

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL



19th January, 2015

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

Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

New progress reports

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the recent Parent Conferences and talked through their child's Autumn term report with the teaching team. We introduced these new reports to give you more timely information about your child's learning and progress. We're currently collecting your feedback on the reports and the information they provide. With any new initiative there are likely to be some teething problems and your feedback at this point is very valuable so we can create the best possible system in school. I've summarised some of your comments below. If you have yet to send us your views, please do so **before Monday 26th January, 2015.**

What you've told us you like about the new reports:

- More regular information about your child's progress.
- Clearer information about what the different levels and stages mean.
- A clear picture of the areas your child needs to work on helping you to support them out of school.

Some ways we could improve the reports even further and our responses:

- *Give reports out before Parent Conferences so that parents and carers have a chance to read and digest the content.* We think this is a great idea and we plan to do it from now on.
- *More information about progress in particular rather than attainment.* We will look to develop this with the new national curriculum assessments.
- *It looks like things such as uniform, attendance and homework are more important because they come before attainment and progress in the reports.* A very good point! We will change the order for the next reports. It's worth remembering that learning, progress and achievement are supported by good attendance, positive behaviour and being ready for lessons e.g. with the correct PE kit.

I look forward to reading more comments. If you have lost your feedback form please contact the school office and don't forget to send it back before Monday 26th January, 2015.

Mr T Wilson
Headteacher

Homework

We're going to be looking at ways we can improve homework this term. We want to work with parents and carers to develop some new approaches to ensure children have the best possible homework and you feel supported to assist them in their learning out of school.

We want to gather a small group of parents together this term to discuss homework.

Would you like to be involved?

Please get in touch with the school office or see a member of the leadership team for more information.

Class One

Assembly

Friday 23rd

January, 2015

At 2.30pm

Dates for your diary

Tue 20 Jan	9.30am – 11.00am	☒ Year 6 Tour of the Houses of Parliament
Fri 23 Jan	9.00am – 10.00am 2.40pm – 3.00pm	☒ Yr 6 School Journey Meeting in Yr 6 ☒ Class Assembly: Class 1
Mon 26 Jan	All day	☒ Book Fair
Tue 27 Jan	All day	☒ Book Fair
Wed 28 Jan	All day 8.30am – 5.00pm	☒ Book Fair ☒ Parent Conferences (Nursery and Year 1)
Thu 29 Jan	All day	☒ Book Fair
Fri 30 Jan	All day	☒ Book Fair
Mon 2 Feb	4.00pm – 6.00pm	☒ Finance Governing Body Meeting
Wed 4 Feb	All day	☒ Founders Day
Fri 6 Feb	2.40pm – 3.00pm	☒ Class 2 Assembly
Mon 9 Feb	4.00pm – 6.00pm	☒ Curriculum Governing Body Meeting
Fri 13 Feb	2.40pm – 3.00pm	☒ Class 6 Assembly
Mon 16 Feb	All day	☒ School Closed- Half Term

Book Fair

We are holding our Book Fair from Monday 26th January, 2015. The fair will operate in the morning (8.35am–9.00am) and again after school (3.10pm–3.40pm) in the corridor outside the office.

You will be able to choose from an excellent range of books and we are fortunate to benefit from a commission on every book you purchase from the fair. Each class will have the chance to have a look through the books during the week.

Please come along!

PTA News

Happy New Year from your PTA!

We are hoping this year we will be able to increase the community feel of the school by running some social events, and to continue to raise money for school improvements.

We have said a sad goodbye to Jemma Lawley the chair of the PTA. Thank you Jemma for all your hard work and enthusiasm and good luck in your new school!

If you would like to know more about the PTA or get involved occasionally then email marked 'PTA' and they will add you to the email list.

The PTA cake sales will start again with a year 4 sale on Wednesday the 25th of February.

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Cooking in Year 3