



Newsletter No.20

Fri 2nd July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We had a wonderful Sports Day at school and at Finsbury Park last Thursday. To see the children and staff having so much fun was just a real joy and I felt so proud that they were able to have some normality returned to their lives. I hope you liked their photos uploaded on their learning platforms. Thank you so much for adhering to our request not to attend. It wasn't the same without you but let's hope we can get back to a normal sports day next year. A big thank you is extended to Ms Kelly for organising both events and to all the staff behind the scenes for enabling this to happen.

Sadly, you will know that we have had to send two-year groups home to isolate. This news fills parents, pupils and staff with dread but I am hopeful that new guidance will be published for schools in the autumn term so that this can be kept to a minimum at all costs. We look forward to having everyone back at school again next Monday for Year 6 and Tuesday for Year 5.



Sports day:

Last Thursday, SJA's children and staff were very happy to celebrate sports day! A slightly different event to usual, but none the less, it was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

The juniors had a wonderful time at Finsbury Park where they participated in many sporting events, including a finale of the staff vs year 6 house race. In a photo finish between Rebecca and Mr McCormick, the staff narrowly claimed the winning title! To finish off a lovely day, the children enjoyed a picnic lunch with their peers.

The infants also had a fun filled sports day at school. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in many races as well as supporting other year groups, and like the juniors, they had a yummy picnic lunch with their friends.

To finish off a lovely day, all children received a medal and the winning houses were presented their trophies. Photos are available to view on Google classroom or Tapestry.

We very much hope for the return of the long-awaited parent race and cheerleading next year!



COVID-19 UPDATE

Lockdown easing: the rules in England from 21 June



More than 30 guests can attend a wedding but must be seated at tables of six

Other restrictions remain in place



Up to six people or two households can meet indoors



Pubs and restaurants table service only



Theatre and cinema audiences limited to 50% capacity



Bigger crowds allowed at some pilot events for sport and entertainment



Social distancing remains in place



Nightclubs remain closed

On the 14th June Boris Johnson announced that current restrictions will continue until July 19th. Therefore all our systems of control remain operational.

Masks are optional on the playground.

Face-to-face meetings are not encouraged.

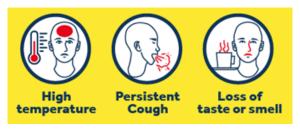
Ingress and egress systems remain the same.

Please arrive at the correct time slot in the morning and afternoon.

Please do not enter the school against the oneway system; even if you are late.

Thank you for your patience and adhering to the guidelines for the safety of our community.

If your child experiences any of the symptoms, isolate them and acquire a PCR test.



Positive cases in school bubbles:

We have done so well this year not to have to close a bubble down in so long so it was disheartening to close year 5 and year 6. As the guidance from the government and PHE states, if a positive case is detected within one of the school's bubbles, that bubble must self isolate for 10 days. With 2 weeks left, please be vigilant and careful with your comports as it would be such a shame to close a bubble so near to the end of the year. However, safety is first and we intend to follow the current guidance to ensure the safety of our community.



Y6 Activity week Year 2 end of year Mass -SJA Church

5th –9th July 10.15am Y2 parents/carers invited

Reports to go home Year 6 Disco

Friday 9th July Thursday 15th July 6.00pm

Year 6 end of year Mass - SJA Church

Friday 16th July 9.30am Y6 parents/carers invited

Year 3 Holy Communion:

Many of our Year 3 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. I would like to congratulate the children who have been preparing all year for this very special Sacrament. Enjoy the celebrations with your family.



Summer swimming lessons:

Please see the attached flyer from Islington Council offering free swimming lessons to children over the summer holidays.



Extended Schools' News



We are pleased to announce that the Extended School's new booking system will be going live on Wednesday 7th July at 9am on the school website under the 'Bookings' tab. From this date, parents and carers will be able to book childcare, secure enrichment club places, make payments and use childcare vouchers via our new booking system. The system will remain open for bookings over the summer holidays. An e-mail with more information about how to book and a copy of the timetable will be sent out on the afternoon of Monday 5th July.

Following the successful launch of the SJA Extended School's provision at the beginning of the Summer Term, we are pleased to say that we will be operating at a greater capacity from September when we will be able to welcome 60 children each day. Whilst we would love to be able to work with even more children, safety remains our top priority and there are strict adult: child ratios we must



adhere to. With the SJA Extended Schools offering 60 childcare places each evening, this is 10 places more than was previously being offered by Highbury Roundhouse.

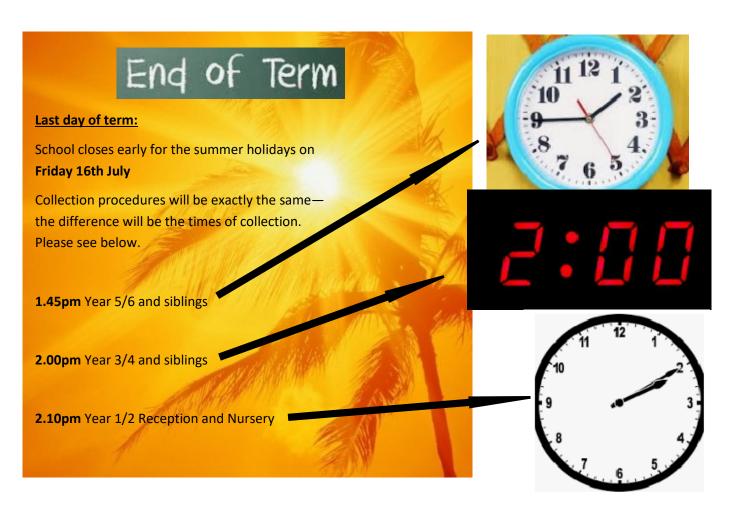
In addition to this, we are also increasing the range of extra-curricular clubs that will be on offer to the children at SJA. From September, we will be running a wider variety of sports and also introducing a new coding club.

Once registered with the new booking system, you will be able to read more about each club and what skills your child will be developing when they attend.



All clubs will run on a termly contract. At the end of each school term, your child will have the option to switch to another club through the booking system.







As part of activity week, Sparks Islington are providing year 6 pupils with a filmmaking workshop on 7th July.

Sparks Islington provide filmmaking classes and holiday camps for kids.

The next Summer Shoots 5 day holiday camps are scheduled for the 26th – 30th July and 2nd – 6th August 2021.

During the week, young filmmakers learn all about movie making.

They work with our specialist workshop leaders in small film crews.

They express their ideas and devise their own stories and scripts. Throughout the week, they direct, shoot and crew each of their scenes, where they work together as a team.

Everyone taking part takes away lots of new experiences, as well as developing new skills.

For more information or to book your child onto a workshop

Call: 0203 488 7434

Email: islington@sparksarts.co.uk

or visit https://www.sparksarts.co.uk/holiday-camps/movie-making-summer-camps/



Islington Libraries summer reading challenge:

Your child will receive registration form for the Islington Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. In order to take part, children will need to register with their local library and read six books over the summer in order to qualify for mini-prizes, a certificate, medal and a chance to win an extra prize in the lucky dip. This is a great way to keep children motivated to read over the summer and it would be lovely if as many children participate as possible. Happy reading!



Organisation for September:

The procedures for ingress and egress will be emailed to parents/caregivers on 31st August (INSET Day) ready for school reopening with children on 1st September. Please familiarise yourselves with the new procedures. (times, entrances, one-way systems) Thank you again for your patience with the mitigations the school enacts.





There will be a uniform stall in front of the school office at the drop off (8.30—9) and pick up times. (2.45— 3.15) on **Wednesday 7th July**. Thank you for your contributions and donations.



Have a safe weekend. Enjoy the football if you're watching and remain vigilant and careful.



Sat 3 Jul 20:00



Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.

We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.