

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 26th April, 2016

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



## Statutory Assessments

Thank you for attending the recent parent conferences to meet your child's class teacher or key worker. As you know, we aim to provide as much information as possible about the learning and development of each child so we can work together in partnership with parents and carers.

It's a good point to draw your attention to a number of changes in assessment procedures this year introduced by the Department for Education (DfE).

In Year 1 children complete their phonics check which tests whether they can use their phonics blending and segmenting for common and invented words.

In Year 2, children undertake a phonics check for those children who did not meet the benchmark in 2015. There are also new tests in Mathematics and Reading. The Government had just last week dropped the requirement for children to sit a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test. This is because the original test papers were published online accidentally by the DfE.

In Year 6 children have new tests in Arithmetic, Spelling Grammar and Punctuation, re-designed tests in Mathematics and Reading. These tests are all externally set and marked. We also have internal assessments in Science.

Children are formally assessed in Writing at both Year 2 and 6

All of the assessments have changed substantially this year and are focussed on mastering every aspect of the curriculum rather than simply most areas. For example in Writing, previously children could be judged to have met the required standard if they wrote really well in most areas but they had difficulties with spelling. This is no longer the case. Children will be required **to meet every element of the curriculum** in order to be assessed as meeting the standard.

We aim that our children are well prepared for these assessments without being unduly stressed or worried. To help explain the many changes to statutory assessments this year we are holding an **Statutory assessment Coffee Morning** so you can ask any questions you may have about these new test. The session is on Thursday 28th April, 2016 at 9am.

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**



*Year 5 and 6 Choir at St Paul's*



*Year 4 Flower Workshop*



*Year 5 at The Hampshire Cass Mountain Centre*

# What's on?

Remember, all events are listed on our online calendar <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/calendar.html>

<b>Tue 19 Apr</b>	All day 10:30am – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional</li> <li>☒ Visit to the City Centre</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 20 Apr</b>	All day All day 3:30pm – 4:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional</li> <li>☒ Explorers trip - Hampstead Heath</li> <li>☒ JVPC Club (Y6)</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 21 Apr</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional</li> <li>☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 22 Apr</b>	All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Class 5 Residential to Hampshire Cass - Provisional</li> <li>☒ Discoverers trip - Hainault Forest back by 3.00 - minibus</li> </ul>
<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
<b>Wed 27 Apr</b>	4:00pm – 6:00pm 4:15pm – 5:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Governing Body Finance Committee</li> <li>☒ City Girls Pilot Session</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 28 Apr</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 2:00pm – 3:00pm 3:15pm – 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Saxophonist Y2-Y4</li> <li>☒ Assessments Coffee Morning Y1, 2 and 6 ☐</li> <li>☒ Volunteer's Tea Party</li> <li>☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 29 Apr</b>	9:00am – 12:00pm	☒ Class Photos
<b>Thu 5 May</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Beating the bounds</li> <li>☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 6 May</b>	10:30am – 11:30am 11:30am – 6:00pm 2:40pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Visit from Mayoral Party to Church and School</li> <li>☒ CCFC Meeting: Children's Centre Closed</li> <li>☒ Class Assembly: Class 2</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 9 May</b>	All day	☒ SATS: English reading test
<b>Tue 10 May</b>	All day	☒ SATS: English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
<b>Wed 11 May</b>	All day 10:30am – 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ SATS: Mathematics tests- Arithmetic and Reasoning</li> <li>☒ Investigators to Little Angels to see We're going on a Bear Hunt</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 12 May</b>	All day 3:15pm – 3:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ SATS: Mathematics test- Reasoning</li> <li>☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 13 May</b>	2:40pm – 3:00pm	☒ Class Assembly: Inventors
<b>Thu 19 May</b>	3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐
<b>Fri 20 May</b>	2:40pm – 3:00pm	☒ Class Assembly: Class 3
<b>Thu 26 May</b>	3:15pm – 3:45pm	☒ Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Stall ☐

## Art Week

We're excited to announce that we will be holding an Art Week starting Monday 6th June, 2016. Children will have sessions from two visiting artists among other exciting activities. If you would like assist with art week, please get in touch with our Art and DT teacher Ms Jane Jones.

## Class Photos

It's Class Photo day on Friday 29th April, 2016.

Please ensure children wear their red uniform and are turned out well.



**Baby Gym**  
Every Monday  
9.45—11.30am  
Cass Child & Family Centre  
0 - 23 months

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**Messy outdoor play**  
Parents and under 5s  
Cass Child and Family Centre  
Wednesdays in term time  
3.30 - 4.30pm

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