

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st October, 2016

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



## Working in partnership with you

We believe education is a partnership. We do try hard to take account of your views and support parent and carers in any way we can to hone and develop the skills of your child.

I thank all those parents and carers who attended parent conferences during the last couple of weeks. We've had great feedback from teachers, parents and children about the excellent start to the year our children have had. We shared targets with you at these meetings. You may be aware but primary school assessment has been subject to many changes over the last few years and a new and more challenging curriculum has been introduced. We've gradually developed the way we assess children. We're refining our simple 5 point scale for assessment this year. We're also going to be reporting percentage correct in test scores. This follows on from feedback last year in the annual parent surveys. More information on assessment will be available shortly in our revised guide— *Understanding your child's report*.

There are lots of family activities and adult education events coming up over the next few months. Firstly, we have a programme of sessions for parents of children in the early years looking at supporting your child with early reading, phonics, mathematics and providing more information about our play-based learning environments. In the latter parts of autumn and early spring we'll be hosting some sessions to support parents and carers with the demands of the mathematics curriculum. We're working hard this year to develop number fluency with children in our mathematics lessons. We've had lots of requests for these sessions to restart so we pleased to be able to make arrangements for this to happen.

We're very pleased to announce a partnership with the Anna Freud centre in Camden. Anna Freud are a leading institution dedicated to helping children and families. They'll be leading a family and toddler group in the children's centre on a weekly basis after school. This session is open to all with under 5s but it will be really helpful if your dealing with any tricky behaviour between you and your child at home. More information on the initiative will be available shortly on the Children's Centre pages of the website or you can see Alex or Georgina for further details.

I look forward to working with parents and carers over the coming year to achieve excellent and enjoyment for your child at our great school.

Have a restful half term holiday. See you back at school on Monday 31st October, 8.55am.

With thanks,  
Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**



### Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for your donations to the First Love Foundation. First Love give food, support and advice to local people in crisis. Your generous gifts were collected today by the Foodbank. If you want to find out more about how you can help them visit their website: <https://www.firstlovefoundation.org.uk/foodbank/>.

# Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 31 Oct</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 2:00pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Children return</li> <li>☑ Chicken Delivery Assembly</li> <li>☑ PTA Meeting - Boardroom</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 1 Nov</b>	All day 1:00pm – 2:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Cook for Cass Y6</li> <li>☑ Barbican Artist Visit Class 2</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 2 Nov</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	☑ Barbican Artist visit Class 1
<b>Thu 3 Nov</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	☑ KS1 / EY Pedestrian Training: Happy Feat!
<b>Fri 4 Nov</b>	2:40pm – 3:10pm	☑ Y4 Class Assembly
<b>Mon 7 Nov</b>	All day	☑ Kench Hill School Journey
<b>Tue 8 Nov</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 11:45am – 12:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Kench Hill School Journey</li> <li>☑ Supporting your child with early literacy skills (EYFS) -</li> <li>☑ Food tasting: Enjoy lunch with your child!</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 9 Nov</b>	All day 4:00pm – 8:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Kench Hill School Journey</li> <li>☑ Governing Body Meeting: Staffing, Finance and GP</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 10 Nov</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Kench Hill School Journey</li> <li>☑ KS1 / EY Pedestrian Training: Happy Feat!</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 11 Nov</b>	All day All day 9:15am – 10:15am 2:40pm – 3:10pm 3:30pm – 5:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Kench Hill School Journey</li> <li>☑ CLASS 3 TRIP - Natural History Museum - Natural Histor</li> <li>☑ Open Morning for prospective parents/carers</li> <li>☑ Y1 Class Assembly</li> <li>☑ Film Night</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 14 Nov</b>	1:00pm – 2:00pm	☑ Barbican Artist Visit Class 2
<b>Tue 15 Nov</b>	All day 9:00am – 10:00am 11:45am – 12:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Cook for Cass Y6</li> <li>☑ Early mathematics workshop</li> <li>☑ Food tasting: Enjoy lunch with your child!</li> </ul>



## Friendship and Anti Bullying

Our House Captains have been hard at work this week sanding down the friendship bench ready for it to be repainted after the half term holiday. House Captains are taking a leading role on the playground this year as anti-bullying ambassadors. They'll be attending an anti-bullying conference in November.

## Collection times

After half term we have revised arrangements in place for collection of children from the classrooms in Key Stage 1 and Creators.

Parents and carers are welcome to come into the building for collection from 3.10pm. However, they will not be allowed onto the Key Stage 1 corridor until the end of the day – 3.15pm. Children in Key Stage 2 will continue to come down to the main playground for collection at the end of their day at 3.20pm.

## Birthdays and sugary treats

Thank you for your feedback on birthday and sugary treats. Our proposal has certainly generated a lot of discussion. We're extending the time available for you to give your views. School Council and the Governing Body Curriculum and Pupil Affairs Committee also discussed the issue at their last meeting. You can contribute to the conversation by following this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/EU0Mr7SnZtbLcQEC3>

## Stars of the week

**Class 1:** Masi and Ismail

**Class 2:** Daiyan and Zion

**Class 3:** Theo and Alba

**Class 4:** Ozzie and Maggie

**Class 5:** Marcel and Joseph

**Class 6:** Salwan and Abida