

Newsletter No. 14

Thursday 28th March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and hard work throughout these past few weeks. It's been a short term, but undoubtedly packed with activities and commitments, and I am truly impressed by the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our school community.

I also wanted to extend a special thank you to the children in Year 5 for their incredible performance in the Easter Passion play. Their dedication and hard work truly shone through, and it was a joy to witness their talents on stage. They are a testament to the creativity and passion fostered within our school community.

As Easter draws near, I know that everyone is eagerly anticipating a well-deserved break. It's no surprise that we're all looking forward to some rest and relaxation

over the holiday period. I hope that you can take this time to recharge, spend quality moments with your loved ones, and enjoy the festivities of the season.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Wishing you a peaceful and rejuvenating Easter holiday.

Warm regards,

Claire Campbell



Easter eggs

Your kind donations have ensured every pupil received an egg for the Easter holidays. This service and generosity is warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Have a lovely Easter with your loved ones with a focus on the true meaning of the season.





Celebrating Neurodiversity

Autism Acceptance Week

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the children who actively participated in Neurodiversity Week. It was truly lovely to witness the vibrant display of solidarity during the Coloured Walk and to listen to the enlightening presentation by our pupils highlighting the accomplishments of numerous neurodiverse celebrities.



We commend the dedication and effort of our students who continuously exemplify our school values of **love, respect, service, and courage**. It is through these values that we foster a welcoming community that embraces and celebrates neurodiversity in all its forms.



We invite you to experience the spirit of inclusivity and acceptance by viewing the special video, "**Amazing Things Happen**," which explains neurodiversity and autism in a lovely, child-friendly way. You can watch the video using this link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1algJEgFMeZXxOKaETgQbhQ-AXEU7AzKd/view?usp=sharing>



Parents' Association

Parents Association  **St Joan of Arc School**
Growing together

Online Auction

Donations needed!

Help us raise funds for the
Extended school club build!

What You Can Donate:

- **Experiences** e.g. exciting hobby or job
- **Time** e.g. advice, tutoring, babysitting
- **Unwanted gifts** e.g. new items
- **Preloved items**, e.g. homeware, designer goods
- **Personal Passions** e.g. art work, baking, crafts, music

Auction runs from: **10-16th May**

Donations needed by 8th May at the latest

To get involved, email any questions, suggestions or items to auctionsja@gmail.com or ask your class rep.

Dinner with Elvis – Friday 17th May 7-11pm

Book your tickets to the first ever Elvis Night at SJA! This evening event is for adults (over 18) only and tickets are limited and available to anyone at school and the wider community. Four course dinner included during the Elvis performance, all for £45. There will be a bar taking card/cash on the night.

Four-ticket package includes a free bottle of wine. Don't miss out, book now here: <https://sja.rallyup.com/elvis>



Uniform Strategy

The standards of the uniform have improved vastly from September. **85%** of the school is wearing the correct uniform all of the time. Thank you for your support in the strategy.

Main infractions still occurring: polo shirts, PE shirts **without** logos, PE trousers **with** sports logos.

Week 1—4 of Summer term will focus on all aspects of the uniform as well as hair, jewellery, makeup etc.

Mr Fuiava will be contacting those who still do not have the correct uniforms. If your child receives a Uniform Reminder Notice, please sign it to acknowledge receipt.

Please take no offence but let us know how we can help your child adhere to the uniform policy of our school.



	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	All of the above plus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• general uniform (jewellery, hair accessories, make-up etc)

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the caregivers/parents who attended the consultations. We hope you are proud of your child's achievements and have an understanding of how well your child is doing and what they need to work on next.



Parent & Caregiver Forum

Please find the minutes to the last Parent/Caregiver Forum held on March 14th 2024.

https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Parents-Forum-14-March-2024_Minutes.pdf

The next meeting is Thursday 4th July 2024.



Lent appeal

Thank you for supporting the almsgiving appeal of CAFOD. These envelopes are due on **Fri 19th April**. We know the children are very generous so whatever you can provide is greatly appreciated.



Safeguarding

Thank you to all the caregivers/parents who follow the one way systems in the morning and the afternoon. Having the crowd flow in one direction makes it easier for staff to see exactly who is coming into the school grounds and ensure your child leaves the school safely.

If you are late for pick up, it is still advisable for you to go the Northolme Rd. entrance. Please do not go against the flow of traffic via the church gate.



Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.

Amen

