

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

There's another jam packed newsletter for you this week. Please take your time to digest all of the information and, as always, if you have any questions do feel free to get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Allan*

## **Sports Day**

With the lockdown and social distancing measures in place, our annual sports day had to be cancelled but that doesn't mean we can't still have some sporting fun. Mr Pogson has been busy putting together a programme so that our bubbles can compete in a safe manner. Whilst we can't invite parents in to watch the event, our children will be cheered on by a different bubble - socially distanced, within the playground. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits:

**Wednesday 8th July** - Keyworker children

**Thursday 9th July** - Bubble B of Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and both Year 3 classes

**Friday 10th July** - Bubble B of Years 4 and 5 as well as Bubbles A and B of Year 6 (please see below for further details)

**Monday 13th July** - Bubble A of Year 1, Year 2 and both Year 3 classes

**Tuesday 14th July** - Bubble A of Nursery, Reception, Year 4 and Year 5

Please note that if your child attends on a Monday or Tuesday they are Bubble A and if they attend on a Thursday or Friday they are Bubble B.

On Friday 10th July, we are inviting the Year 6 Bubble A into school to participate and observe in the sports activities. This Year 6 bubble should come to school in their PE kits for 12.00 with a packed lunch and then be collected at 3.30 from the side entrance.

## **Reports and parent meetings**

Next week we will be sending home your children's end of year reports. This year they will look slightly different, due to the unusual circumstances we have experienced over recent months. For children who are not attending school at the moment, parents can collect their child's report on Wednesday otherwise they will be posted out before the end of term.

We will also be offering you the opportunity to have a virtual meeting with your child's class-teacher. These meetings will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 15th July. If you want to have a meeting, then the parents evening system will be available from the main page of the school website from Monday morning. We will hold further parent meetings in the first half of the autumn term to identify the best ways to support your child throughout the next academic year.

### **Re naming of the school and working party update**

This week our governors held meetings to discuss the progress that has been made so far to move on from our current name and identification with Sir John Cass. Whilst it is apparent that there are a range of very different views across the community, it has also become clear that there is a unanimity in the pride that we all hold for the school and the fact that we want to continue to make the most of the opportunities our children have during their time here.

A name, on inception, can appear to carry gravitas and connotations of status. Its accompanying reputation can quickly turn sour however if the quality of curriculum, the care towards our children and the united and supportive community is lost. The opposite can also be said if a name isn't quite what we would have preferred. Whilst the name of the school is important, we must not at any point lose sight of the fact that what matters most is the substance of education and what our children receive. The working party, the governors and the staff at the school are striving to ensure that our children continue to have access to the broad range of opportunities they have always enjoyed and can participate in an outstanding curriculum that is built on our already very solid foundations. This is however a process and any curriculum and content change cannot take place overnight. We have never been a school that has done things to be tokenistic and we will not change that now. In order for our children to be taught sensitively about tricky current and historical affairs, a programme of development for our staff and community needs to be put in place to make sure that we approach all challenging topics and subjects with our children in the most age appropriate way.

Now is a time when we, as the adults in the school community, can show ourselves to be role models for our children. It is the time when we can uphold our school vision and values. It is a time when we can engage in challenging conversations with respect and dignity showing our best selves and not indulging in our less positive traits.

Any future meetings that we hold will have a code of conduct explained at the start of the meeting. We will stick to a strict agenda and timings. We need to ensure that these forums are safe spaces for all participants at all times. If, for any reason, conversations become anything other than constructive then we may cut short or reschedule the meeting.

The consultation on our way forward is still open and you can offer your views either by completing the form that is accessed from the main page of the school website or by emailing our chair of governors: [chair@sirjohncassprimary.org](mailto:chair@sirjohncassprimary.org)

I ask that in order for us to make the best decisions for the school that you do complete the Google Form. We want to hear your suggestions and thoughts; whether you agree, are ambivalent or disagree.

## Uniform

In the last newsletter I spoke about the change to our school uniform. We will be focussing on the blue uniform, having only the red sweater for choir and concert group events. It is not likely that the new uniform will be ready in time for the beginning of the new school year so until we have the new uniform in place, the current uniform will still be allowed. I ask that you don't buy any new uniform with logos on it.

If you have some new and current uniform that your child has not yet worn, we will be having crests made that can be sewn over the existing school crest.

If your child needs a new polo shirt, you are welcome to buy a white polo shirt without a logo on it. These can be purchased in most places that sell uniform.

If your child needs a new sweater or cardigan, we will be selling second hand blue uniform (with the current logo and name) on return to school. If you prefer to buy a brand new blue sweater then these can be purchased from Khalsa our uniform supplier. You would then be able to add the new school logo to this jumper at a later point.

## School in September

I am really pleased to be able to let you know that we have got the go ahead to open the school to full classes, 5 days a week in September. As I have mentioned previously, we won't be offering clubs or breakfast and after school provision for the first half term. I will do all I can to make the school day seem as normal as possible for the children however it is inevitable there will still need to be some alterations made. I will communicate more specific information before the summer holidays.

This week's art lesson was based around the work of Gustav Klimt. One of our Year 3 children produced these lovely pictures. If you've not had a go at any of the art projects then why don't you have a go now? The projects are available on the art home learning page of the website!



<https://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/art-with-mr-roe.html>