



# Newsletter No.6

Friday 21st November

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a very busy but productive start to our second half of the Autumn Term.

The reception and nursery classes are very settled and never cease to amaze me about how quickly they have become part of our school community. They have grown in confidence and independence in a short amount of time. As parents of these children, you should feel very proud of what they have achieved in a very short amount of time.

Other year groups have been busy out on trips, participating in sporting events as well as working very hard in class. We now start the preparation for Christmas, which is always a busy time both in school and at home! As our Christmas Fair was so successful last year, it will be returning on Friday 5th December from 3.30-5.30pm.

Like last year, this is going to be more of a 'let's get together as a community' rather than a focus on making purchases! If you can come and support this event, it would be lovely to see you. More details are in the newsletter below.

A little reminder, that in this cold weather, every child needs to wear a coat to school.

Even if it is drizzly weather, we try and ensure that the children have an opportunity to play outside and having a coat helps with this.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fair.

Kind regards,





### <u>St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School – Reception Admissions for</u> September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you will be looking for a school place for September 2026. If you (or a friend) have not yet attended our open mornings and would like a tour of the school please telephone/email the school office to book a place. Our final two open mornings take place on Tuesday 25th November and Wednesday 3rd December at 9.15am.



### **Christmas Collection**

As part of our continued Catholic Social Teaching and following the example of St Vincent de Paul, the children will have the opportunity to be involved in addressing social issues in their communities and beyond.

The SVP Society at SJA parish will be collecting goods this Christmas to support those in our local community in need. To aid them, we are asking SJA families to please contribute to the appeal.

The SVP society have respectfully asked for the following: chocolate, biscuits, mince pies and 'One4All' vouchers (any amount).

The collection will start Mon 24<sup>th</sup> November and close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>December. Children are to bring contributions and deposit them in their house boxes at the reception area.

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## <u>Christmas Fair - Entry is £5 per family this</u> <u>includes Gingerbread and a wooden tree</u> decoration

Our Christmas Fair is taking place on

### FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER FROM 3.30-5.30PM

in the school halls and car park. We are continuing with our theme of this being a community event and an opportunity for us to get together prior to Christmas. Children from different year groups will be performing their Christmas carols in the large hall at 4.15pm to help to get us all into the festive spirit. More details will be published nearer the time. Refreshments will also be available, as well as some stalls in the small hall.

The Extended School service will not be open on this day.

# Elfridges

Please bring in any unwanted, unopened, good quality items for our 'Elfridges' gift shop and wrapping room for the fair. You can drop these into the school office any day during the week in the lead up to the event. Please do not give any dirty, damaged or used products, as we will be unable to sell these.

Thank you from the Elves in Year 6 - Shop Managers for the event.





### **Christmas Trees Are Coming!**

Don't miss out – our beautiful Christmas trees will be available again this year.

Use the QR code to order yours. Collection will be at the Christmas Fair.





**Extended Schools Vacancies** 

We still have some spaces for childcare / clubs available for Reception—Year 6 for Spring Term 2026.

Please contact the extended school's office if you would like to avail of this.

extendedday@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk / or call on 07949406543

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

This year's Christmas Jumper Day is on --

## Tuesday 16th of December,

which is also the day of the children's Christmas dinner and the panto. This year we are promoting sustainability through re-using Christmas jumpers and purchasing pre-loved jumpers at the Christmas Fair (5/12).No Christmas jumper?

No problem! Decorate a current jumper at home with

Christmas paraphernalia. Wear red, green or purple clothes. We ask each child to bring in £1 to support the St Vincent de Paul Society St Joan of Arc does an enormous amount of work to support families and individuals within the local community.



### **School Christmas Dinner**

This is taking place on Tuesday 16th December and will be provided by the kitchen as normal. If your child has a packed lunch, you may want to treat them to a festive packed lunch – no nuts. We will combine this event with Christmas Jumper Day. If your child has a festive jumper, they can wear that in replacement of their school jumper but the rest of the

uniform needs to be worn. Please do not purchase a jumper especially for this, alternatively children can wear any jumper with festive colours – red, green, purple etc.

### **Christmas Jumper Donations**

If you have an Xmas jumper to donate, please drop them off in advance to the school office.

Ready for the stall at the Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December.



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# Christmas Fair – **Friday** 5th December



A few parents didn't realise this is **after school** – so here's a reminder:

**Time:** 3:30–5:30pm

Entry: £5 per family, £2 per adult

Join us for festive fun! As always, we'd love volunteers to help with

set-up, stalls, and tidy-up – the more helpers,

the more time everyone gets to enjoy the event with their children.

It's a great opportunity to welcome the community and show off our wonderful school,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

so please spread the word to friends and family!

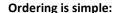
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### **Christmas Art Shop – Re-Opening!**

Missed out on ordering your child's Christmas artwork? Good news! We're opening a **short second shop window** from **21st November to 1st December**.

All products will be delivered to school within 10 days after the shop closes.



• Use the **same artwork and design codes** as before – all designs remain the same.

**Lost your code?** No problem! Complete <u>this form</u> or visit: **shop.classfundraising.co.uk/pages/lost-codes** to recover your child's artwork.

### **NEW PARENTS BINGO WAS GREAT FUN!**

We held our first Reception and Nursery Bingo on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. Huge thanks to all who came and the year 6 parents and pupils who volunteered at the event!

Kie was AMAZING as our Bingo caller and special thanks for the teachers who attended and enabled us to run these fun evenings.

Watch this space as this was a trial of Bingo and we know lots of you are keen to join next time!



### **NOVEMBER**

### Week Beginning Monday 24th

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **DECEMBER**

### Week Beginning Monday 1st

Wednesday 3rd  $\,$  - 9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents Friday 5<sup>th</sup>  $\,$  - 3.30 - 5.30pm Christmas Fair in Playground

### Week Beginning Monday 8th

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am Infant Nativity Show for Nursery. Reception A. Class C and Class E

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am Infant Nativity Show for Reception B, Class D and Class F

( Separate letter with full details already sent)

### Week Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Whole School to see Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Jumper Day, Disco and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in St Joan of Arc Church

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – 9am School Mass led by Class 6N

School closes for the Christmas Holiday 1.30pm



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