



Newsletter No. 12

Fri 22nd April

Dear parents and carers.

I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter break. The children and staff certainly looked refreshed on their return to school on Tuesday. We started the summer term off with a lovely whole school assembly on Tuesday, which included Fr Gerard giving all of the children a special blessing.

Class H led the first Mass of this term today and did really well with their readings and singing.

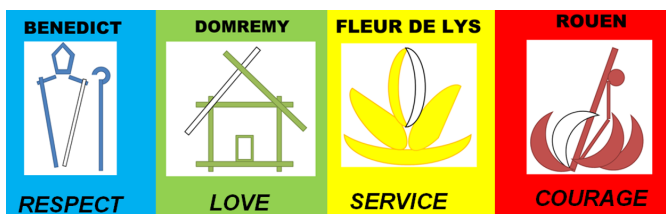
It's hard to believe that the final term of the year has arrived and with it will be more opportunities for you to be involved in school events. We will be reinstating the cake stalls being run by the PA, as well as our much-loved summer fete on Saturday 2nd July. In addition to this, we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in a special week of events, starting on 23rd May. This will culminate on Friday 27th May with a special fun day and whole school picnic.

We will be asking for parent volunteers to help with this day – just one hour of your time on a rota basis. If there is a budding photographer amongst you, who is willing to come in and take some pictures of the children as a memento of this occasion, we would love to hear from you. The school would obviously pay for any materials required for this. More information about how you can help will be published in a special jubilee newsletter which will be published in the next couple of weeks.

Sports Day is back at Finsbury Park which will include the parents' race – so you have been warned!

Dates of main events are listed at the bottom of the newsletter for your convenience.

Clare Campbell



Year 6 Citizenship Cup Winner:

This award is presented at the end of each term to a year six pupil who, during the course of their time at St Joan of Arc, has been an example of model citizenship in our school. I am delighted to announce that Rocco (Class M) was last term's worthy winner.

Many congratulations are extended to Rocco and his family on receiving this prestigious award.

Uniform:

I spoke to the children in assembly on Monday about the importance of everyone following the school uniform rules—discipline, unity and responsibility. The vast majority of the children are wearing the correct uniform both on non-PE days as well as PE days so, thank you very much for your support with this.

There are a few (mainly older children) who are wearing trainers with their uniform on non-PE days. Just in case they are communicating to you that this is allowed, I am confirming that it's not. We are very happy for children to wear their PE kits and choice of footwear on their PE days but on non-PE days, school shoes must be worn. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

If there are legitimate reasons why your child needs to wear trainers, please inform the school via the reading record or email.

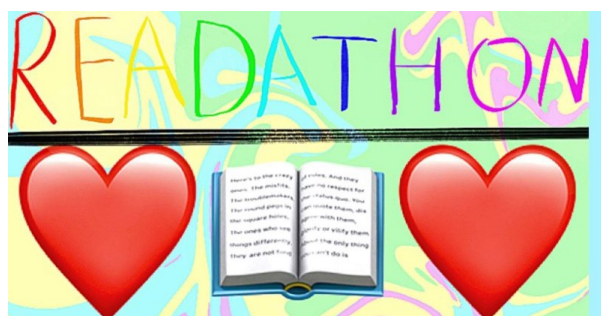


Readathon

Thank you for your encouraging your child to participate in this competition. We had over 100 children participate fundraising a whopping **£9000**

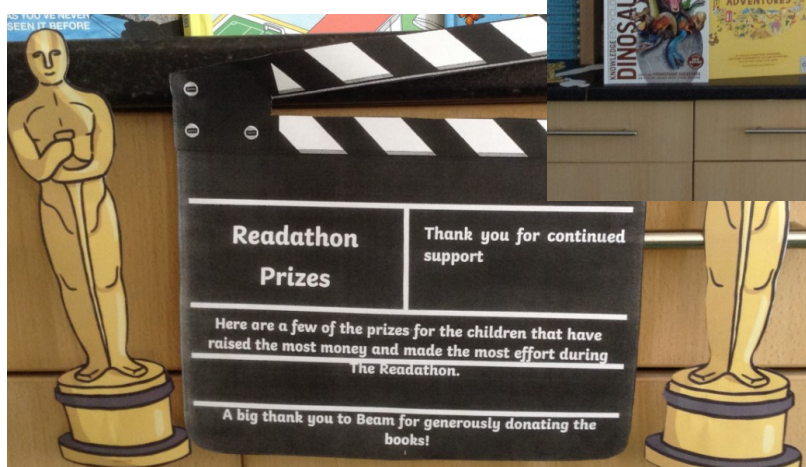
Cash donations can be handed in to the office alongside your child's sponsorship form up to and including **Friday 29th April**.

<https://sja.rallyup.com/readathon22/Campaign/Details>



Thank you so much for your unrelenting support. We really appreciate the efforts our families go to. Special thanks to the PA for all their support.

For each class, prizes will be awarded to the pupil who fundraised the most amount of money as well as a pupil who has made a fantastic effort to get involved with the Readathon.





Jubilee Celebration:

In celebration of the Queen's jubilee, the children will be involved in learning experiences related to the Queen and Commonwealth. This will culminate in a fun day on 27th May. The day will require extra funding and through the PA, monies raised from the uniform and cakes stalls will help fund the fun day.

Message from the PA: For those families that are willing to do so, please pay your contributions at the uniform stall today and also on May 6th.

We will make a link available soon as well for those who'd like to contribute online.

Thank you again for your kind donations.

Parents' Forum



Parent Forum Summary:

On Friday 13th May, the School Governors will be hosting the first Parents' Forum of the school year. These meetings are an opportunity for parent representatives from each class to bring their ideas and feedback directly to the Governing Body and a representative of the School's Senior Leadership Team. They are different to the Parents' Association meetings as they are designed to inform the School's Governing Body about what is working well and what could be improved from a parents' perspective. Meetings are documented and shared at the full Governing Body meetings.

Parent representatives for each class will be asked to share the points of discussion in advance so they can represent your views. We ask that all input is related to whole class/ year issues rather than individual concerns, which should always be raised directly with the class teacher in the first instance. These meetings have been really useful in the past in helping to share information and understanding of how the school works and in helping to see how we can improve the school for pupils and parents going forward.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 2nd May – School closed Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May – Visiting theatre company for EYFS / KS1

W/B Mon 9th May – SAT's week for Year 6

W/B Mon 16th May—SATs week for Year 2

Friday 13th May -Parent Forum meeting for parents who are class reps and governors -8.45am in the staffroom

Wednesday 18th May – Parents meeting for new nursery children starting in September

Friday 20th May – Cake and Book stall

W/B 23-27th May – Queen's Jubilee Celebration week

Thursday 26th May - 9am Mass at SJA church led by the House Captains

Friday 27th May – Jubilee Fun Day

Advanced notice of events to come

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – School Closed

Friday 17th June – Sports Day at Finsbury Park

Saturday 2nd July – Summer Fete



Welcome to Mr Kellet:

A warm welcome is extended to Mr Kellet, who is teaching Class L this term.

Dear God,
The holidays are over and we return to school for a new term. May it be for us all a new start: a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home.