

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10th July 2020

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's not long now until the end of the school year, so in this week's newsletter I will be talking about some of the procedures over the next week and letting you know about the start of the next school year.

As our children are not attending school full time at the moment, the school term will end at the end of the school day—not at 1.30pm. Friday 17th July will be the last day of term for all children.

The pipework project is running smoothly so far, with much of the work that's been done to this point carried out on an evening. From the beginning of the holidays, more work will take place during the daytime in order to make sure it is complete by the end of August, in time for the children to come back.

School reopens to Years 1 to 6 on Friday 4th September. Further details will be sent out in a separate letter to parents with children in childcare provision.

Many of you will have school resources at home that have been accumulating throughout the year. Please can you have a rummage around and bring them all back to school by the end of term.

**Sports Days** We started our sports days this week, and although very different to usual the children have been getting into the competitive and team spirit. If your child's bubble has not yet had their event then see below for their day:



**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

**Wednesday 15th July** —Keyworker children (rearranged date)

If the weather is not on our side we will use the gym.

**Reports and parent meetings** If you did not receive or collect your child's report this week, then please pop into school next week to get it. If you would like to have a meeting with your child's classteacher on Wednesday 15th, please complete the parents booking system via the link on the main page of the school website. If you have any problems with the system, contact the office and they will be happy to help.

**Renaming of the school:** Over the last week and a half, I have been receiving some lovely ideas from our children about the way that we can explore reasons behind the change of name and angles we can take on our learning about it in September.

Originally I stated that the Google form for parent feedback would close on 13th July. It will now be open until 24th July. We really do value your feedback and would love to hear from as many people as possible, no matter what your views.

**What will school be like in September?** I have now had the time to go through all of the government guidance about the full reopening of schools in September and have put together the plan.

Drop offs and pick ups will stay as they currently are, with the soft start to the day and the staggered end. As soon as guidance is relaxed further we will go back to our previous start and end of day routines.

The Early Years will form one bubble. The children will only use their own classrooms but will share the playground. They will eat their lunch downstairs. We will continue with regular and thorough cleaning of equipment and rigorous hand washing regimes.

Year 1 will be a bubble on its own. The children in this class will be transitioning gently from the freeflow style of Reception to the more formal classroom teaching style of Year 1. We will manage this over the first half term and evaluate and tailor provision as necessary throughout the year.

The rest of the school will be split into bubbles of 2 classes. They will share the dining hall and playground with their buddy class. The rest of the time they will be operating as a class group, as usual. The bubbles will be; Y2 & Y3, Y4C & Y4I, Y5 & Y6.

We have been asked by the government to arrange the classrooms, where possible, so that children are sat side by side and facing the front of the room rather than facing each other and doing group based activities. From Year 3 upwards this will be the way our classrooms are arranged. In Year 2, the class will be arranged slightly less formally, however the children will be working in smaller groups and will not be moving around tables throughout the day, as they would do usually.

We will be covering all subjects next academic year, however the timetable will be slightly different in order to limit the spread of any possible infection. For example, children may have art in one half term but not the following half term.

More information about this will be given in September.

**Black Lives Matter:** This is a topic that a number of our children have been mentioning in the last few weeks and one that parents have been asking for advice how to approach. If you would like some resources, ideas or tips about how to engage in these conversations then you might like to have a look at the following website: <https://yooopies.co.uk/c/press-releases/blacklivesmatter>

*My best wishes for a lovely weekend,*

*Miss Allan*