

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 6th March, 2018

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



Secondary choices

Parents, carers and children in Year 6 have now received confirmation of their offers for secondary school places. This year has once again been difficult across London— 1/3 of children have not received an offer at their first choice of school.

The first thing you should do if you don't get your preferred school is not panic! It's worthwhile finding out more about the school you have been offered a place at. If you haven't visited before, it might be enlightening to go along and see the school in action. Schools change very rapidly and you may not have applied because of an undeserved reputation. It's worth keeping an open mind.

If you want to appeal the decision we can support you in various ways. If you want to make an appointment to see me, I'm happy to help where I can. We can't directly influence the decision but we can help you navigate the appeals process. Any appeal about a decision has to have a strong argument and a sound basis for making the appeal. It is considered by lay people who make a final decision for each school. We can also come along with you to appeals if that helps and we can arrange translators if that's required.

You should also bare in mind that it's a long period between now and September. After this initial round of offers some places will be declined, some people will move away and some children will take up places in the independent sector or at newly opened academies. This opens up school places for you— if you're high up the waiting list you often stand a good chance of getting into school by September, 2018.

Finally, congratulations to those children and families who received their first choice or were admitted to schools in the independent sector. We know you're going to leave our school as proud Cassians with many lessons learnt which have laid excellent foundations for your future.

With thanks,

Mr T Wilson | Headteacher

School Motto Contest!

Submit your entry as soon as possible! Deadline extended to Friday 16th March, 2018. What would make a good motto for Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School?

Forgiveness

Do you have a story about forgiveness that you'd be willing to share with us?

Perhaps a time when you found it really difficult to forgive someone?

We're thinking about forgiveness in assemblies next week and it would be great to share some examples from parents or friends.

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We enjoyed a super world book day last week. Each child should have now received a voucher which they can redeem on a great book!

Dates for your diary

Tue 6 Mar	● All day ● 9 – 9:30am	Fluoride programme in school EYFS Parent phonics workshop
Thu 8 Mar	● 3:30 – 4pm	Yr 4 Vision Aid Charity Fund Raiser
Fri 9 Mar	● 2:50 – 3:20pm	Inventors Class Assembly
Mon 12 Mar	● 9:45 – 11:30am ● 2:30 – 3:15pm ● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Commonwealth Flag Raising Day, Guildhall - Class 4 School Council Meeting Taster Session for Gardening Club
Wed 14 Mar	● All day	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thu 15 Mar	● All day	Year 1 trip to ZSL London Zoo
Fri 16 Mar	● All day ● 2 – 3pm	Nominations for Parent Governor Close Company of Musicians Y6
Mon 19 Mar	● All day	Yr 3 Residential Trip
Tue 20 Mar	● All day	Yr 3 Residential Trip
Wed 21 Mar	● All day	Yr 3 Residential Trip
Mon 26 Mar	● 2:30 – 3:30pm	Christian Values Tea Party
Tue 27 Mar	● 2 – 3pm	Yr 3/4 performing Arts Easter performance
Wed 28 Mar	● 9 – 10am ● 11am – 12pm	The EASTER BONNET PARADE! Strings Concert Y3
Thu 29 Mar	● All day ● 10 – 10:30am ● 1:30 – 2pm	Term Ends The EGG ROLL!- All welcome School Ends
Fri 30 Mar	● All day	School Closed- Easter Holiday

Strings Concert Year 3

Stringed instrument tuition started this year in Class 3. Children have been hard at work learning pieces on their instruments and are now ready to share some pieces with parents and carers at a Strings Concert.

Parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to attend the school hall at 11am on Wednesday 28th March, 2018 where the children will regale you with some of the pieces they have learnt so far. Please join us!

Easter Events

The Easter Bonnet Parade:
Our annual Bonnet Parade for Staff and Children is on Wednesday 28th March, 2018. Children should design and make a bonnet to parade around the local area. The contest is usually fierce!

The Egg Roll: Bring in a hard boiled egg on Thursday 29th March, 2018. You can decorate it in any way you want. However, eggs should simply be hard boiled and not filled with any hard material! We're rolling the eggs to see who can get the furthest across the playground. You can choose the egg you boil— chicken, duck, ostrich are all fine!

CITY SEND INSPECTION

The City of London is being inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission next week.

Although this is not an inspection of the school, inspectors will be visiting to talk with parents staff and children about special educational needs including how needs are identified and how the school supports families. Please come along to the meeting with the Inspector at 11am on Thursday