

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 5th May, 2017

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



## Adventures in Wales

Class 5 had a splendid time in Wales last week. The children relished every moment of this unique adventurous experience. This is the second time we have visited the Hampshire Cass Mountain Centre in the Brecon Beacons. On each occasion the children have been able to learn or hone new skills such as canoeing and river walking. This year's highlights included mountain walking and canoeing. You can see what the children got up to on my blog where all of the photos are now published: <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/heads-blog/our-visit-to-wales>.



We now have residential visits in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6— and thanks to the generous support of Sir John Cass's Foundation and our PTA these residential visits cost as little as £50.

Thanks also to the dedication of our staff team who enthusiastically arrange these visits and look after our children so well while they're away from home.

### Assessment tests

It's that time of the year again. Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 are undertaking their standardised assessments. Class 6 will be taking their tests from Monday 8th May, 2017. This begins with a reading assessment on Monday. This is followed by Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling on Tuesday and Mathematics tests on Wednesday and Thursday. If your child is in Year 6, they need to have a restful weekend and a good night's sleep before each assessment. Key Stage 1 assessments happen throughout May. We will share results with you later in the Summer term.

We wish all of our children undertaking their standardised assessments every success. We're confident you're well prepared and will do your very best!

Mr T Wilson | Headteacher

## Our thanks and goodbye

It's with great sadness that I formally announce Mark Paddon— our school business manager— completes his final day today.

Mark is moving back to work in the Guildhall. So, he won't be far away, but he will be greatly missed. Mark has been instrumental in so many improvements to the school. His careful financial control has helped us to recruit, retain and train our outstanding staff. He has modernized many processes about school administration and communication.

Mark has also led developments and physical improvements around the school site including our playgrounds, 4 classroom refurbishments, the installation of interactive technology around the school.

I'm sure you'll join with me in thanking Mark for his service to our school.

# Dates for your diary

<b>Mon 8 May</b>	All day All day 2:15pm – 2:45pm 4:00pm – 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - English reading</li> <li>☑ SATS WEEK</li> <li>☑ PTA Meeting</li> <li>☑ Governor Training Session and dinner</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 9 May</b>	All day All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ SATS WEEK</li> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling</li> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 10 May</b>	All day All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ SATS WEEK</li> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning</li> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 11 May</b>	All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ SATS WEEK</li> <li>☑ Key Stage 2 - Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 12 May</b>	All day All day 11:30am – 4:00pm 2:40pm – 3:10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ SATS WEEK</li> <li>☑ CC closure</li> <li>☑ Children's Centre Closure Afternoon</li> <li>☑ Class 4 Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 15 May</b>	All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Bikeability Cycle Skills Training Y6</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 16 May</b>	All day 10:30am – 12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Bikeability Cycle Skills Training Y6</li> <li>☑ Sculpture in the City-Y6 - the City</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 17 May</b>	All day All day 10:00am – 3:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Bikeability Cycle Skills Training Y6</li> <li>☑ Poetry Workshops Y4-6 - Poetry Workshops</li> <li>☑ Tennis competition - Bethnal Green Garden, London E2, UK</li> <li>☑ Drumming Performance Reception to Y2</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 18 May</b>	All day All day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Bikeability Cycle Skills Training Y6</li> <li>☑ Poetry Workshops Y4-6 - Poetry Workshops</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 19 May</b>	All day All day 2:40pm – 3:10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ Bikeability Cycle Skills Training Y6</li> <li>☑ Poetry Workshops Y4-6 - Poetry Workshops</li> <li>☑ Inventors Assembly</li> </ul>



## Toys in school

Children must not bring in toys from home— we've got plenty in school. They cause arguments and upset especially if they are lost. Parents should note that children are also not permitted to bring in things to help them stop fidgeting unless this is explicitly agreed by Alex Allan— Our Deputy Head and SENCO. Aids to stop fidgeting should be recommended by SEN assessment services and written into individual education plan.

**PTA Meeting: Monday 2.15pm**

## Learning in the Summer Term

Curriculum grids for your child's class have been published today with all the information about learning in the Summer Term and task homework for your child to complete. If you have any questions about your child's learning and progress, we have an open door policy in school. Don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.



First Harvest— Radishes from the Roof Garden

## Dual Language Library

We're very pleased to announce that we have restocked and launched our dual language library. Ambia and Izzy will be organising loans of our many international titles at the end of the school day on Thursday 11 May, 2017. If you borrow a book, please ensure it is returned to the library promptly for others to enjoy.

