



# Newsletter No. 7

Fri 16th December

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to the last week of term and I am sure like myself you are all looking forward to a change from the school routine.

Thank you very much for your support this week, particularly regarding the forced closure on Monday. As I said at Tuesday's performance, this was our first closure of this kind in seventeen years so thankfully not a regular occurrence.

Thank you also for supporting us with our delayed opening times this week. This has enabled more staff to get into work before the children's arrival.

We are truly living our "TEAM" motto – with parents and staff pulling together to ensure that children are the least affected – together everyone achieves more!

It was wonderful to see so many of you 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 cannot say a big enough thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce performances of such high quality. 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.

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.

Kind regards,

*Clare Campbell*



**LOVE**



**SERVICE**



**RESPECT**



**COURAGE**



### Early school closure

Friday December 16th the school will close at 1.30pm. There will be no after school care provision on this day. Please ensure your child is collected at this time.





St Vincent  
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### St Vincent de Paul collection

Thank you so much for your many kind donations. You have really helped a lot of families who will be struggling this Christmas. Your kindness is very much appreciated by the SVP Society as well as the school.



### Cake stall

Many thanks must go to the parents and caregivers of Year 3. The cake stall last Friday was well attended and organised. Thank you for supporting the school with cake donations and your time. A total of £302 was raised.



### Reception admissions

Applications for admission into Reception at St Joan of Arc School will close on **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 which you reside.

### Mass time

Due to the later start, Mass today is at 9.20am



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**Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023**

### School reopening in January

The Spring Term starts for all year groups on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.15am.

Normal school opening and closing times, including Extended Services resume from Tuesday 3rd.

### Advent week 4

The fourth candle of Advent is called the "Angel Candle" and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world.

