



Friday 17th October

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to see our wonderful pupils starting to take on different responsibilities within our school community. Over the last few weeks, children who are Sports and House Captains as well as our Well Being Ambassadors, have received their badges in assembly with their parents present. Many congratulations to the pupils who have been selected for these roles. We have some lovely pictures included in the newsletter. It is important that pupils have a voice within their school to shape what we do but it is also a good opportunity for the children to work in a different team and take some responsibility for the school's development.

It has been lovely to see lots of classes going out on their school trips. A big thank you to those parents who were able to offer support. Without your help we wouldn't be able to take the children out so your support has been much appreciated.

Tonight is the return of our International Evening which starts at 6.30pm. This is a lovely opportunity for new families to come together and share how special our school community is. Entry is via the school car park. Many thanks in advance are expressed to those parents and members of our PA who have been working behind the scenes to make this evening a success.

This will be the last newsletter prior to half term commencing on Friday 24th October. This is a normal school day, closing at 3pm with normal after school provision also in place. A reminder that we are closed for staff training on Monday 3rd November and reopen for pupils on Tuesday 4th November.

We will be holding parent consultations after half term. This is so that the teacher can discuss your child's progress this term alongside how they have settled into their new class. These will take place on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November from 3.15 - 6pm. Bookings can be made from Tuesday 4th November at 10.00am. The office will send you a separate booking email with all the information that you require to make your booking.

I am looking forward to seeing all our wonderful families tonight. Enjoy the evening and the weekend following.

Kind Regards

Clare Campbell



Secondary School Applications:

A reminder regarding applications for admission into Secondary School – September 2026

The closing date for applications into Year 7 is 31st October 2025. You must also complete an application form from the borough in which you reside.

Reception Applications:

If you have a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, your child will be eligible to apply for a Reception place in September. Please remember that transfer from Nursery to Reception is not automatic - a new application needs to be made via the council online platform, and a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) needs to be submitted to the school. Supplementary Information Forms are available on the school website or at the school office. Please see the Reception Admissions Policy on the school website for details of documents to be submitted with the SIF. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026.

Nursery Applications:

We also have spaces in our nursery, so if your child is three years of age before 31st December (or you know of anyone with a three-year-old not in nursery), please visit our website for an application form.



International Evening – Food & Volunteers Welcome!

We're looking forward to celebrating our diverse school community at International Evening tonight, you can join us from 6.30pm.

If you'd like to bring a dish or help out, **please remember: no nuts** in any food items. Entry is £5 per family, if you have not brought a dish to share.

Also, the PA will have a table at International Evening so come over and say hello!

Pupil Absence

It is really important that we keep accurate records of the children's attendance

If your child is unwell, or will be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office and press 1 on the automated message service to report the absence.

Alternatively you can e-mail on:

absence@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

It is important that we have this information by 9.00am at the latest.





School Uniform:

Thank you for your support in ensuring the uniform is presented in its highest quality as well as being regulation/correct according to the policy. We have noticed a lot less trainers being used as school shoes and the children are doing their best to ensure they are tucking their shirts in and presenting themselves neatly for learning.

The main uniform infringements are trainers with the uniform, polo shirts instead of shirts and jumpers on uniform days.

Mr Fuiava will be sending correspondence to all caregivers regarding the uniform; what is correct, what the priorities are, what the new procedures will be when dealing with incorrect uniform, timeframes and support. It is all part of the holistic approach to learning and encouraging discipline, unity and the school identity. As always, your support will be greatly appreciated and needed.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>



Mark your calendars!
Our festive Christmas Fair will take place at school.
So many of you said how magical last year's was and how it was a great way to start your festive season! More details coming soon if you'd like to get involved!

Christmas Trees Are Coming!

Don't miss out – our beautiful Christmas trees will be available again this year. Watch this space for how to order yours - collection will be at the Christmas Fair.





This week class 5L visited Stoke Newington Fire Station. The trip was kindly arranged by parent Mr Mullaney who is a fire fighter at the station.

The visit gave the children a unique behind-the-scenes experience. They enjoyed a full tour of the fire station and even had the chance to use the fire hose and spreader!

We are grateful to the team at the fire station for this exciting opportunity and for the vital work they do in our community.



Wellbeing Ambassadors

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have been hard at work, helping to make our school a safe, welcoming and inclusive space.

One of their main roles is to organise and run our outdoor classroom at lunchtimes. This is a quiet play-space equipped with books, drawing and writing activities, board games and construction toys. It's a great place for children who prefer a calmer, quieter environment to play in.

In Monday's whole school assembly, the Wellbeing Ambassadors were presented with their badges. This was a chance for them to share their hard work with the rest of the children and for the school to say thank you for their time and commitment in making our school an even happier place.



Throughout the year, they will be involved in more projects to help support the mental wellbeing of our school community.

SJA Parent's Association



PA AGM -Thursday 7th November @ 8pm

Our wonderful PA have their PA AGM on Thursday 6th November at 8pm via zoom. This is an opportunity for us to thank those parents who worked so tirelessly last year to raise funds for our school and to welcome new members and find out our fundraising goals for this year. As we have already said, every parent is automatically part of the PA so if you can't normally attend the meetings held on a Friday morning, this meeting will hopefully enable you to feel part of the wider school community. Using last year's funds, we were able to purchase the following:

- 120 new Chrome Books to support with the school's drive on digital learning
- Charging cabinets for chrome books
- All classes are taught by a specialist music teacher weekly
- Reading books have been updated for both class libraries and phonics – benefitting all year groups
- New playground benches, sun umbrellas, and cushions for our tree house
- Updated our lunchtime equipment
- A donation towards the school's art therapist
- The Year 6 activity week was subsidised by donations from the PA. Each pupil also received a leavers' sweatshirt and attended their special disco at the end of the year

This year we really want to

- Further expand our digital offer by purchasing more chrome books and charging cabinets
- Expand our sports offer by having specialist sports coaches running clubs during lunchtime
- Expand our well-being offer at lunchtime by purchasing more resources for children to use
- Continue and expand on our music offer
- Update library books available in our tree tops library
- Subsidise all school trips
- Continue to update reading books for both school and home use



OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

PRAY WITH US:
MOTHER ANGELICA, 5:30 AM
FR.BENEDICT GROESCHEL, 9:30 PM

ST. GABRIEL
CATHOLIC RADIO

October –

The month of the Rosary:

During October, we remember the prayer of the rosary, the faith of St Dominic who was presented with the rosary and to the virgin Mary who is mother to all.

October

Week Beginning Monday 20th

Tuesday 21st — 8.30am Pre-loved school uniform stall
Wednesday 22nd — Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 6
Thursday 23rd — Judaism workshop (KS2)

Week Beginning 27th October – Half Term

NOVEMBER

Week Beginning 3rd November

Monday 3rd – INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th – 8.15 – 8.30pm Children return to school
Thursday 6th – Year 3 Trip to The Hive

Week Beginning Monday 10th

Friday 14th — Year 2 Trip to The Tower of London
Friday 14th - Flu Vaccination – catch up session
Friday 14th - Reception Parent's Bingo Night 6.30pm

Week Beginning Monday 17th

Wednesday 19th – 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation
Thursday 20th – 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation

DECEMBER

Week Beginning Monday 1st

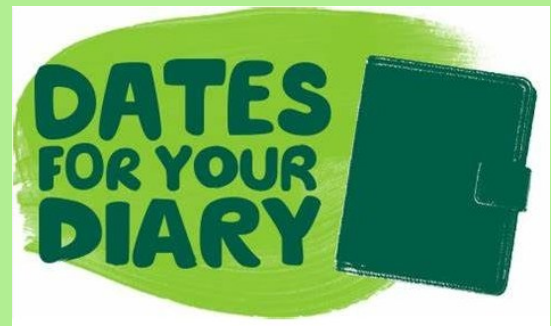
Friday 5th – 3.30pm Christmas Fair in Playground

Week Beginning Monday 8th

Wednesday 10th - 8.45am [Infant Nativity Show \(Nurs to Year 2\)](#)
Thursday 11th – 8.45am Infant Nativity Show (Nurs to Year 2)

Week Beginning Monday 15th

Monday 15th – Whole School to see Christmas Pantomime
Tuesday 16th – Children's Christmas Jumper Day, Disco and Christmas lunch
Thursday 18th – 2pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in St Joan of Arc Church
Friday 19th – 9am School Mass led by Class 6N



INSET DAY

A reminder that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 3rd November to allow for staff training. This is on Safeguarding.



School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm