



Newsletter No. 11

Fri 9th February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's hard to believe that it is half term already and therefore half way through the academic year.

The children have continued to work very hard this term both in class as well as participating in lots of additional curriculum opportunities too. At today's open day, you will have seen our Digital Leaders in action in certain classes. Keeping up with the children's appetite for technology is no easy task so, hopefully you will have found this morning's presentation in the hall helpful. Thank you for taking the time to attend. I know this is an additional demand on your time but much it is appreciated by the children and staff.

I hear Friday night's quiz night was a roaring success. Many thanks to the Parents Association who organised this event behind the scenes and to those of you who attended.

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 Green 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 Green Team will be leading an assembly on this after half term, to give children some ideas of how creative they can be.

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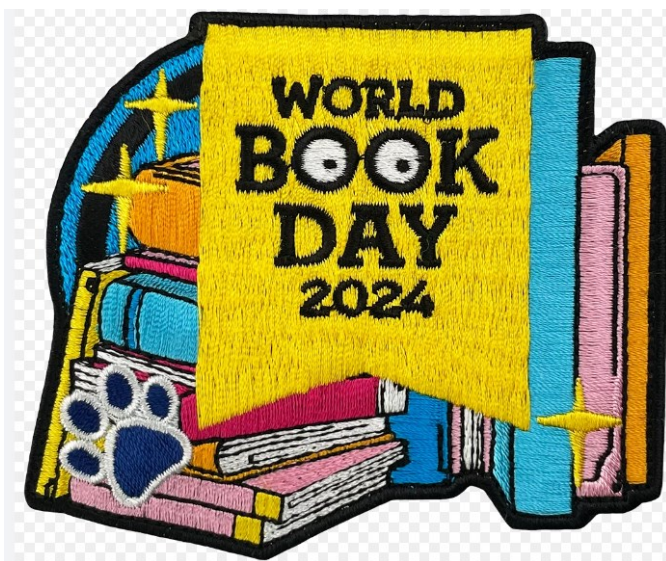
Next Wednesday sees the start of the Lent Season, with Ash Wednesday marking the start of our preparation for Easter.

We have an INSET Day on Monday 19th February, whereby staff are attending training on how to improve standards of children's writing at the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education.

The school will be closed to pupils on this day but we reopen as normal on Tuesday 20th February.

I hope you all manage to get a well-earned rest over the half term.

Claire Campbell





Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Hello, We Are Your School Health Team!



School Nurse Drop in clinic

You can talk to us about any health issue, including these...

- ❖ Bedwetting/ Toileting Problems
- ❖ Body Changes/ Personal Hygiene
- ❖ Diet and Nutrition
- ❖ Dental Health
- ❖ Managing Minor Illnesses

Please fill out a **REFERRAL FORM** (collect from school reception) or contact us by email/telephone

School Nurse drop in dates at SJA:

9am 15/3

9am 13/5

9am 28/6

You can contact us on 020 3316 8021 or whh-tr.IslingtonSchoolNursing@nhs.net where there is a nurse to speak to Mon-Fri 9am- 5pm

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

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. Thank you to those who responded to the requests for the uniform to be corrected.

If there are extenuating circumstances (temporary injuries etc.) please contact 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.

Next half term we have the same focus but add on a review of the PE uniform.

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

Quiz Night

Thank you to all who supported the Quiz Night. It was a fun filled evening full of trivia and big laughs. Thank you to Claire Eldridge and the PA/helpers for organising a wonderful event. Without the PA and the support of our families we would not be able to provide the services and resources we have for our pupils. Congratulations to the SJA staff team who were victorious on the night.



Parents Evening reminder

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



Monday 19th February—SCHOOL IS **CLOSED**

INSET DAY

School re-opens Tuesday 20th February

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Create space in my life for more
kindness and less spitefulness, greater
generosity and stronger compassion.