

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8th January, 2016

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



## Happy new year

It's a delight to have the children back in school and to hear about their holiday adventures. I do hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

In school this week we've been thinking about Epiphany. In our Church service on Wednesday, Andrew reminded us of the story of the wise men visiting Jesus and presenting gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The children learnt about the symbolism of these gifts and even had an opportunity to smell both myrrh and frankincense. In school we've also read Anne Booth's story, *Refuge*- a delightful picture book about the travels of Mary and Joseph after the birth of Jesus and their subsequent arrival and safety in Egypt. In our prayers we thought about refugees, those without a home, in danger and travelling to places of safety today.

### Parent Conferences

Thank you for attending the parent conferences this week. It was a great turnout and we've been reading your comments and views about your child's report and provision in school very carefully. It gives us great pride that every respondent so far has indicated they would recommend our school to another parent. A member of the leadership team will be in contact in the coming days if you have expressed any concerns to try to resolve any problems swiftly.

Staff have also been discussing any further improvements we could make to the reports we provide about learning and achievement. It's the first time we've been reporting on your child's achievements in the new national curriculum. If you haven't completed your evaluation yet, please visit our website or get a form from the school office.

### Open day

We held our last Open Day of the season today in school and welcomed visitors to come and learn a little more about our unique and vibrant School and Children's Centre. Next year, we've agreed to a request from the City of London to accommodate an additional 30 pupils- meaning we hope to have two Reception classes. Doubtless there are some challenges in accommodating this, but there are also many benefits including the future funding and security of our school. This is increasingly important as financial resources in education- especially in London- are put under greater pressure.

If you're applying for your child to enter our reception class(es) next year you have until Friday 15th January, 2016 to make that application. It should be done online via the e- admissions website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

## Admissions consultation for applications in 2017

You will receive a letter today about some proposed changes to the way we measure the distance from home to school when you apply for a Reception place at Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School. We currently use an online tool which measures the walking distance between home and school. Many local authorities and schools have started to use a different system which measures distance 'as the crow flies' and produces more accurate and reliable results. As such the governing body are consulting on proposals to change to an 'as the crow flies' system. Please let us know your views by completing the paper copy of the consultation form or by visiting our website where you can fill the questionnaire in online: [www.sirjohncassprimary.org](http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org)

# Dates for your diary

<b>Fri 8 Jan</b>	2:00pm – 3:50pm	☒ <b>Open Day</b>
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b>	All day	☒ <b>Sports Clubs Start Back</b>
<b>Tue 12 Jan</b>	All day 10:00am – 2:00pm	☒ <b>Sports Clubs Start Back</b> ☒ <b>Para Sports event - Copper Box Arena</b> E20 3HB, United Kingdom
<b>Wed 13 Jan</b>	All day	☒ <b>Sports Clubs Start Back</b>
<b>Thu 14 Jan</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ <b>Sports Clubs Start Back</b> ☒ <b>Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall</b> ☒
<b>Fri 15 Jan</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am	☒ <b>Sports Clubs Start Back</b> ☒ <b>Admission Consultation Meeting</b>
<b>Tue 19 Jan</b>	1:00pm – 4:00pm	☒ <b>U10 netball - City of London School for Girls, St Giles Terrace, I</b> United Kingdom
<b>Wed 20 Jan</b>	9:00am – 9:30am 9:30am – 11:00am 1:15pm – 2:30pm	☒ <b>Parent's Forum Breakfast</b> ☒ <b>Children's Centre Advisory Board</b> ☒ <b>YEAR 6 Height &amp; weight screening - School Nurse</b>
<b>Thu 21 Jan</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ <b>Visit from Norway (Teachers observing classes all day )</b> ☒ <b>Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall</b> ☒
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	☒ <b>Book Fair</b>
<b>Tue 26 Jan</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 2:00pm – 7:00pm	☒ <b>SCITT Taster Day 1 potential candidates to visit classes pm</b> ☒ <b>Book Fair</b> ☒ <b>Concert Group Joint Concert COL</b>
<b>Wed 27 Jan</b>	9:00am – 10:00am 4:00pm – 6:00pm	☒ <b>Book Fair</b> ☒ <b>Governing Body Curriculum Committee</b>
<b>Thu 28 Jan</b>	9:00am – 10:00am 1:30pm – 8:30pm 3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ <b>Book Fair</b> ☒ <b>Young Voices 2016 TW PB</b> ☒ <b>Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall</b> ☒
<b>Fri 29 Jan</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 11:30am – 6:00pm	☒ <b>Golden Lane swimming Gala</b> ☒ <b>Book Fair</b> ☒ <b>CCFC Meeting: Children's Centre Closed</b>

## Baby Gym!

New session— come along with your baby.  
9.45am - 11.00am every Monday morning



# Christmas Events

It was a very busy December and I was so proud to see the achievements of all of our talented children as we approached Christmas. Special events included our Children's Centre Nativity, Key Stage 1 Nativity, Christmas Stings Concert and the Christmas production from our Performing Arts Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

