

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 29th September, 2015

A voluntary aided Church of England primary school in the heart of the City of London



Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

## Leadership roles

We have made some changes to the leadership structure in school this year which we thought we should remind you about now we have started the new school year. Our senior leadership team consists of the same people but with different duties.

I'm responsible for the overall direction and day to day work of the Children's Centre and school. I'm also the deputy designated lead for safeguarding.

**Sue Laney** is Deputy Headteacher of the School and the Children's Centre. Among other things, Sue is responsible for safeguarding, welfare and special educational needs.

We've made a conscious decision to have our other school leaders in the classroom, responsible for delivering our great curriculum and ensuring children achieve the best they can.

**Yvonne Caunter** is an Assistant Head of the School and is responsible for leading teaching and learning in key stage 1. Yvonne teaches in Year 2 but also leads clubs, educational visits and monitors the work of other staff. She is a member of the senior leadership team.

**Janella Ajeigbe** is an Assistant Head of the School and is responsible for leading teaching and learning in key stage 2. Janella teaches in Year 4 but is also responsible for key stage 2, as well as the arts and music team. She is a member of the senior leadership team.

**Mark Paddon** is our School Business Manager. Mark is responsible for the school building, administration and finance of the school and Children's Centre. Mark is a member of the senior leadership team.

Our leaders of learning are each responsible for various specialist areas. The following list will help you to know who to go to if you have a problem, question or comment.

**Andy Dobson:** Child and family services including childcare and play centre.

**Farah Lavin:** Early years foundation stage coordinator

**Ella Burns:** Phonics, early reading and English as an Additional Language (EAL).

**David Bellow:** Science, computing and curriculum projects

**Hasina Khan:** English, humanities and curriculum projects.

Mr T Wilson  
Headteacher



## The Sp@ce

We've got lots of new sessions in The Sp@ce this term. Every Thursday morning at 9.15am in term time we have our Baby and Toddler Orchestra. On Mondays Pat Toon (Early Years Practitioner) leads our Baby Stay and Play (9.45am), this is followed every other week by a clinic attended by the health visitor. Visit the [Children's Centre pages of our website to find our more.](#)



# Let's Cook!

We are very excited to welcome Shini Karandawala to school. Shini will be giving cooking lessons with children in Year 4 to 6 and developing our cookery curriculum at Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School. Shini recently completed a professional diploma at Leith's School of Food and Wine. Leiths is a renowned cookery school in west London. You can find out more about the academy here: <http://www.leithsacademy.com/>

Children will work in groups of 15 and will have 6 cooking lessons each year. Each time they have a cooking sessions they will bring home their tasty dishes along with a recipe card so you can work at home to recreate them if you wish.

**LEITHS**  
SCHOOL OF FOOD AND WINE



At the end of the programme children will be awarded with a certificate from Leiths Academy if they manage to meet the standard of the cooking course.

We believe cooking and healthy eating is vitally important and we're proud to be emphasising this key skill as part of our curriculum in key stage 2. If you would like any further information about the course or how it affects your child, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the leadership team.

## Flu Vaccination

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be offered vaccination for influenza this year after a successful trial with children in other schools. If your child is in Year 1 or 2 you will have received a letter about this. Please ensure you read it carefully and return the necessary permission slip back to the school office by Friday 2nd October, 2015.



We're taking part in Young Voices at the O2 this year on Thursday 28th January, 2016. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for your child to sing at the O2 with thousands of other children.

Both Class 5 and Class 6 will be taking part. Every child needs to return £5 to help purchase a t-shirt along with any orders for tickets for the family.

You also need to complete the permission slip sent earlier in the term. Please visit our website to read the original letter or contact the school office for more details.

We must have all forms back by Wednesday 30th September, 2015.

Thank you to the parents and governors who came along to the annual parents meeting on Wednesday 16 September. The meeting began with a presentation reviewing the previous year and looking forward to the priorities of the year ahead.



We noted the following achievements in 2014-15

- Phonics and early reading teaching show dramatic improvements over the course of the year;
- Introduction of PE and Sports specialist teaching;
- Enabled better communication between teachers and support staff;
- Introduced drumming and developed specialist French teaching;
- Revamped IT across the school;
- Refurbished many areas of the school site;
- External reports have been very positive about provision at the school. Our early years child care was inspected last year and the outcome showed an improvement on previous inspections.

We then discussed some of the governing body priorities for the year ahead:

- Increasing the effectiveness of the governing body including greater focus on strategy, after a year spent on expansion and reconstitution;
- A greater focus on languages with greater depth in Year 6 to encourage fluency;
- More focus on creative Writing from Reception and throughout the school;
- Ensure there is stretch, not just in Maths and Reading;
- Improve the proportions of outstanding teaching;
- Professional development of staff and work on staff retention;
- Further integration of the Children's Centre into all aspects of the school;
- Continue to improve the school building and redecorate.

Tim also talked about some of the main priorities for the leadership team in school. These included:

- To improve communication, especially about events in the Children's Centre;
- Great teaching enabling the child to be a powerful learner;
- Maintain highest standards of achievement;
- Develop provision for children with Special Education Needs;
- Improve the specialist teaching and learning in Art, DT and Sport.

We spoke about where we have got to with the school expansion project. The Sir John Cass Foundation are currently in discussion with the Corporation of London on the matter with a decision, hopefully, this term.

In the discussion after the presentation, a number of very useful issues were raised around family learning and assisting with homework, school meals, and communication. The school is speaking to the City about the provision of family learning and we hope to give you news on that soon. School meals will be looked at this term by a group of governors, members of the school council and staff. If you have anything you would like to discuss, or any concerns, the senior leadership team have an open door policy. Please do be in touch with me via the contact form on the school website. We have a fantastic school and all input helps us to make it even better.

Laura Jørgensen,  
Chair of Governors.

## ADULT EDUCATION

If you are interested in doing a GCSE in mathematics we're hoping to run a course this year. You must first complete the assessment which will take place on Thursday 1st October, 2015 in the Family Learning Room. Please contact Jo or Tim to find out more.

### Monday:

#### **Creative Stitch-Craft**

1.00pm – 3.00pm

### Tuesday:

#### **ESOL Entry 1 Beginners**

9.15am – 11.15am

### Wednesday:

#### **ESOL Entry 1 Beginners**

9.15am – 11.15am

#### **ESOL Entry 2 Improvers**

1.00pm – 3.00pm

### Thursday:

#### **Craft 9.15am – 11.15am**

#### **ESOL Entry 2 Improvers**

1.00pm – 3.00pm

#### **Computing for Parents**

1.00pm – 3.00pm

#### **GCSE Maths / English**

4.30pm – 7.30 pm

### Friday:

#### **Maths for Parents**

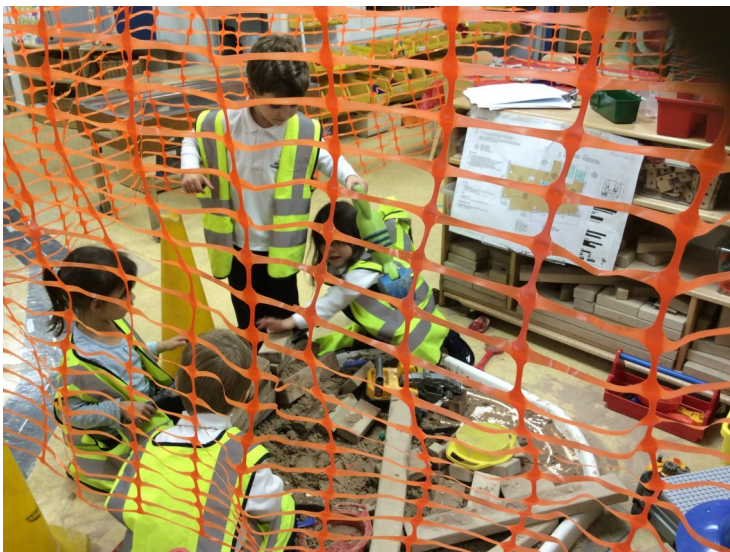
9.30am – 11 am

#### **Healthy Cooking for Families**

3.45pm – 5.45pm

# Dates for your diary

<b>Wed 30 Sep</b>	1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm 2:30pm – 3:00pm	⊕ <b>acupuncture clinic</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Talking Toddlers</b> ⊕ <b>School Council Meeting (Flat) TW</b>
<b>Thu 1 Oct</b>	All day 9:30am – 10:30am 3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ <b>Class 3 Twickenham Stadium Trip</b> ⊕ <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Orchestra</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall</b> ☐
<b>Fri 2 Oct</b>	9:15am – 11:30am 1:00pm – 3:15pm	⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play - The Sp@ce</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play - The Sp@ce</b> ☐
<b>Sat 3 Oct</b>	10:00am – 1:00pm	⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play CCF</b> ☐
<b>Mon 5 Oct</b>	All day 9:30am – 12:00pm 12:00pm – 1:00pm	⊕ <b>Year 6 Hampshire Cass School Journey</b> ⊕ <b>Baby Clinic</b> ⊕ <b>Eid Lunch</b>
<b>Tue 6 Oct</b>	All day 9:15am – 11:15am 9:30am – 10:30am 9:30am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 12:15pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm 1:00pm – 3:15pm	⊕ <b>Year 6 Hampshire Cass School Journey</b> ⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Hip Hop Tots</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Toynbee City Advice</b> ⊕ <b>Eid Lunch in The Sp@ce-Bring and Share</b> ⊕ <b>Cooking with Hasna</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play - The Sp@ce</b> ☐
<b>Wed 7 Oct</b>	All day 1:00pm – 2:00pm	⊕ <b>Year 6 Hampshire Cass School Journey</b> ⊕ <b>acupuncture clinic</b> ☐
<b>Thu 8 Oct</b>	All day 9:30am – 10:30am 3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ <b>Year 6 Hampshire Cass School Journey</b> ⊕ <b>Baby &amp; Toddler Orchestra</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall</b> ☐
<b>Fri 9 Oct</b>	All day 9:00am – 12:00pm 9:15am – 11:30am 1:00pm – 3:15pm 2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊕ <b>Year 6 Hampshire Cass School Journey</b> ⊕ <b>Early behaviour support-first steps - The Sp@ce</b> ⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play - The Sp@ce</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Stay &amp; Play - The Sp@ce</b> ☐ ⊕ <b>Class Assembly: Y5</b>



Learning about construction in Inventors! Later this week the class will be visiting the building site next door to find out even more!



## Eid Lunch

We're having a special Eid Lunch on Monday 5th October, 2015. Children will be making decorations in class for the lunch tables.

On Tuesday 6th October at 12.00 noon we will be celebrating Eid with a bring and share lunch in The Sp@ce. Please see Hasna or Jo for further details.

All are very welcome!

**OPEN MORNING  
FOR PROSPECTIVE  
PARENTS!**

**Thursday 15th October, 2015**

**From 9am**