

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th December, 2014

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



Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

## *Happy Christmas*

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in school! With a visit from Father Christmas, the Key Stage One and Cass Child and Family Centre Nativity and our nine Lessons and Carols service—we've certainly marked this special time of the year with vigour. If you didn't get the chance to attend these special events you can catch a glimpse on our website where some of the pictures are available.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the contribution you make to helping our primary school be such a special place. Thanks to all members of staff who go the extra mile to ensure that the children at our school seize every opportunity. Thanks to the parents and carers whose support and love for our school feeds our energy and drive. Thanks to governors who guide and challenge us to provide an exceptional education to every child here at Sir John Cass.

May God bless you this Christmas and always. I wish everyone at school a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Tuesday 6th January, 2015. We will see parents and carers in Inventors and Year 2-6 at their Parent Conferences on Monday 5th January, 2015.

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Headteacher



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Performance*

## 48 Week Year

The Cass Child and Family Centre will be open to children for 48 weeks of the year. These new arrangements will start from 1st January, 2015.

We have made this decision so that we have a more substantial time to deep clean and maintain the Child and Family Centre. Due to the current Centre opening times there is often there is insufficient opportunity to do this.

We have chosen the closure times carefully to match periods when the Centre is quietest.

We are currently consulting with parents about their views on provision at the Child and Family Centre. You can download the questionnaire online and it will be distributed in hard copy in January, 2015. We would very much like to hear from you about how we could further improve what we offer and how we communicate with you.

Part of the improvements this year will include the establishing of an advisory board consisting of parents, professionals and members of the local community so they can act as a supportive and critical friend to the Centre. If you are interested in being involved in this advisory board, please get in touch with a member of the Leadership team.

# Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 5 Jan 2015</b>	All day All day	⊕ INSET DAY- Progress Meetings ⊕ Cass Child and Family Centre Closed
<b>Tue 6 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Children Back to School
<b>Fri 9 Jan 2015</b>	2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Assembly: Our Houses
<b>Tue 13 Jan 2015</b>	9:00am – 9:45am	⊕ Information Session on Behaviour Policy
<b>Tue 20 Jan 2015</b>	9:30am – 11:00am	⊕ Year 6 Tour of the Houses of Parliament
<b>Mon 26 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Book Fair
<b>Tue 27 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Book Fair
<b>Wed 28 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Book Fair
<b>Thu 29 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Book Fair
<b>Fri 30 Jan 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Book Fair
<b>Mon 2 Feb 2015</b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Finance Governing Body Meeting
<b>Wed 4 Feb 2015</b>	All day	⊕ Founders Day
<b>Fri 6 Feb 2015</b>	2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Assembly: Our Houses
<b>Fri 13 Feb 2015</b>	2:40pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Red Nose Day Assembly
<b>Mon 16 Feb 2015</b>	All day	⊕ School Closed- Half Term

## PROGRESS MEETINGS

**Inventors and Y2-6 Parent Conferences will be held on Monday 5th January, 2015.**

**Book online today !**

## Removal of guardrail on the street Aldgate

The pedestrian railings adjacent to the school wall on Aldgate will be removed on 22-23 December 2014. From 5 January 2015 buses will be stopping along the kerbside at this location. This is to facilitate the construction of the Aldgate Project. The railings currently prevent pedestrians crossing the road between Mitre Street and Jewry Street. If you could please encourage children to continue to use the traffic signal crossing points that would be much appreciated.

## Staffing Update

We say goodbye to Ms Shafi today who has worked at the school for a 3 years. Ms Shafi was also a student at the school.

Mr Ferguson is also leaving us to return to Australia.

We will welcome Mr Caddy, our new PE and sports teacher in the Spring term.

Join me in giving thanks to our leavers for the service and dedication they have shown to our school.

## Dual Language Library

We are in the process of reorganising the Dual Language Library. It will reopen at the beginning of the Spring Term. Please return any borrowed books as soon as possible so we can take inventory of our current collection.