

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 14th October, 2016

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

Independence and Resilience

Let's take a moment to think about promoting independence. We want the same for every child- that they become independent and resourceful as they move through primary school. To achieve this we need to have the highest of expectations right from the early years. It's with this in mind that I'd like to make some changes to the beginning and end of each day.

At the start of the day

The children in Reception are doing really well with the transition into school but there are just a few things that will make the start of the day even smoother. We need to work hard to promote your child's independence when moving across the playground to the classroom. Just one wave goodbye should be enough! There is no need to lavish them with goodbyes- this can sometimes make the separation more difficult. Encourage your child to put on their coat and bag by themselves and don't carry things for them. They should be independent and resilient. We'll be helping children to be more independent with their scooters and bikes after the half term break when we are removing the old shed and installing new racks.

At the end of the day

We're changing the procedure for collection on the Key Stage 1 corridor. From Monday 31st October, 2016 we will open the gates to the school playground and entrance hall at 3.10pm. However, parents and carers will not be allowed onto the Key Stage 1 corridor until 3.15pm. There have been a number of quite disruptive incidents in recent weeks including waving through the windows and calling for children to come home when they haven't been dismissed. This disturbs the end of the day routines.

You're obviously welcome to come into school if it's raining or you're attending a class or meeting with someone. However, please respect the arrangements to stay outside until the gates are opened at 3.10pm if you are simply collecting.

At that point, parents and carers are welcome to gather in the entrance hall or the corridor by the staff room, but not in the Key Stage 1 corridor until the doors are opened by a member of staff. In Key Stage 2, the arrangements for collection remain unchanged. The day finishes at 3.20pm and children make their way down to the playground at this point. Parents are not allowed to collect children from the Key Stage 2 corridor.

The gates

The only entrance and exit to school is through the main gates. Our accessibility entrance for parents with buggies collecting from the Nursery or attending The Sp@ce is through the gate on the

Stars of the week

Class 1: Jie Xi and Zahidah

Class 2: Hafsa and Yusra

Class 3: Michael and Zaina

Class 4: Hasnat and Mila

Class 5: Joseph and Marcel

Class 6: Raya and Mayowa

Sport: George

Nursery playground. Don't be offended if you haven't got a buggy and we ask you to go through the main entrance. We're just following our safety procedures.

Our open door policy

We hope that these refinements and reminders to our procedures will improve the beginnings and ends of the day. Our open door policy remains unchanged. At any point you can come to see people in the office or make an appointment to see a member of the leadership team. We're always happy to help.

With thanks,
Mr T Wilson

Harvest Festival

A big thank you to all parents, carers and children who supported our 2016 Harvest Appeal. The charity the food will be donated to this year is the First Love Foundation, a charity that supports local people in crisis. If you have not yet had time to donate, but wish to, we will be collecting until Friday 21st October.

We had a lovely Harvest service at St Botolph's Church, led by Rev Laura Jorgensen and enjoyed a short presentation from Becci Glanville about the work of the First Love Foundation. If you would like to find out more information about this year's charity, you can visit their webpage at: www.firstlovefoundation.org.uk

Launchpad for Language

This week, we held 2 successful sessions for parents in our Reception Classes on developing and supporting children's language through different activities. The children had a great time making sock puppets.

If you have concerns about your child's language development, speak with their classteacher in the first instance. If you continue to have concerns, then speak with the school SENDCo, Miss Allan.

Don't forget that our Speech and Language Therapist runs a monthly drop in session at the Children's Centre from 9:30am to 11:30am.



Trips at SJC

At Sir John Cass, we are proud of the trips and extra curricular opportunities that we offer. In the last 2 weeks alone, children from the Discoverers, Explorers, Investigators, class 2, class 6 and class 5 have been out on visits.

Photos of trips will be uploaded on Cass Kids as they are received by the administrator.



Year 5 participating in a Shakespeare workshop at the Artizan Street Library.

Next Week...

Please note: International day on Friday 21st has been postponed until later in the academic year. This is due to the community play being rescheduled. More information will follow closer to the time.

Mon 17 Oct	All day All day 8:30am – 3:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Swiss teacher visiting BS ⊕ Parent Conference Y1 and 2 ⊕ Fire- Barbican Production Y5 and 6 Choir - Barbican's Milton Court Theatre
Tue 18 Oct	All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Swiss teacher visiting BS ⊕ Parent Conference Y3 and 4
Wed 19 Oct	All day 4:00pm – 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Swiss teacher visiting BS ⊕ Governing Body Meeting: Curriculum, PA and A
Thu 20 Oct	All day All day 9:00am – 2:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Swiss teacher visiting BS ⊕ Parent Conference Y5 and 6 ⊕ KS2 Cross Country - Victoria Park
Fri 21 Oct	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Swiss teacher visiting BS

PTA MEETING

The next PTA meeting is Monday the 31st October at 2pm. All welcome. If you can't attend please email ideas and suggestions to sirjohncasspta@hotmail.com

Barbican Concert
17th October,
2016

Half Term Activities

Don't forget that the Play Centre and Child-care in the Children's Centre are open during half term. Both have an exciting selection of activities available throughout the week. If you would like your child to attend the Play Centre or Children's centre, make sure you have booked your place at the office by 5pm on Monday 17th October.

What's on at the Children's Centre

Mondays

Baby Gym – 9:15 to 10:30

Tuesdays

Hip Hop Tots for the under 5s – 9:45 to 10:15

Stay and Play – 9:15 to 11:30 and 1:00 to 3:15

Wednesdays

Heuristic Play – 10:00 to 11:00

Outdoor Messy Stay and Play – 3:30 to 4:30

Thursdays

Baby orchestra – 9:30 to 10:30

Toddler orchestra – 10:30 to 11:30

Fridays

Stay and Play – 9:15 to 11:30 and 1:00 to 3:15

Worried about something and want to talk? Need some help with your child's behaviour, health or wellbeing. Jo, from First Steps, is in every other Friday and available for drop in appointments.

Family Learning

at Sir John Cass

Learning together as a family – strengthening family bonds and contributing to better outcomes in school.

Family French (fee: free)

Mondays from 15:30 to 17:00

09/01/2017 to 27/03/2017

Family Arts & Crafts (fee: £5)

Tuesdays from 15:30pm to 17:30

10/01/2017 to 28/03/2017

Family Philosophy (fee: free)

Wednesdays from 15:30pm to 17:00pm

11/01/2017 to 29/03/2017



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