



## Newsletter No. 18

Fri 28th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

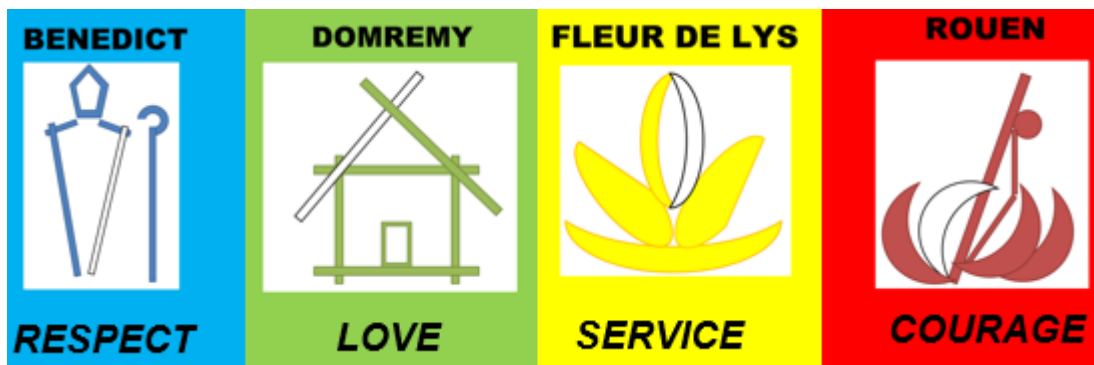
Half term is upon us and I am sure you are all at least looking forward to an extra day of rest on Bank Holiday Monday. Let's hope the weather makes a change so we can get out and enjoy some much-needed sunshine. The children have worked really hard this term and have very much enjoyed the opportunity to attend an extended school activity. Our external coaches have been very impressed by the children both in their attitude and ability to work with each other.

This has been really lovely to hear. I hope you all manage to have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7th June for the final part to this academic year.

Happy 101st anniversary of St Joan of Arc. We enjoyed honouring her and her faith today.

Sincerely,

*Clare Campbell*



### Headteachers for the day:

Erika (Yr4), Oscar and Tom (Yr2) were the new Headteachers for today and they did a sterling job. They went to visit each class to make sure that all the children (and staff) were working hard. They gave out some Headteacher stickers to children that have done amazing work this term. They also had to speak to a few teachers who were not following the rules in school! I have to say they were very stern in their dealings with them. Most importantly, they organised some lovely refreshments for all of the children to enjoy as part of SJA Day. Thank you for your help today, I had a much-needed day of rest!



### Consultation on changing the school day:

Parent questionnaire – School times are changing for September

Thank you again for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. The governors were very impressed that so many of you took the time to respond. You should have all received a separate e-mail today outlining the governors' decision to change the start and end time of the school day from September 2021. If you haven't received this, please email the office as it has some very important information in.

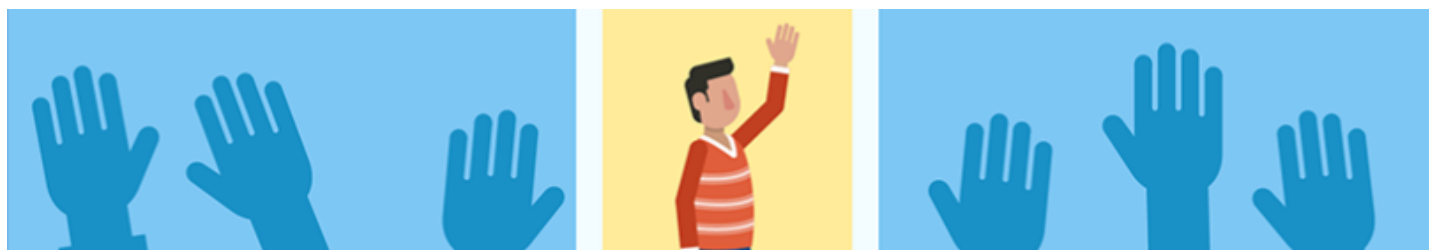


As stated in this letter, I will be communicating with you after the half term in more detail about how Extended schools will be operating as well as the booking system that we will be using.



### School times for the rest of this academic year – will remain unchanged:

If plans go ahead for the removal of social distancing on 21st June, we are aiming to get the school back to some sort of normality regarding mixing of year groups for play and lunch time and resuming key stages for the last few weeks of term. Whatever the news is, we will be continuing with the current school start and finish times until we close on 16th July. Many parents have organised their time around this and so we want to keep things as simple as is possible.



### Moving on:

If your child is leaving SJA at the end of the school year (and is not in Year 6), please could you inform the school office via email as soon as is possible [info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk) We also need to know the school they are transferring to, so that we can complete local authority records.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Lockdown easing: What's changing in England from 17 May?



People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors



Six people or two households can meet indoors with overnight stays allowed



Pubs, restaurants, bars and cafes allowed to serve customers indoors



Museums, theatres and cinemas can open



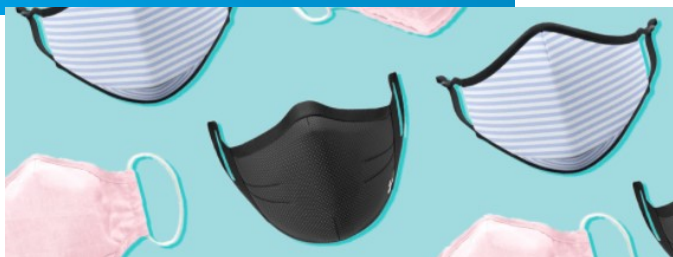
Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen



Adult indoor group exercise classes can restart



People urged to be cautious about hugging close friends and family



As part of the Step 3 roadmap, it has been determined that it is no longer necessary to recommend the additional precautionary face covering measures recommended by the government.

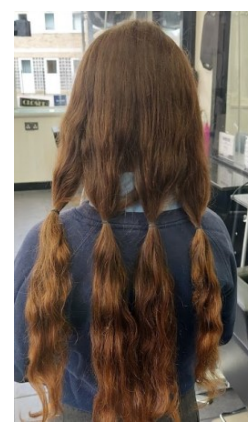
From Mon 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for personnel in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools.

Therefore we won't require parents/carers to wear a face covering on the school playground.

Thank you for your patience and adhering to the guidelines for the safety of our communi-



Please see attached letter regarding the new Relationships and Health Education curriculum for the remainder of the Summer Term



A big congratulations to Cara Murray (41) who recently kindly donated 13 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that makes real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair to cancer or other illnesses. Cara also raised over £800 in funding for the charity. Well Done Cara. All your SJA family are very proud of your efforts.

### Free online maths summer club for Y5-9

Eedi (an online tutoring company) is offering all Year 5 to Year 9 families free access to Eedi Summer Club, a maths summer program 100% free of charge that aims to help boost your child's confidence in maths before the new academic year.

All you need to do is sign up at the below link by June 14th to qualify for free access!

<https://eedi.com/summer-club?via=teacher-invite>

Signup deadline: June 14th (Get Eedi Summer Club for free until this date)

Summer Club Starts: July 5th

Summer Club Ends: August 23rd

Here is some more information from Eedi about the programme:

Your child will first do a quick placement quiz to set their work and then get recommended topics that'll help them improve the most over 7 weeks. Your child will get unlimited access to review questions, videos and live chat support with real teachers over the holidays. You'll also get weekly reports on how they're doing.

The minimum recommended work is 1 lesson a week, which should be around 30 minutes of work.

Each week, Eedi will hold competitions to boost motivation and engagement - from who's given the most thoughtful explanation to a problem to what team has the highest amount of points ☺... Plus there are real prizes up for grabs!

If you have any questions, please contact [family@eedi.co.uk](mailto:family@eedi.co.uk) directly.

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#### What do I need to know?

##### Eedi Summer Club is the most fun way to learn maths

- ✓ More than 1,000 families participated last year and 90% would recommend
- ✓ Uses Eedi Family - a proven framework for learning and reviewing maths
- ✓ We bring in engagement and motivation - streaks, achievements, team leaderboards, and weekly competitions that will keep your child motivated

##### Key information

**Price:** Free for families who join before 15th June or £7.99 month thereafter

**Available for:** Families with children between Year 5 and Year 9 (ages 9 to 14)

**Starts:** 5th July

**Ends:** 23rd August





# Diary Dates

Cake Stall

Friday 18th June –  
these will take place  
within the school day.

Y6 Activity week

5th –9th July

Sports Day—Thursday  
24th June at Finsbury  
Park ; on the proviso that  
social distancing re-  
strictions have been lifted  
on 21st June.



## Half term

**Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June.**

**School reopens on Monday 7th June.**

### Calling all field reporters:

The editors of the Arc newspaper are beginning to prepare their bumper final edition of the academic year. If your child would like to write a piece but is struggling to come up with an idea, they may wish to write about their memories and achievements over the last twelve months or what they are looking forward to as things begin to open up further.

Articles do not need to be of significant length and the editorial team are eager to receive pieces from a range of age groups. As with all newspapers, deadlines are set in stone. If your child wishes to submit an article, it must be sent via e mail to [arcnewspaper@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk](mailto:arcnewspaper@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk) and arrive no later than Wednesday 9th June.

### St Joan of Arc

Today we remember our patron saint, Joan of Arc, who was canonised 101 years ago 16th May.

We respect her and the service she gave, the love she exuded and the courage she showed.



### **Prayer to St. Joan of Arc**

Lord, You wondrously raised up  
St. Joan, Your Virgin,  
to defend the Faith  
and her country.  
Through her intercession  
grant that the Church  
may overcome the snares  
of her enemies  
and enjoy unbroken peace.  
Amen.

# ST JOAN OF ARC DAY 2021

Happy 101st anniversary





