



## Newsletter No. 10

Friday 26th January 2024

Dear parents/caregivers.

As you will know, we have had a busy week this week with Ofsted coming to inspect our school.

I have to say that the children impressed our inspector with their warm welcome, impeccable manners and good behaviour. They were very keen to showcase their school and confidently participated in many conversations about their experiences and learning opportunities provided for them. Thank you also for such a positive parental response to the parent view questionnaire. It is wonderful to feel such support from the community and like us, to know that you want your child to be in a school whereby they can be nurtured and achieve their very best.

The inspection process is now complete and the report will be published in full and made available to you after half term.

Friday 9th February is our parent coffee morning/ open morning for you to come together and see your children in their classes. We have arranged for a short e-safety presentation to take place from 8.45-9 am aiming to give you some tips on how you can keep your child safe on line at home. The recycled uniform stall will also be open in the small hall.

Have a lovely weekend and a good half term break, when it arrives. I know that all the staff are now very much looking forward to that.

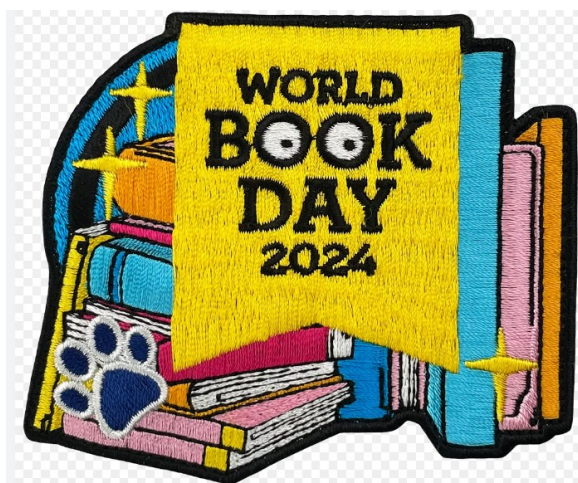
If I don't see you at the gate, I will see you at the coffee morning.

*Clare Campbell*



### Book Week 4th – 7th March

We are delighted to announce that the school will be holding a book week commencing on Monday 4th March to celebrate the joy and importance of reading. The children will be participating in a number of reading activities during the week both in their class and as a year group. At 2.30 pm each day, the children will be able to choose to listen to a story read by another adult in a different classroom.



Advanced notice—**World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March** and this year we would like children to come dressed up as a character from their favourite story book.

In line with the school's drive to be more sustainable, The Eco Team will be asking pupils to think about using current clothing items as a costume instead of buying one-off dressing up costumes. There are lots of characters that children can come as by wearing their casual clothes, e.g. Harry and the Dinosaurs, Laura's Star etc. The Eco Team will be leading an assembly on this prior to half term, to give children some ideas of how creative they can be.



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## **“Pre-loved” Book Sale**

**As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be running a “pre-loved” book stall in school on Tuesday 5th March. This is a great opportunity to recycle books and to encourage children to renew their own book collection with good quality, second-hand books.**

**In order for us to do this, we will need your help. We need donations of lots of books. We are looking for books of all genres from Reception level through to older readers (Years 6+). No baby books please.**

**We will be collecting the books at school between Monday 26th February — Friday 1st March. Children will need to leave donations at the school office.**

**We would also like some parent helpers who would like to help us sort the books into different year groups. If you are able to help with this on Monday 4th March, please contact the school office.**

**All the money raised from the sale will go to the school to purchase much needed school resources for our children.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

# Safer Internet Day 2024

# Tuesday 6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

## **Online Safety Week - Starting Monday 6th February**

Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6th February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Together for a better internet'.

The Digital Leaders will lead an assembly to explore the theme and launch the class-based activities during this week. On Friday 9th February we have our parents' coffee morning in the hall. We have arranged for Katy Potts—who leads IT in Islington to come and do a very short presentation for you on ways to ensure internet safety at home. This will be in the hall at 8.45am. Class visits will also have an IT theme, with children participating in an IT based lesson during your visit.

## **St Joan of Arc Catholic Nursery School - Summer Term intake**

If your child was born between 01.01.21—31.03.21, and you are interested in applying for either a full or part-time place to start in April, please contact the school's admissions officer on 020 7226 3920.

Alternatively, information is outlined in the Nursery Admissions Policy which is on the school's website: [www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk)

The nursery is led by a fully qualified class teacher, early years practitioner and nursery nurse.

The nursery hours are Monday to Friday 8.15am—3.00pm





## Call for tea cups and saucers

Later this term, we will be hosting our first Mother's Day tea party for our reception mums. If you or family members are recycling china tea cups, saucers and plates, please consider donating them to us. As long as they are in good condition, they don't need to match. Please hand them in via the school office.



## Uniform

Thank you for your support our efforts to raise the uniform standards to the levels we are used to. We really appreciate how you understand the principles and benefits behind high uniform standards. The cut-off date for the first deadline is fast approaching.

If there are extenuating circumstances (temporary injuries etc.) please inform your child's teacher. Anything more permanent (medical requirements, financial hardships) please contact Mr Fuiava. We are here to help in any way.

Please sign the Uniform Reminder Notice so we know that you are aware of the situation.

NB: Uniform sale Friday 9th February 8.00am

|               | Uniform review  | Cut-off date                    | Focus   |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Spring term 1 | Week 1 – week 4 | Week 5 Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport brand free, black/navy blue leather footwear</li> <li>• Logo jumper/fleece</li> <li>• Button up shirt</li> </ul>                   |
| Spring term 2 | Week 1 – week 4 | Week 5 Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logo White t-shirt</li> <li>• Navy/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (plain)</li> <li>• Navy/black/grey/white leggings/tights</li> </ul> |
| Summer term 1 | Week 1 – week 4 | Week 5 Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May | All of the above plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general uniform (jewellery, hair accessories, make-up etc)</li> </ul>  |

## QUIZ NIGHT

Our quiz night is on Friday 2nd Feb! Buy your tickets now to ensure you do not miss out on a fun evening -

<https://sja.rallyup.com/87bbd4/Campaign/Details>

A poster for a Quiz Night event. At the top left, it says "Parents Association" and "St Joan of Arc School" with a logo and the tagline "Growing together". At the top right, it says "BUY A TICKET" above a QR code. The main text in the center is "QUIZ NIGHT" in large, bold, white letters. Below that, it says "FRIDAY 2ND FEB", "DOORS OPEN AT: 6:30PM", and "QUIZ STARTS AT: 7PM". In a box, it says "£25 ENTRY FEE" and "INCLUDES ENTRY & FOOD TABLES OF 8 AVAILABLE". Below that, it says "MORE INFO:" and provides the URL "HTTPS://SJA.RALLYUP.COM/87BBD4" and "OR ASK YOUR CLASS REP". At the bottom, it says "\*IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DATE YOU COULD STILL BUY A TICKET TO HELP SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.".

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For the event to be successful, we need a few volunteers to help out. So if you are not a quizzier but fancy joining in please sign up to volunteer. We will ensure you are fed as a thank you.

<https://signup.com/go/FVYhVwB>

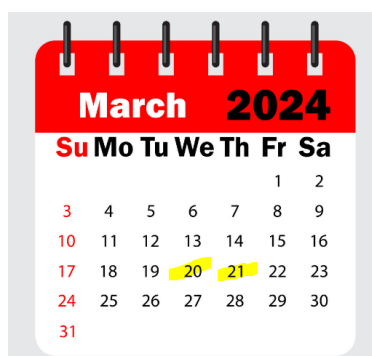
### Extended School Club Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to feedback your thoughts on our after-school provision.

Our Governing Body Finance Committee are going to look at this in more detail at their meeting on 3rd February. In lieu of that communication, I thought a quick summary of your feedback would be helpful. As predicted, parents are requesting more places to be made available for clubs on Tuesday to Thursday, in particular for gymnastics and football. This is mainly for the younger members of our school. I have met with our Extended Schools Manager, Mrs Cumpstey to look at this in particular and there are enough places for both girls and boys football as these clubs are not full. We have contacted the gymnastics company that we use and they are going to try and provide us with a second coach for the Autumn Term.

You will receive a newsletter from the extended schools service the week beginning the 5th February about their summer term offer. Advance notice - bookings for childcare for the summer term will go live on **25th February and clubs on 28th February.**

I have also met with representatives of the Parents' Association to see what we can do with regard to reigniting our plans to complete our extended schools building. Long serving parents will know that this was partially constructed in Summer 2020, with the hope that we could complete this in the coming years. This includes the installation of a kitchen and art room. Having a purpose-built extended schools building would enable us to increase our daily numbers in our extended schools service, branch out into holiday care for St Joan of Arc pupils, as well as all children being able to use these facilities during the school day. In essence all children would benefit from this. We are not entitled to any grants or support for this, so fundraising for this would need to be part of our fund-raising initiative. I know this is not a good time to draw your attention to this but the parents' association already have a live fundraising initiative for this purpose. If you are able to donate, please do so. It is very much appreciated. Details are included in the newsletter.



### Parents Evening reminder

Parents Evening -  
Wednesday 20th and  
Thursday 21st March  
3.15-5.45pm

# Would you like to **donate** to JOA?

The money raised will be used to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities

## How to donate

### Using gofundme



### Via bank transfer or standing order

**JOA Bank Account**  
**Account No. 80820377**  
**Sort Code. 20-44-86**

## Other ways to help

- Volunteer at our community events
- Tell a friend about JOA, we need more children!
- See if your employer does 'matched funding'
- Provide a particular skill - or share your talents with us?  
Many hands make light work!
- We are a registered charity  
maybe run a marathon or one parent is doing a sky dive!



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### **Reading in a strange place**

After the success of last year's competition, we are again opening up the chance to win a book voucher for a photograph of your child reading in a strange place! Last year we had pictures of children reading in their garden sheds, on the tube and London Bridge to name but a few.

Entries to be submitted to [info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk) by Friday 8th March @3pm. More information about other events happening during this week, will be published in the next newsletter

### **Children having packed lunches**

For those children who bring a packed lunch to school, we would like to remind parents that in order to encourage healthy eating, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches. Children's packed lunches should be nutritionally balanced, providing the required sustenance for the afternoon's learning. Please remember that as some children have nut allergies, we ask that packed lunches are free from nuts.



All children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water to school, which they can have during class time.

## **Prayer for Peace**

Peace go with you.  
God's quiet within the noise.  
God's hope within uncertainty.  
God's rest within the toil.  
God's presence within your soul.  
Peace go with you.