

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 13th January, 2017

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



Accelerated Reading

We're excited to announce that we are launching a new programme to support the teaching of reading in Key Stage 2.

This week we have introduced Accelerated Reader (AR) to your child.

Accelerated Reader is simple. A child reads a book, takes an online quiz, and gets immediate feedback. Children respond to regular feedback and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills.

When a child finishes a book and completes a quiz in school, the teacher gets really useful information about the child's reading level and what would be best for them to read next. One of the great things about AR is that children are given a range of appropriately challenging real books to choose from; challenging enough to keep them engaged but not so tricky children give up.

It's so important that children read a suitably challenging book every day. Recent studies indicate that, when students spend 25 minutes a day reading, they make excellent progress in their reading skills.

Reading is also part of our homework in every year group. It's so important that you make the time and encourage good reading habits from a very young age.

You can find out more about AR by visiting <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader/> where you will find videos, resources and lots more information. You can also access a list of books closely matched to your child's ability level here: <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/> There is also a link to the parents' guidance on the home page. This is a great resource for borrowing or purchasing books based on your child's interests and ability level.

At Cass, we've purchased a number of iPods for each class in Key Stage 2 and children will be using these to complete their quizzes in school.

We're going to be holding an information session about Accelerated Reader on Thursday 26th of January after school and we'd love you to come along. We'll start at around 3.30 pm in the Class 5.

With thanks,

Mr T Scott
Leader of Learning English, AGT and Assessment



**Accelerated
Reader**

Feedback

Thank you for your feedback about the quality of provision in school and priorities for the year ahead. You came up with lots of interesting suggestions which will give the governors a lot to think about. Overall, we are very pleased with the results and your positive feedback, especially about your satisfaction with the quality of teaching.

Once again, 100% of parents and carers would recommend Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School to another parent.

If you haven't had a chance to fill in the questionnaire yet, you can still hand the paper copy to the office or complete online: <https://goo.gl/forms/WFeRR18H0k303wp42>.

There is also a link on the homepage of our website.

Dates for your diary

Mon 16 Jan	1:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ Creative stitchcraft ☒
Tue 17 Jan	9:00am – 9:30am 9:15am – 11:15am	☒ Bilingualism workshop (Early Years) - ☒ Children's Centre Parent's Forum -
Wed 18 Jan	All day	☒ School Nurse in
Fri 20 Jan	9:00am – 10:00am 2:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ Sex and Relationship Education Parents Meeting ☒ LDBS School's Service
Mon 23 Jan	1:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ Creative stitchcraft ☒
Fri 27 Jan	12:30pm – 6:00pm	☒ Children's Centre Closed
Mon 30 Jan	1:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ Creative stitchcraft ☒
Wed 1 Feb	9:30am – 12:00pm 12:30pm – 3:00pm	☒ Inventors to Police Museum ☒ Creators to Police Museum -
Fri 3 Feb	2:00pm – 2:20pm 2:30pm – 3:00pm	☒ NSPCC Assembly KS1 ☒ NSPCC Assembly KS2
Mon 6 Feb	1:00pm – 3:00pm	☒ Creative stitchcraft ☒
Tue 7 Feb	All day	☒ Founders Day
Wed 8 Feb	All day	☒ Safer Internet Day
Thu 9 Feb	9:00am – 10:00am 10:00am – 11:00am	☒ NSPCC workshops Y5 ☒ NSPCC Workshop Y6
Fri 10 Feb	All day	☒ School Closed- INSET Day

Sex, Relationship and Health Education

We need your help!

We're holding an Open Meeting for parents and carers to capture your views on what you think is important to include in our curriculum about relationships, how babies are made, puberty and issues to do with growing up.

We're holding a Parent's Meeting on **Friday 20th January, 2017 at 9am** in the main school hall.

Come along!

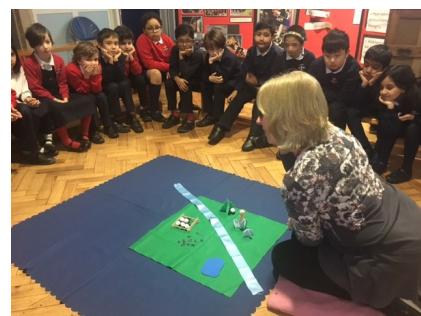
Parent Forum Meeting

If you use Children's Centre services you are warmly invited to a Parent's Forum in The Sp@ce on Tuesday 17th January, 2017.

We want to discuss the services we've got available and use your ideas and feedback to help shape the things we offer through the Children's Centre in the coming months.

RE Day

Class 2 to Class 6 enjoyed an Religious Education theme day this week. We were visited by a representa-



tive from Barnabas in Schools who led workshops with each class on the topic of Who am I? Children were thinking about what makes them special on the inside and exploring religious ideas through storytelling and drama.