

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 3rd November, 2017

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



## Reviewing the work we do

There has been a lot going on in school over the last few weeks, including a couple of reviews about the work we do. Each year, we write a plan to help guide our school improvement work. This includes key priorities for the year ahead and some thought to how we might achieve our aims. To help us set our focus we always start the year with a review of teaching and learning where our school governors, along with an advisor, visit each of the classrooms in school and have a close look at the attainment and progress of all of the children in their different year groups.

This year we welcomed a new advisor to school— Mary Thorne. Mary works for the London Diocesan Board for Schools and was until recently a Headteacher of an outstanding primary school in Camden.

This year we identified lots of things that are working really effectively in school. These include:

- The classroom environments and the pride in which staff and children take in their classrooms.
- The impeccable behaviour of children in their lessons and around the school.
- The way in which children review and evaluate their learning, enabling them to move on with greater pace in their writing and mathematics.
- The quality of teachers questioning in lessons.

We also identified some things we wanted to work on in the coming year. These include:

- The teaching of science, through our science and technology project led by Mr Bello.
- Mathematics teaching in Early Years and Key Stage I – making sure children learn the basics in maths as efficiently as possible and that girls have good attitudes to maths in Key Stage 2.
- Writing in Early Years and Key Stage I, so that there are lots of opportunities to write for different reasons.

Our vision for the school is that children have an exceptional education with excellent subject teaching, which helps each child to make great progress. We value music as much as maths and science as much as physical education— through this rich and demanding curriculum we think every child can excel, even if they have challenges to overcome. You can keep abreast of our plans for the year ahead and our evaluation of the current provision at school on the Key Information pages of our website: <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/key-information.html>

Here you will find policies, information and advice about the school. I look forward to working together in partnership with parents in the coming year, to continue to achieve great things.

With thanks,

Mr T Wilson | **Headteacher**

## Collection

### arrangements

We're having lots of problems at the moment with parents and carers changing collection details at the last moment or even multiple times during the day.

We try our best to operate a sensible policy about child collection but please ensure you have made arrangements and clearly notify the office well in advance if there is a change to the usual routine.

We ask that you let us know changes to routines at least 24 hours before - and where possible not on the same day. It's much better— and safer— to do things well in advance so that our registers can be updated. Also, the leadership team and your child's class teacher can be informed.

Please remember that if your child is in Year 4 and above you can give permission for children to travel home on their own via our data collection form. Younger children can only be accompanied home by close family members who are at least 16 and known to the school. If we don't know who a person collecting is, they will be challenged and the main carers contacted.

# Dates for your diary

## Thank you!

Mon 6 Nov	All day	Year 4 Kench Hill School Journey
Tue 7 Nov	All day	Year 4 Kench Hill School Journey
Wed 8 Nov	All day	Year 4 Kench Hill School Journey
	All day	Governing Body Curriculum and Pupil Affairs Committee
Thu 9 Nov	All day	Year 4 Kench Hill School Journey
Fri 10 Nov	All day	Year 4 Kench Hill School Journey
	2:50pm – 3:20pm	Class 1C Assembly
	3:00pm – 4:30pm	Silent Ceremony- Trip for some Y6
Tue 14 Nov	10:00am – 12:00pm	Year 6 to Whitechapel Gallery - Photography w'shop
Thu 16 Nov	9:00am – 10:00am	Open Morning- Prospective Parents
Fri 17 Nov	9:00am – 9:30am	Non uniform day all children to bring something for the chocolate tombola
	2:50pm – 3:20pm	Class 1I Assembly
Tue 21 Nov	9:00am – 10:00am	EYFS Early Reading and Writing parent meeting IH and AA in Hall - Hall
Wed 22 Nov	11:45am – 12:45pm	Enjoy lunch with your child
Fri 24 Nov	2:50pm – 3:20pm	Class 6 Assembly
Mon 27 Nov	10:00am – 12:00pm	Y6 national measurement programme
	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Open Afternoon- Prospective Parents
Wed 29 Nov	11:45am – 12:45pm	Enjoy lunch with your child
Fri 1 Dec	All day	Lantern Parade
	2:50pm – 3:20pm	Class 3 Assembly
	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Christmas Market
Mon 4 Dec	9:00am – 11:00am	Flu programme rec - Yr4
Tue 5 Dec	All day	Cook for Cass Y5
Wed 6 Dec	All day	Full Governing Body Meeting
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Drumming Performance- Class 2
Fri 8 Dec	All day	CCFC closure
	9:00am – 10:00am	Open Morning- Prospective Parents
Tue 12 Dec	11:30am – 1:30pm	Christmas Lunch EYFS and Key Stage 1
Wed 13 Dec	10:00am – 11:00am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production
	11:30am – 1:30pm	Christmas Lunch KS2
Thu 14 Dec	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Christmas Service

Many thanks to Lendlease who helped out with painting the benches on the main playground. They're looking great.



The Lendlease Team have also stripped back and painted all of the seating areas on the roof garden which look like new.



The team also provided 60 bags of new compost for the 3 big planters so they are all ready for next summer.



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## Workshops for Parents

with children in  
the Early  
Years

Tuesday 21st  
November

9:00am – 10:00am

Early Literacy Skills



## A new Lord Mayor

Children at the school will be taking part in the Silent Ceremony to elect a new Lord Mayor and joining the festivities of the Lord Mayor's parade next week.

## Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market will take place on Friday 1st December from 3pm to 5pm. On Friday 17th November, we will have a non-uniform day. Children are asked to bring in a donation of chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola stall in return for wearing their own clothes.