

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of year again: **SPORTS DAY** at St Joan of Arc! We will be making the journey to Finsbury Park Sports Track for an active day of fun!

The event will be held on **Thursday 26th June 9.30 to 12.00**. All children should be dropped off to the Athletics track at Finsbury Park by 9.15am. School *will not be open* prior to the event, so please bring your child directly to the park, or arrange for a nominated adult to do so.

On arrival, please direct your child to sit with their class opposite the grandstand (class letters will be displayed). From here, class teachers will register the children and allocate them to their activity area. You are then invited to stay and watch the morning's activities from the allocated spectator areas.

Sports day will take place in four different areas of the track, with two-year groups competing in each area:

- Nursery and Reception - Left side of the track (looking from the main entrance)
- Year 3 & 4 – back of track – left hand side
- Years 5 & 6 - back of track – right hand side
- Years 1 & 2 - right side of the track (looking from the main entrance)



Parents are warmly invited to watch from a designated area near where each year group is competing, but please ensure you remain in the designated areas and you are not on the track.

What to wear:

Children should wear their school pe shorts/tracksuit bottoms, a top in their house colour, and trainers. All children should be aware of their house teams, if they are unsure please check with your child's class teacher. Also, please do check the weather forecast – apply sun cream and bring a sunhat and/or coat for protection, depending on the weather.

The school house colours are as follows:

- Rouen (St Joan of Arc's place of martyrdom) – Red
- Fleur De Lys (Symbol of patriotism) – Yellow
- Dom Remy (St Joan of Arc's hometown) – Green
- Benedict (The Pope who canonised Joan of Arc) – Blue

After the races & lunch:

Once all the races have been completed, we will be coming back together as a school to present the winning houses with their trophies and medals. This will take place in front of the spectators' stand.

Sports day wouldn't be sports day without a parents' race. This will take place between 11.30 -12.00pm, so please remember your trainers if you are brave enough to do so!

After the sporting events are over, the children will go back to the racing areas with their classes for a picnic lunch. From here, you will be permitted to take your child home, to do so you **must inform** the class teacher so they can sign them out.

Please make sure your child brings a healthy packed lunch, with at least two bottles of water. It would be helpful if parents/carers could hold on to their child's lunch until the designated picnic time and just provide them with their water. We will of course collect the lunches of those whose families are unable to attend the park and distribute during the picnic time.

Once we have eaten lunch (12.00 – 12.45pm) any uncollected children will return to school with their class teacher until 3.00pm. The Extended School service will be operating as normal.

Nursery and reception parents only:

- Children in nursery and reception should be dropped off at Finsbury Park at 9.15, like the rest of the school. However, once sports day has finished (at approximately 12:00) we ask that you (or a nominated adult) collect your child from the running track. As I'm sure you understand, the day can be tiring for their little legs and the walk back to school can be quite a challenge! We really do appreciate your support with this.
- After school club will still be running so if your child is booked in on a Thursday they are more than welcome to attend, however, you will be responsible for collecting your child from the sports track and escorting them back to school from 1:30.
- Nursery children who are part time (Monday- Wednesday) your child is of course welcome to participate in sports day, however due to ratios, you must remain with your child throughout.
- If you are able to help staff on the day, please inform your child's class teacher directly and they will let you know if help is needed.

If it is a very wet and rainy day, sports day will be cancelled. You will receive a text message at 8.00am if this is the case your child will need to be brought to school as normal.

Thank you for your support in what should (weather permitting) be a glorious and fun day for all!

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Campbell.