Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019. This term has gone by in a flash. As ever there has been a lot going on - the children have been on more than 32 trips this term and next term is shaping up to be just as busy! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, carers and school community for their support of the school this term. Without your support, trust and feedback we would not be able to be the wonderful place for the children that we are.

Often at the end of a term we have a staffing update. This term is no different. We are excited to be welcoming Mrs Nawab back from her maternity leave. She will be working for 2 days a week supporting children in Key Stage 1. Unfortunately this will only be until Easter, when she will be moving out of London to be closer to her extended family.

Many of you will know Toby Burroughs, our Playcentre lead practitioner. What you might not know is that when he is not in school he is busy playing in his band or working with other bands in his recording studio. After working hard to get his business up and running, Toby would now like to spend more time to building it up, which means that he will no longer be able to work here at Cass. I’m sure that this will not be the last that we see of Toby as he will be back to lead music workshops etc during holiday clubs. In the meantime we wish him all the best in his latest venture.

The national Key Stage 2 performance tables have now been published (you may know them as the schools league tables). We are incredibly pleased to have it confirmed that we are in the top 10 per cent of primary schools in the country according to our end of Year 6 results. If you would like to take a look at where we are compared to other schools in the country the website is: https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/

Christmas is an exciting time of year for many children and families, however for many others it can be a particularly difficult time of year. Let us be grateful for what we have, be generous with our thoughts and actions towards others and take the upcoming fortnight to reflect on our successes of the year that is ending and contemplate what is truly important and how we can lead our most fulfilled lives in 2020.

Let me take this opportunity to wish every one of you a restful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you back at school early in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Miss Allan
Reports and Parent meetings:

I hope that you received your child’s report yesterday. We are holding our next parent conferences on Monday 6th January 2020. The parents evening booking system is open for you to make appointments if you have not yet made one. This time we are asking that you bring your child along to the meeting if at all possible. It can be really beneficial for children to see that parents and school are working together and they can take ownership of their targets for the coming term.

The leadership team, PE teacher and Art teacher will also be available during the day if you wish to make an appointment via the school office on 6th January.

Twice a year we send out a parent survey to help us evaluate our provision. You will have received a paper copy in with your child’s report. If you prefer to fill this in online then the questionnaire is available on the school website and will be open until 10th January:
http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/parent-carer-survey.html

RSE— Relationship and Sex education

You may have seen in the news recently that the government is introducing a new relationship and sex education policy in schools. This does not become legal policy until September 2020. We will not be changing our curriculum until September 2020.

We are currently looking at the government directives and working with the Diocese to put together a programme of learning that remains religiously and culturally sensitive, whilst at the same time fulfils our legal obligations. We will hold parent meetings in the summer term to discuss the changes and how we will deliver them.

In the meantime, our RSE curriculum will remain the same as it has for the last 3 years. If you wish to find out what your child will be learning this academic year, we will be holding parent information sessions on the dates below:
- Year 4 Monday 13th January at 3:45
- Year 5 Tuesday 14th January at 3:45
- Year 6 Wednesday 15th January at 3:45

Admissions Consultation:

The proposed admissions document is still available on our website http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/ We are asking people to comment on the document via letter or e-mail, sent to office@sirjohncassprimary.org by 16th January 2020.
School reopens for parent, pupil and teacher meetings on Monday 6th January

Skipping will resume on Tuesday 7th January at 8:35am

Gates will re open on for school to start on Tuesday 7th January at 8:45am

A Very Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all!

Class Assemblies—Spring term 2020

All class assemblies take place on a Friday and start at 2:50pm.

- 24th January: Year 5
- 7th February: Year 1
- 14th February: Ironmongers class (3I)
- 28th February: Year 6
- 6th March: Carpenters (3C)
- 13th March: Year 4
- 20th March: Inventors (Reception)
- 27th March: Year 2

Our Christmas market raised £1626!

Thank you again to all of the PTA for organising the event and to everyone who came to support it.

Faith, hope and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13