



Sir John Cass's Foundation
Primary School
Headteacher: Mr T Wilson

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teaching teams and school leadership from September, 2017

We are pleased to announce class teaching arrangements for 2017-18. We thought we'd also take this opportunity to tell you about leadership and management in the coming year. Information about support staff will be published in September.

Any period of transition can be unsettling. It's a testament to the skills and talents of our teaching team that we've had many requests for our teachers to stay with the same class in the coming year! Unfortunately, in most cases we can't accommodate this. We carefully balance the needs of the whole group and attempt to provide all staff with opportunities for professional growth and development by working with children in different years. Children will be meeting their new class teachers this week. Following feedback, we have brought forward the transition activities including the open afternoon to give everyone a little more time for parents, children and teachers to get to know each other.

Leadership and management

Ms Allan is taking on the role of designated safeguarding lead in 2017-18, I will be supporting her as her deputy. Ms Laney will be giving up her duties on the senior leadership team in September, 2017 but will still continue to be a support teacher in school for three days a week in Year 5 and 6.

Senior leadership team		Areas of responsibility
Mr Tim Wilson	Headteacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standards of achievement and provision across the schoolSafeguarding deputy person
Ms Alex Allan	Deputy Headteacher and Head of the Children's Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Head of the Children's Centre, SENDCO and whole school leadershipSafeguarding lead person
Ms Hasina Khan	Assistant head	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Head of Key Stage 2Behaviour for learning across the schoolSupport teacher in Key Stage 2
Ms Yvonne Caunter	Assistant head	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Educational visits, lunchtimes and extra-curricular activitiesSupport teacher in Key Stage 1
To be announced	School Business Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Premises, health and safety, finance and administration

We have an open door policy in school. You can come to speak to a member of the leadership team at any time.

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Our senior leaders will be supported by our **Leaders of Learning** responsible for different areas of the teaching, learning and provision across the school.

Leaders of Learning	
Mr Andy Dobson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and early years outdoor area lead
Ms Angela Frain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics lead
Mr Tim Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Assessment for learning • Able, gifted and talented lead
Ms Izzy Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early reading, phonics, communication • English as an additional language lead • Philosophy for children lead
Mr David Bello	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science, technology and engineering project lead
Mr Nathan Curran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics project lead • Humanities lead
Ms Zara Nawab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Phase Leader Key Stage 1

We've been thinking about renaming our classes in the coming year. Perhaps after influential people, countries or special things? School Council will be making the decision in September.

Class group	Class teacher, early years practitioner and support teachers	
Explorer	Pat and Asma	Jennifer
Discovers	Janet and Sue	
Investigators	Andy, Beth and Craig	
Inventors	Izzy and James	
Class 1C (Creators 2016)	Ms Kim Lawrence	Key Stage One will also be supported by Ms Yvonne Caunter and Mr David Bello
Class 1I (Inventors 2016)	Ms Zara Nawab	
Class 2 (Y1 2016)	Mr Nathan Curran	
Class 3 (Y2 2016)	Mr Jonny Jones	Year 3 and 4 will be supported by Mr David Bello and Ms Yoanna Pak
Class 4 (Y3 2016)	Ms Emma Parry	
Class 5 (Y4 2016)	Ms Angela Frain	Year 5 and 6 will be supported by Ms Hasina Khan and Ms Susan Laney
Class 6 (Y5 2016)	Mr Tim Scott	

Goodbyes

We say our goodbyes to the following teachers at the end of the year. I'm sure you'll join with me in paying tribute to their service and dedication to school.

- **Ms Pauline Lucas** (Class 2 Teacher) is retiring at the end of the academic year. Pauline has given over 20 years of service to Sir John Cass.
- **Ms Jane Jones** (Art Teacher) is retiring at the end of the academic year. Jane has been class teaching at Cass for ten years and teaching in London for nearly 40 years. You will see Jane around from time to time as she will be working for us on a casual basis from next year.
- **Mr Tim Hole** (Class 6 Teacher) is moving schools and home to west London to work at Hampton School as Head of Science. We wish Tim every success in his career.
- **Ms Heather Richardson** (Class 6 Teaching Assistant) is training to become a teacher next year at Paxton Primary School, part of the Gipsy Hill Federation
- **Mrs Julia Mason** (Class 3 Teaching Assistant) is retiring at the end of the year. Julia has been with the school for over 26 years. We thank her for her long service.
- **Mr Theo Hinz** (Key Stage 2 teaching assistant) has moved on already to start his training to become a teacher.
- **Mr James King** (PE and Sports Coach) is taking a career break to train to be a primary teacher and gain his qualified teacher status. Although Mr King is qualified to instruct pupils in PE he's not trained to teach the full primary curriculum yet. He will be returning to Cass the following academic year.

Science and Computing Project

We're very excited to be starting a Science and Computing Project across the School next year. Mr David Bello will be working directly with classes in Key Stage 1 and 2 to support their learning in Science, technology and mathematics. David will lead the computer science part of the computing curriculum for Key Stage 2 and the Science programmes of study. The project will also see a major refurbishment of one of our classrooms as a science and technology laboratory-giving access to a range of excellent equipment to assist with teaching and learning in these important areas.

Training School and secondments

We're hoping work closely with other schools in the coming year and focus on an application for our school to become a teaching school in the next couple of years. Over the course of the next academic year our staff will be involved in leading training and development sessions with other schools. We will also be offering our expertise in the form of secondments and other school to school support.

Ms Allan is being seconded to City of London Primary Academy Islington for one day week to help this new school set up its special needs provision. Ms Farah Lavin is being seconded to Churchill Gardens Primary Academy in Westminster to help set up their new Reception class. Both Ms Allan and Ms Lavin will return to Cass later in the year to take up their full time substantive positions.

Specialist teaching

We hope to continue our outstanding specialist provision at Sir John Cass next year. We are already rightly proud of the exceptional education we offer in music, cooking, French, art, sport and the performing arts.

Strings in Class 3

We're very excited to announce that we'll be making some improvements to musical tuition next year at Cass. For the first time, children in Year 3 will take part in the Strings Programme. They will be introduced to their musical instrument a year earlier than normal with free small group tuition. Other aspects of the Strings Programme in Year 4 to 6 will remain unchanged.

PE and sports coach	Mr Christopher Osborne
Art, design and technology lead	Mr James Roe
Cookery teachers	Mrs Lucy Offer and Mrs Catherine Elvidge
School counsellor	Ms Gill Staley
Choir and performing arts manager	Mrs Pat Bilbrough
Strings manager	Mrs Katherine Chibah
French teacher	Mrs Yoanna Pak

I look forward to updating you about other developments at school in our forthcoming newsletters. As ever, if you would like to discuss any matter with me or a member of the leadership team, we have an open door policy in school and you're welcome at any time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Wilson
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