

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 31st January 2020

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

I often say in the newsletter how busy school is at the moment and this is always true—schools are busy places by their very nature, however I thought I might take a moment to walk you through a typically busy (rather than incredibly busy) week here at SJC, so that you can see some of the things we get up to in addition to our usual classroom lessons and clubs. Let's see how next week is shaping up...

On Monday, the Early Years will be having a visit from Safari Pete. The children will come face to face with a variety of exotic animals and start to think about ways in which they can care for the world around them. We hope to get lots of pictures so keep an eye on our Twitter feed.

Also on Monday, the Year 5 children will be travelling to Greenwich to visit the planetarium. In science they are studying space and by visiting the planetarium they will hopefully be able to find out more about the planet we live on and our place in relation to other planets.

Some of our Key Stage 2 girls will be going on a sporting adventure to Sir John Cass's Secondary School on Monday. They will get to meet a professional athlete and have the chance to try sports they haven't experienced before.

On Tuesday, there is another sporting event—this time a hockey tournament for children in Key Stage 2. Year 2 children will also be out on Tuesday, as they will be visiting the Bevis Marks synagogue to find out more about the Jewish faith and to interview a Rabbi. Still on Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Healthy Lifestyles workshop led by Young Hackney. Staff are having a visit from The Literacy Tree advisors to support with our ongoing curriculum development in English.

On Wednesday we are having a visit from our School Improvement Partner to ensure that our Excellent outcomes from last year's SIAMS inspection are being sustained. In the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, our Years 5 and 6 pupils will be participating in a massed choir event at the O2 arena.

Thursday will see the Year 5 and 6 pupils having a visit from a local financial company who will be delivering a financial literacy workshop.

The Year 2 children will be out again on Friday. This time they will be taking part in a walking trip of the local area. We will finish the week with Year 1's class assembly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Allan

(Headteacher)

Parent Workshop

We ran our Launchpad for Language workshop again this week. This time specifically for Bengali speaking families. The presentation from the workshop (which is the same as the previous workshop) can be found on the school's website by clicking the link on the home page or by entering the following: <http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/eyfs.html>

Do you want to find out how you can support your child with their maths skills and homework?

We are holding workshops in school on the following dates:

9:00am 12th February—Year 1 and 2

9:00am 26th February—Year 3 and 4

9:00am 4th March—Year 5 and 6

School Uniform

We have noticed that an increasing number of pupils are coming to school not wearing the correct uniform and in particular they are wearing boots rather than shoes. We have not changed the uniform requirements in many years, however please see below to ensure your child is appropriately dressed each day:

If any parents or carers have difficulty with uniform costs, please let the school office or myself know.

Trousers/ Shorts – Navy

Skirt/Pinafore/Trousers – Navy

Summer Dress (Easter to October half term)– Red/Navy gingham. White socks should be worn with a summer dress.

Shirt long/short sleeve - White

Polo Shirt with school Logo – White

School tie – To be worn with shirt

School logo sweatshirt – Red/Navy

School logo cardigan- Red/Navy

Tights – Plain navy, white or red

Socks—Plain white, navy or grey

School Shoes – Black. Black trainers should not be worn to school. Boots should not be worn to school. We class boots as any footwear that fully covers the ankle bone (the bit on the ankle that sticks out).

Uniform and logo items can be purchased from Khalsa schoolwear: <https://www.khalsaschoolwear.co.uk/>

Book Week

We have started to plan our book week, which will take place from 2nd to 6th March. World Book Day will take place on Thursday 5th March. As usual, children will be invited to dress up as a book character. As with last year, this event is for fun and is not a competition.

At the start of Book Week, we will be launching a Book Swap. We will be putting together a trolley of pre-loved books that children can choose and swap as they please. If you have any books (particularly Key Stage 2 friendly books) in your home that you no longer want, then please bring them into school so we can start to build our collection.