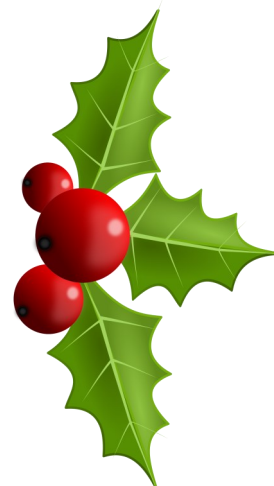


# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 9th November, 2016



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



## Competitions galore

In striking contrast to the last newsletter about healthy eating— this one starts with a celebration of cake! After stopping cakes for birthdays, now is perhaps not the best time to have launched an enormous baking competition. But maybe that just illustrates the approach- everything in moderation!

This was the first time the PTA have organised a cake contest. The children really rose to the challenge. The cakes were amazing; towering creations, iced to perfection and baked to delicious effect. We judged the cakes, thinking about the taste and the appearance of each of them. We also did it blind; so the judges didn't know who had brought in which cake. The standard of baking was excellent.

We were invited to participate in a competition to design a nativity card for the Mayor of London. We were astonished by the number of cards that were submitted. If you would like to view the submissions in full, please visit the Head's blog: <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/heads-blog>. The Mayor's office is currently judging the entries and they will announce the winner shortly.

We value competitions like this in school. Taking part in a contest encourages discipline and hard work—often out of school hours. We also value what we learn from losing! When we don't win, we learn to show grace, even if we're disappointed. We learn to celebrate the achievements and talents of others, which is one important part of our school Code of Conduct.

With thanks,

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**

### Christmas Parties

On **Tuesday 13th December, 2016** children in **Key Stage 2** are having their **Christmas parties**. Children are invited to bring into school a change of clothes for the afternoon.

Children should arrive in school in their school uniform. Please don't send in any party food.

On **Wednesday 13th December, 2016** children in **Key Stage 1** are having their **Christmas parties**. Children

are invited to bring into school a change of clothes for the afternoon. Children should arrive in school in their school uniform. Please don't send in any party food.



# Are you in a WhatsApp group?

We thought it would be useful to give a gentle reminder about appropriate communication on social media. We are aware that some parents create groups to chat about things with fellow parents and carers.

I'm sure this can be helpful for some things, however it's important to ensure these groups are used for the correct purpose. Expressing concerns or comments about things in school is an unhelpful way of giving feedback. Conversations in these groups should never mention children or members of staff by name. We ask that all parents follow the home-school agreement and our school code of conduct in relation to their communications about school: <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/our-values.html>

We have an open door policy in school. Your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team will be happy to help if you have a concern or comment to make about any matter.

# Dates for your diary

Mon 12 Dec 2016

All day

10:30am – 11:30am  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
3:30pm – 5:00pm  
6:00pm – 7:00pm

- Class One and Two to the Fire Fire Exhibition at Museum of London
- CC & EY Christmas Activity Morning (Parents Welcome)
- Creative stitchcraft
- Free Playcentre for Choir
- Ward Club Carol Concert

Tue 13 Dec 2016

11:30am – 1:30pm  
1:30pm – 2:30pm

- Christmas Lunch KS1 and EYFS
- KS2 Christmas Parties

Wed 14 Dec 2016

11:00am – 12:00pm  
12:00pm – 1:30pm  
1:30pm – 3:00pm

- Key Stage 1 Nativity (All Welcome)
- Christmas Lunch KS2
- Class Christmas Parties KS1

Thu 15 Dec 2016

2:00pm – 3:00pm

- Performing Arts: 9 Lessons and Carols (Church)

Fri 16 Dec 2016

All day

11:30am – 12:00pm  
1:30pm – 1:45pm

- Christmas Jumper Day
- End of Term Assembly (School Hall)
- School Closed



Our Christmas Stings Concert, followed by the senior Choir singing at a local business, raising money for our class charities