

# SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th December, 2017

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



## Merry Christmas



What a busy end of term we've enjoyed at Sir John Cass— from carols to concerts, parties to lantern parades the children have really enjoyed and gained much from the last few weeks in school.

It was interesting showing parents and carers around the school over the last couple of weeks as children were working hard right up until the last moments of the term.

Particular thanks go to all the staff and volunteers who were involved in the various performances and productions at the end of this term. We've enjoyed performances from Choir, Key Stage 2 at the Carol Concert, our Strings Concert, the Key Stage I Production and the Early Years performance. Our staff have worked exceptionally hard to ensure these performances are special moments for you to share. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did.

The children have been listening to the Christmas story in their assemblies over the last few weeks. And in RE lessons children have been following their Christmas units of work where they have been exploring big questions for example— what can we learn from religious art about Christmas? And all about advertising at Christmas time.

### New Teddies!

Each class has been given a new teddy bear who will live with them in class during term time and come home in the holidays with one of the children. School Council came up with the idea. If your child brings the class teddy home please try to capture some pictures of his/her adventures during his time away from school. It doesn't matter if you're staying at home or going overseas for the break. Do remember to bring the teddy back after the holiday.



I do hope each of our families has a wonderful Christmas holiday full of cheer, relaxation and time spent with family. I look forward to seeing you back at school in the new year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### Understanding your child's report

We've introduced a whole new batch of assessment tests this term which are the most challenging ever undertaken in the Autumn term by our children. We believe in testing— it gives an accurate picture of what a child knows and helps teachers and parents take action to address any gaps in knowledge.

We hope you have now received your child's termly report. You can [find further information online about interpreting the scores and numbers.](#)

Please book now for Parent Conferences on Wednesday 3rd January, 2018. [You can book online](#) or via the school office.

We conduct two major surveys of your views each year. We do this to find out how you think your child is learning and progressing through the curriculum. We also aim to understand your opinions and ideas about what the school should be focusing on. We use your evaluation comments carefully. You'll find the evaluation form here: [goo.gl/forms/](http://goo.gl/forms/)

Sp@ce Closed: Our hub for Children's Centre services is closed at the moment due to a problem with our drains. We hope to have this rectified over the next couple of weeks and aim to be open again from Monday 8th January, 2018

# Dates for your diary

Mon 1 Jan	● All day	School Closed- Christmas Holiday
Tue 2 Jan	● All day	INSET Day- School Closed
Wed 3 Jan	● All day	INSET Day- School Closed
	● All day	Parent Meetings
Thu 4 Jan	● All day	Term starts
Mon 8 Jan	● 3:30 – 4:45pm	Concert Rehearsal (Performance at Barbican)
Mon 15 Jan	● All day	City Schools Concert
	● 6 – 8pm	City Schools Concert
Tue 23 Jan	● 9 – 9:15am	Year 4 and 5 Banking Workshop
Thu 25 Jan	● 3:30 – 4pm	PTA uniform sale School Hall
Fri 26 Jan	● All day	LDBS Schools Service
	● 2 – 3:30pm	LDBS School Service
Wed 31 Jan	● All day	Governing Body Curriculum and Pupil Affairs Committee
Thu 1 Feb	● 12 – 9:30pm	Young Voices
Wed 7 Feb	● All day	Founders Day
Fri 9 Feb	● All day	CCFC Closure
	● 2:30 – 3:30pm	Christian Values Tea Party
Mon 12 Feb	● All day	Half Term Week



Well done to our stars of the week!

## 30 hours of childcare

As you will be aware there are planned changes to the way in which parents and carers can claim 30 hours of childcare in the City of London. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have checked whether they are eligible and applied for the code irrespective of whether or not their child already has a full time place under the City of London's admissions policy.

We will keep you posted about changes in this area and people are unlikely to be affected this academic year. When you apply for childcare on the government website, remember this has to be done before the start of the new term e.g. by 31st December. When you get a code, bring it into school as this affects our funding.

### Fees and charges

Unfortunately, we're going to have to make some increases in fees for paid childcare in 2018. We're going to be launching a consultation about the increases in January, 2018.

## City School Concert

Many of our children in Year 5 and 6 will be performing their stringed instruments at the City of London Family of Schools Concert this year. This will be held on 15 January 2018 at Barbican Milton Court. Doors will open at 5pm, with the concert starting at 6pm.

If you would like to book tickets, please visit the Eventbrite page: <https://tinyurl.com/ybaqss3t>

The event is password protected- [cityschoolsconcert](#)

## Year 6 Bankers!

Thanks to these three in Year 6 who counted all of the money raised by the Choir who sang at two venues local to the school in the last few weeks. We raised £448.65 for our Class Charities. Children will be raising more money for their chosen charity in the Spring term as we are re-starting cake sales. We will announce dates when we get back from the holidays. Thanks to Mrs Bilbrough and Ms Mutuku for arranging our wonderful singers.

