colleagues who really want the best for your children and will go over and above what is expected of them.

A reminder about the Carol service for children in Years 4-6 is below.

It is no surprise that everyone is really looking forward to their well-deserved Christmas holidays. I really hope you all have a peaceful Christmas and I am sure that your children will provide you with some 'comfort and joy' over this festive period.

Clare Campbell



Years 4, 5 and 6 – Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 14th December at 2pm -St Joan of Arc Church

Entry to the church for parents will be via 3 different entrances from 1.30pm:

Year 4 – Main entrance beside the presbytery

Year 5 – Fire Exit door at the back of the church

Year 6 – Fire Exit door opposite the nursery entrance

A reminder that we can only accommodate one adult per child



EXTENDED SCHOOL



Extended Schools Service:

Thank you for your patience regarding the delay in being able to book your childcare and clubs for the Spring Term. As communicated this was an IT issue with the on-line booking service. We appreciate that some parents had difficulties in making bookings and we will inform Magic Booking about these.

A number of parents have expressed their disappointment and frustration in not being able to book their child into a club of their choice as they are fully booked. Like all external clubs, e.g swimming lessons, we are operating as a service and not an educational setting. Similarly, we have a capacity limit depending on the age of the pupil and the staff available to supervise them. However, it would appear that parents are wanting their child to attend clubs as opposed to childcare.

To ascertain current parental need, we will send another questionnaire next term to see what we can do to improve this area of school life. However, I do need to reiterate that we have to prioritise childcare places over clubs to support parents who are working which is why this service actually exists and anything else offered is a positive addition to this.



Dates for your calendar:

Wednesday 15th – Children’s Christmas dinner

Friday 17th – End of term Mass @9.00 led by 5L—parents welcome.

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Friday 17th Dec 2021

Last day of term

Friday 17th December

The school closes at 1.30pm

School uniform

As part of our strategy to resume normal practices and standards, we are asking all pupils to wear the correct uniform and to wear it with pride. This includes footwear. Can you please help the cause by ensuring your child has the correct footwear—plain black/navy shoes of leather appearance, with velcro, buckles or laces. **Black trainers are not permitted.** If there are legitimate reasons why your child needs to wear trainers, please inform the school via the reading record or email.

We understand that during this time when buildings must be well ventilated and the weather turns cold and frosty, we all need to wrap up with extra layers. If you can at all, please endeavour to have the children wear the school colours for coats and jackets—blue, black, navy.

Thank you for your support in the matter.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/downloads/Uniform-Policy.pdf>

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Tuesday 4th Jan 2022

School reopening:

The school reopens on Tuesday 4th January at 8.30. Gates opening at 8.15



Advent week 3:

We light the 3rd Advent Candle as a sign of joy — a testimony to the Light of God coming into our world that will shatter the darkness and bring healing to all who suffer and mourn

Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for this gift.

Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do your word. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.