

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th October, 2014

A unique Church of England primary school in the heart of the City of London



Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

Half term highlights

What a busy start to the school year?

It seems like only moments ago that I was writing to welcome you all back to school following the summer holiday. We've enjoyed a full and varied half term, here are just some of the highlights.

Children in Year 1 enjoyed a super trip to the Geffrye Museum this week as part of their topic on plants. The children participated in a workshop, painting flowers in the open air. Our Year 6 class have been learning all about poetry and especially the work of Michael Rosen and Roger McGough. They have written their own poems, inspired by their reading, all about a member of their family. Year 5 and 6 have also entertained us with their Class Assemblies. We have improved our rooftop garden with the help of our newly appointed 'Green Team'. These committed gardeners in Year 4 and 6 will be working with City Gardeners each week to keep the garden in good shape. We will be publishing some of the special work from this half term on our website today - www.sirjohncassprimary.org/heads-blog

One of the many special things about Sir John Cass is the diversity and range of our curriculum. We aim to make learning exciting and relevant for every child. We've got some exciting developments in the forthcoming term, including chess teaching in Year 3, a new art club in Key Stage 2 and two great new online resources for you to use at home to support learning — JuniorLibrarian.net and Mathletics. We will be holding information workshops about these initiatives later in the Autumn term.

Mr T Wilson
Headteacher

Back to school...

Children in Year N to 6 return to school after the half term holiday on Tuesday 4th November, 2014.



Dates for your diary

Mon 3 Nov	All day	⊞ School Closed: Inset Day
Wed 5 Nov	2:00pm – 3:20pm	⊞ Year 5 at City of London Girls Rehearsal - COLG
Thu 6 Nov	3:00pm – 4:00pm	⊞ PTA Cake Sale - Year 1 - Sir John Cass Playground
Fri 7 Nov	2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊞ Assembly: Our Houses - Cornhill, St Botolphs, Aldgate & Portsoken
Sat 8 Nov	All day 8:30am – 2:30pm	⊞ Lord Mayor's Show ⊞ Lord Mayor's Show- Year 5
Mon 10 Nov	All day	⊞ Year 4 Residential Trip
Tue 11 Nov	All day All day 9:00am – 10:30am 10:30am – 11:00am	⊞ Year 4 Residential Trip ⊞ Parent Conferences: Explorers ⊞ School Expansion Consultation Meeting ⊞ Armistice Day Service - Hall
Wed 12 Nov	All day All day 4:00pm – 6:00pm 7:00pm – 8:00pm	⊞ Year 4 Residential Trip ⊞ Parent Conferences: Discoverers ⊞ Governors' Meeting: Staffing, Curriculum & Pupil Affairs ⊞ School Expansion Consultation Meeting
Thu 13 Nov	All day All day	⊞ Year 4 Residential Trip ⊞ Parent Conferences: Inventors
Fri 14 Nov	All day 2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊞ Year 4 Residential Trip ⊞ Class 1 Assembly
Wed 19 Nov	9:30am – 11:00am	⊞ Open Morning (Whole School)

Online Payments

We will be launching our new online payment system on Tuesday 4th November, 2014. From this date you will be able to pay for dinner money, Playcentre and trips online.

At this stage, you won't be able to pay for any service offered by the Cass Child and Family Centre although we are working hard to solve this issue.

You should have received a letter with details about how to login. Your special code to enable access will expire soon, so please don't delay setting up your account.

Visit our website for further details—

www.sirjohncassprimary.org

A warm welcome



Welcome to Mrs E Burns - our new EMA

teacher. Mrs Burns will mostly be working in the Foundation Stage and KSI. Mrs Burns will cover Alice Taylor-Rugman' as she is on secondment to the City of London.

We also welcome Mr J King who will be working in Year 2 to support learning.



PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who brought in their old clothes and for buying new ones in return.

We raised £50!

Wishing you a lovely half term holiday .

From your PTA