

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

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



## Uncertain times

Many of you will by now have seen the Government's proposals on academies and school funding. I think it's right to spend a few moments thinking about the implications of these announcements for our school.

We are not an academy. We have a long and proud history- an independent minded school maintained by the local authority and proudly part of the Diocese of London's family of schools. We actually have a great deal of independence and autonomy at the moment. We employ our own staff, we train teachers, we run a children's centre and enter into our own contracts with suppliers. We are free to innovate and experiment in our mission to provide an exceptional education to every child.

Our autonomy has helped us to achieve great things. The school is consistently one of the top schools in London for academic results as well as progress our pupils make. From whatever background or context, children do exceptionally well. Our choirs, sports and musical programme is among the best in the country and we are proud of the rounded individuals that leave our school by the end of year 6.

Our success is due to the freedoms we already enjoy but also to the breadth and depth of our partnerships. We are active in and well supported by the Diocese of London's Board for Schools. We still get a small grant each year from Sir John Cass's Foundation but our most important partner is the City of London- our local authority. In my own view local authorities do not hold back schools. Ours has been a close and wonderfully generous partner for many years, supporting and challenging the school in equal measure.

The announcement on academies came a week after details about proposals which in effect will reduce the amount of funding available to inner London primary schools. Indeed we have already cut tens of thousands of pounds from our budget over the last 18 months.

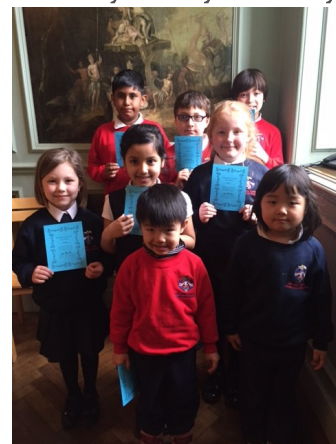
These are uncertain times.

It would be wrong of me in this context to state a political opinion, but I do urge parents to engage actively in the debate about academies and school funding as it will affect your children greatly. Get in touch with our MP- Mark Field and share your view: <http://markfieldmp.com>. You can take part in the consultation on funding for primary schools: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula>

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**



*Family Pottery Tea Party*



*Christian Values Tea Party*



*Poetry Week*

# What's on?

<b>Mon 11 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ INSET DAY
<b>Tue 12 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ Children back to school
<b>Wed 13 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ Year 1 and 2 Parent Conference
<b>Thu 14 Apr</b>	All day All day 10:20am – 10:45am 3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ Year 3 and 4 Parent Conference ⊕ Children's Centre and Inventors Parent Conference ⊕ Introduction Assembly Junior Police Cadets (Y6) ⊕ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐
<b>Fri 15 Apr</b>	All day 1:30pm – 3:00pm	⊕ Year 5 and 6 Parent Conference ⊕ St Paul's Visit
<b>Mon 18 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional
<b>Tue 19 Apr</b>	All day 10:30am – 12:30pm	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional ⊕ Visit to the City Centre
<b>Wed 20 Apr</b>	All day 3:30pm – 4:45pm	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional ⊕ JVPC Club (Y6)
<b>Thu 21 Apr</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional ⊕ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐
<b>Fri 22 Apr</b>	All day All day	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional ⊕ Discoverers trip - Hainault Forest back by 3.00 - minibus
<b>Sat 23 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional
<b>Tue 26 Apr</b>	All day	⊕ Discoverers trip to Finsbury Park back by 3.00 - minibus
<b>Wed 27 Apr</b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm 4:15pm – 5:45pm	⊕ Governing Body Finance Committee ⊕ City Girls Pilot Session
<b>Thu 28 Apr</b>	3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐
<b>Fri 29 Apr</b>	9:00am – 12:00pm	⊕ Class Photos
<b>Thu 5 May</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	⊕ Beating the bounds ⊕ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐

## Reports and Parent Conferences

You will receive your child's spring term report today.

Booking for Parent Conferences is now open. Conferences will take place in the first week back after the Easter Holidays.

Please visit our website to make your booking online.



*Highlights from the Easter Bonnet Parade*