

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th November, 2015

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



Staying safe onsite

We know that several parents and carers have asked recently about security arrangements in school and I wanted to write to reassure parents about our policies and procedures. Firstly, because of our unique context as the only maintained school in the square mile we have a very close relationship with the City of London Police. We're often on the phone or inviting them in to speak to us about safety and security.

This week we sought their advice on the potential threat to the City of London following the terrorist attacks in Paris. The advice we have been given is that there is no change to the UK threat level or any specific intelligence to suggest that the City is any more a likely target than prior to last Friday.

We take the safety of every child and user of the site very seriously. We regularly remind staff of our evacuation plans and conduct drills to ensure that staff are aware of what to do in the event an emergency.

There are some things you can do to help:

- be vigilant and report any "suspicious activity" to myself or any other member of the Leadership Team.
- Remember to shut the doors and gates behind you when you come onto the site.
- If you are on the site when an alarm rings do not collect children from the classrooms/ designated areas. The teachers are responsible for children in their care.
- If we ask you to stay inside the building in response to an alert, please do so. We get early warnings from the City of London Police so we're able to keep children safe onsite if something is happening in nearby.
- Make sure you let the office know about changes to collection arrangements.

Can I also remind parents and carers about the importance of ensuring that ALL EXITS ARE CLEAR. There have been a number of occasions recently where cars have been parked on Mitre Square, blocking the playground gates. This is totally unacceptable. If emergency vehicles needed to get into school, they would not be able to do so.

If you have any further questions about our security, health and safety procedures on site, don't hesitate to see Mark Paddon (School Business Manager) or myself.

With thanks,

Mr T Wilson | Headteacher

PTA FILM NIGHT! Come along to Film night on Friday 11th December, 2015 from 3.30pm in the Main hall. It's £3 per child including a snack and drink. We're going to be watching **Arthur Christmas**— a festive animation by the makers of Wallace and Gromit

Recipes from Around the World

As part of the Healthy Family Project, we are putting together a small recipe book with delicious, nutritious dishes that Sir John Cass School parents and staff cook for their families.

We already have recipes from Korea, the Ukraine, Bangladesh and Colombia. Help us reflect all the cultures and culinary traditions of the school community by contributing to the cook book.

If you have a recipe you would like to contribute, please email it to Marina (who helps to run the Fruit and Vegetable Stall on Thursday) marina.spiegel23@gmail.com or speak to Sue Laney.

Dates for your diary

Tue 24 Nov 2015	2:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ TFL Visit Year 6 - Safety and Citizenship -
Wed 25 Nov 2015	4:00pm – 6:00pm	☒ Full Governing Body
Thu 26 Nov 2015	3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☒
Fri 27 Nov 2015	11:30am – 6:00pm	☒ CCFC Meeting: Children's Centre Closed
Tue 1 Dec 2015	9:15am – 10:15am	☒ Parents Workshop: Early Mathematics
Wed 2 Dec 2015	12:00pm – 1:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm 2:30pm – 3:30pm	☒ Carol Singing (Year 6 Early Lunch) ☒ Class 5 to see Children's Laureate (British Library) ☒ Christmas Fayre
Thu 3 Dec 2015	3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☒
Fri 4 Dec 2015	9:00am – 10:30am 2:40pm – 3:00pm	☒ Open Morning ☒ Class Assembly - Inventors
Wed 9 Dec 2015	11.00am—12.00am	☒ Strings Concert Year 4 to 6
Thu 10 Dec 2015	3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☒
Fri 11 Dec 2015	2:40pm – 3:00pm 3:30pm – 5:30pm	☒ Class Assembly yr 3 ☒ PTA Movie Night
Mon 14 Dec 2015	11:30am – 1:30pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	☒ Christmas Lunch EY and KS1 ☒ Portsoken Ward Carol Concert
Tue 15 Dec 2015	9:00am – 10:00am 11:30am – 1:30pm	☒ Year 1 and 2 FLU INJECTION ☒ Christmas Lunch Key Stage 2
Wed 16 Dec 2015	11:00am – 12:00pm 12:30pm – 3:00pm	☒ KS1 Christmas Performance ☒ Christmas Parties and Special Visitor
Thu 17 Dec 2015	2:00pm – 3:00pm 3:15pm – 3:45pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm	☒ Lesson and Carols at St Botolph's ☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☒ ☒ No Performing Arts
Fri 18 Dec 2015	10:30am – 11:15am 1:30pm – 6:00pm	☒ End of term service (in School) ☒ School closes at 1.30pm.

Christmas Fair

It may be only early November, but we're getting ready for the Christmas Fair in school! Over the next few weeks we invite you to bring donations of the following new items to help make our Christmas Fair a roaring success:

- Toys;
- Chocolates;
- Board games
- Toiletries
- Soft toys.

Please note, we're not collecting jumble or old toys.

The Christmas Fair will be held on **Wednesday 2nd December, 2015** from

As you will be aware the school closes at 1.30pm on the last day of every full term.

The Children's Centre and Play Centre will, however, remain open until 6:00pm on Friday 18th December, 2015. If you would like to book childcare either in the Children's centre (0-5) or the Play Centre (Yr 1 to 6) for the last day of term please contact Tanya Rahman. Booking forms will be available from Tuesday 24th November, 2015

Our open door— remember if you ever have questions, concerns or comments you can see a member of the leadership team at any time.