



Newsletter No. 16

Fri 30th April 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the beginning of the summer term. I hope you all managed to have a break from your normal routine over the Easter holidays. I can see plenty of us have had a visit to the hairdressers and it has been lovely to see a few people in gardens over the last week or so. With the warmer weather, there is a sense of hope in the air for a less stressful term!

We have definitely started this term with lots of good news which is communicated in various sections of the newsletter, including the Readathon and after school provision.

As things are settling, we are planning to get a newsletter out to you every two weeks on a Friday so here goes this week's first edition of summer 2021.

Sincerely,

Clare Campbell

SJA Online Auction



Welcome to the SJA Online Auction!

Lot 9		Lot 54	
£45	4	£22	8
less than 3 days		less than 3 days	
Designer cushion by Petite Friture: Minerals		Sylvanian Families Set 3- Family Saloon Car	

PA Auction:

Thank you to the PA who have been organising the auction which went live this week. Again, thank you for your creativity in donating lots and for giving so generously.



Readathon :

It was great to see so many children participate in this initiative. Staff have commented on how much more engaged the children have been with reading on their return to school compared to last year's return after lockdown. This was the main drive behind the initiative and any funds raised would have been a complete bonus. However, I have been completely blown away by the generosity of you all and your extended families and friends. It was really heart-warming to read messages of encouragement from grandparents in particular on the fundraising pages. In the whole time that I have been at SJA we have never had one event that has raised so much money.... a whopping **£9787.56!** This has exceeded all expectations.

Ms Connolly has put together a very special edition of SJA Happy News which is attached to this newsletter with more information about class winners and prizes.



Staff vacancy:

We are currently looking to recruit a full time Teaching Assistant to start in September 2021. This position is temporary for one year and is to support children across the school with their English, maths and overall development. This position is suitable for anyone with formal childcare qualifications, or for someone with a degree who is looking to possibly further their training in the education sector / possibly looking for a career change. More information and an application pack is available by emailing Kate Cattermole in the school office by email: info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

COVID-19 UPDATE

Lockdown easing: What has changed in England?



Pubs and restaurants are allowed to serve drinks and meals outdoors



All shops can open



Hairdressers, nail salons and other personal care businesses can reopen



Indoor gyms and sports facilities reopen for individual exercise or for exercise with your household or bubble



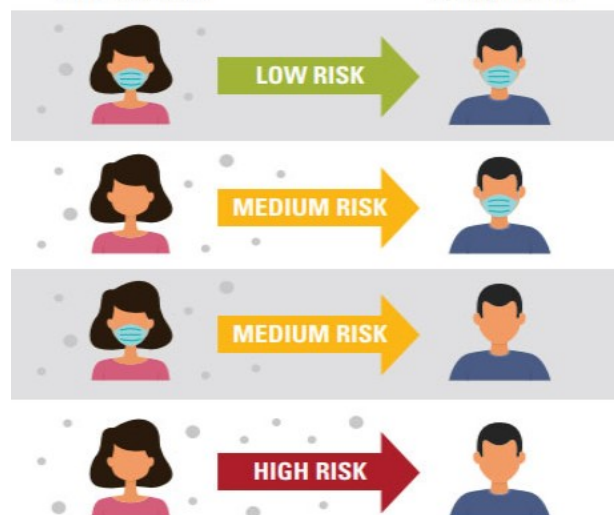
Members of the same household can take a holiday in self-contained accommodation – but holidays abroad are still banned



Advice remains to keep journeys to a minimum and work from home where possible

COVID-19 carrier

Healthy person

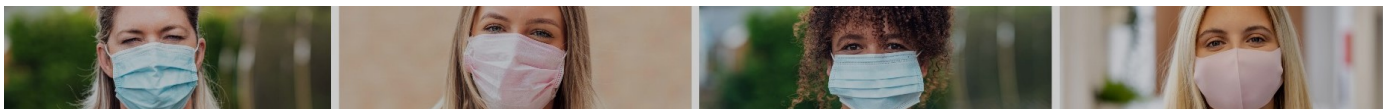


Possible change to the school's start and finish times and extended schools provision—September 2021:

As with all areas of school life, the pandemic has really made us rethink how best to run our school day and extended schools services from September. With teaching and learning being at the heart of the school, we are looking at changing the school start and finish times, as well as trying to be creative in how we can support you with childcare.

We have a few ideas which are going to be communicated to you in a separate letter which will be sent out, via e-mail, next Tuesday alongside a questionnaire. We really need to ascertain your views so please take some time to read the document and complete the questionnaire.

The closing date for receiving your feedback is **Tuesday 11th May**.



Face coverings:

It has been notable this week that, when collecting children at the end of the day, there have been fewer adults wearing masks on the playground. While restrictions are gradually easing, it is important that we all try to adhere to public health guidance. To this end, unless you are exempt, please continue to wear a facial covering when collecting your child at the end of the school day. Thank you for your continued cooperation towards the safety of the school community.

Dates for your dairy:

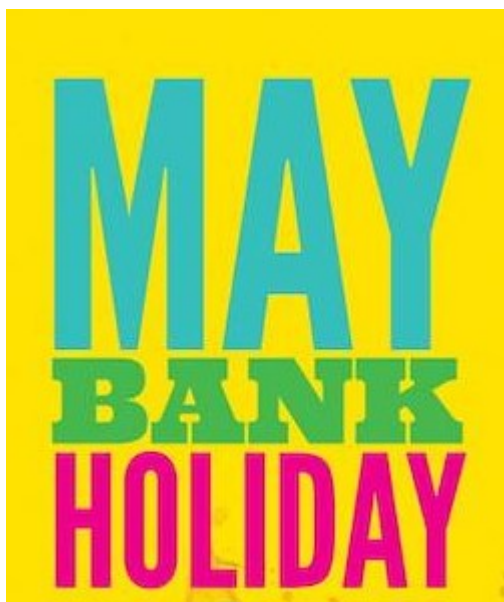
Cake Stalls – Friday 21st May
and Friday 18th June – these will
take place within the school day.

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



Bank holiday:

A reminder that the school is closed on Mon-
day 3rd May for the May Bank Holiday



New term:

As we start the new term, we ask the Lord to help us
all be disciples of knowledge.

back2school
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

SJA Extended Schools' Team



Mr McCormick
Extended School's Manager



Ms Bowden
Day-to-Day Manager



Ms Cumpstey
Extended School's Helper



Ms Gibbs
Extended School's Helper



Ms Convey
Extended School's Helper



Ms Long
Extended School's Helper

Extended Schools' News

Last week saw SJA launch its new Extended Schools Club. The Extended Schools Club provides children in all year groups with an opportunity to access sports coaching and child care after school.

Children have worked alongside coaches from Team Kick Start and Juventus Academy to learn new skills in a range of sports including football, handball, gymnastics and athletics. These external providers have made an excellent first impression and the children have really enjoyed participating in their sessions.

In addition to the coaching sessions, children are then able to enjoy a snack, play games and complete other activities with their friends supported by different members of the Extended Schools Team.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged with the activities after school and Mr McCormick, who is the teacher in charge of this area of school life, has been very impressed with the children's behaviour and engagement. Hopefully they have returned home nice and tired resulting in an early to bed evening!

Extended Schools Club places are now full for all year groups, however there will be more information regarding clubs for next academic year shared in upcoming newsletters later this term.



Children's Comments

We have been asking children about their experiences of the Extended Schools Clubs and here is what they had to say:

It's very good, I really like the training and it's fun to be with friends.

I enjoy the games and learning new skills with the coaches. They are very kind.

the **Voices** of **Children**

I have got to play with people I don't normally get to play with.

I like learning new football skills and the adults are very nice.

Spending more time with my friends is great!

The coaches are really friendly and make the games fun no matter what your ability is.



Donations to Extended Schools

The Extended Schools Team would welcome any board game donations. Board games appropriate for all ages would be greatly appreciated. These can be donated to the school office.

