The governors of the school are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Allan as our new Headteacher, effective 1st September 2018. This brings to a close the recruitment process which began two months ago.

The search for a new Headteacher has been thorough. We advertised the job nationally and received ten applications. We shortlisted four strong candidates, visited them all in their own schools, and spent a very long day on Wednesday assessing, observing, and interviewing them. Our thanks to all the children, parents, and staff who took part in the process, especially those who were involved in the interview day itself. All candidates left with very positive views of the excellent teaching and learning at our school. My personal thanks to the governors who gave up so much of their time serving on the selection panel, and to our advisers from the City of London Corporation, Sir John Cass's Foundation, and LDBS for their expertise and support.

As a Governing Board we have been tremendously impressed by the impact Ms Allan has had on our school in her relatively short time with us so far, especially as Head of the Children's Centre and as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. We are extremely confident she will make an excellent Headteacher and look forward to working with her in that role in the next academic year and beyond.

Please join us in congratulating Ms Allan on her success.

Yours,
Matt Piper
Chair of Governors

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I am excited to be taking over as the new Headteacher of Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School from September this year.

I think we are all in agreement that this is a special school with many unique characteristics that we want to retain.

I would like to reassure you that the drive for academic excellence will continue to be at the forefront of our vision, alongside continued support for the extra curricular and additional activities that we offer our pupils.

Change is never easy and can be unsettling for many. I hope that through my close work with Mr Wilson over the coming months, as well as my existing knowledge of the school, the transition to my Headship will be as smooth and positive for everyone as is possible.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and getting to know our families even better over the months and years ahead.

Ms Allan
Headteacher Designate

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Year I At The Zoo

Both classes in year 1 had a wonderful adventure at London Zoo this week. There are some more photos available on our website. Children got to see lots of different animals around the Zoo and found out lots of information about the creatures who live there!
Dates for your diary

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

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to the meetings with Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. The City of London are still awaiting the outcome of the inspection and we look forward to sharing this with parents and carers as soon as we hear more information. In the meantime, why not take a look at the City of London Local offer which explains more about Special Educational Needs and what's going on in the square mile: http://fyi.cityoflondon.gov.uk/kb5/cityoflondon/fyi/home.page

Parent Governor Elections

Thank you for the many volunteers for the Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body. We received so much interest this year—don’t forget to vote!

Internet Safety Workshop

We’re holding a session for internet safety in school on Friday 23rd March, 2018 at 9.00am in the main school hall. Please come along to find out more about online safety and our use of email.

Class 3 and 4’s amazing project in collaboration with the Barbican is now available to view on our school website: http://www.sirjohncassprimary.org/