

SIR JOHN CASS'S FOUNDATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 29th June, 2018

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



Commemorating our Founder

It's almost 300 years since Sir John Cass died. In one version of the events of the evening of July 5th, 1718 Cass had just managed to initial two pages of his Will when the end came. The haemorrhage stained his quill and the rest— as they say— is history. The blood-stained feather is our reminder of his benevolence. What is his gift in relation to the school he set up?

The school was originally established to provide an education to the poor children of Portsoken. This Independent Charity School split in the 1960s when Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat Church of England Secondary School was established. Both schools have flourished. The secondary school is consistently one of the best performing school in Tower Hamlets with a diverse programme of sports, arts and curriculum enrichment.

Our own primary school nestled underneath the corporate towers of the square mile is among the top performing schools in London, if not the country. Our Nursery provides an exceptional environment for babies to 4 year olds and a range of family and children's services to support child development and develop parent skills and understanding. We are consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally for pupil achievement. But much much more than that we offer an exceptionally rich curriculum featuring science, art, PE and music of truly excellent quality.

The talk of money may be vulgar but it's the assets Sir John left 300 years ago which still make the difference in 2018. Money— in the right hands— has a transformational effect on the lives of young people. The purpose of the Charity set up in Sir John's name is to maintain these remarkable schools- to invest in and support their work so that they flourish. People look in awe at results London schools achieve – or indeed at the work and outcomes in some of our independent schools. What makes the difference to the young people in these institutions? Approximately three times more money is spent at independent day-schools per pupil than in state secondary schools. In London, per pupil funding is significantly higher than in the rest of the country. Money— and its purposeful use unlocks opportunity for children. Whatever anyone tells you, money helps education to be exceptional, particularly for the disadvantaged.

We can do many of the exceptional things at our school because of Sir John's gift. Our location helps— this grand old building itself sitting proudly on the new Aldgate Square inspires the children who have unrivalled access to all London has to offer, just by strolling down the road. In the last few years we have seen the benefits of his gift in many other ways. Our trips to the inspirational Hampshire Cass Mountain Centre— funded by Sir John Cass's Foundation. Our interactive whiteboards, science visual technology and computers have been funded by Sir John Cass's Foundation. And to keep us warm in winter— our new boiler being installed at the moment— is funded, in part, by Sir John Cass's Foundation.

Money makes all the difference and if well spent it can help to ensure children get the best possible education. Sensible stewardship from Sir John Cass's Foundation will ensure that for many generations to come our school will continue to be bountifully endowed. The resources that we have must be well spent— but to generously invest in a child's education, to enable each Cassian to achieve excellence across the curriculum is—put simply- a remarkable act of goodness. Sir John's gift is one that continues to give!

With thanks,
Mr T Wilson | Headteacher



Tue 3 Jul	● 4:30 – 5pm ● 5 – 8pm	School Closed at 4.00pm Cass Event
Wed 4 Jul	● 9 – 9:30am ● 11am – 12pm ● 2:30 – 3:20pm ● 3:30 – 4pm ● 3:30 – 4pm	Transition meeting for parents Reception to Year 1 Strings Concert (Summer) School Council Meeting- Homelessness talk Transition meeting for parents Reception to Year One Yr 3 Global Education Charity Fundraising
Thu 5 Jul	● 9 – 9:40am ● 11:30 – 11:45am	Tercentenary Service on the Playground Deanery Service
Fri 6 Jul	● All day ● 9 – 10am	TRANSITION DAY TOWER HAMLETS Parent Forum
Wed 11 Jul	● 4 – 6pm	Full Governing Body
Thu 12 Jul	● 8am – 3:30pm ● 9:30am – 4pm	Key Stage One end of term treat Chalkwell Beach Inventors to join KS1 end of Yr Trip
Fri 13 Jul	● All day ● 9 – 11am ● 9 – 9:50am ● 2:50 – 3:20pm ● 3:30 – 5:35pm	Year 6 Treat Nursery and Reception Getting to know you Class 3, 4 and 5 Mathematics Meeting Inventors Class Assembly PTA Summer Fair
Mon 16 Jul	● All day ● 2 – 3:20pm	Reports out to parents Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts (Year 1 and 2 watching)
Tue 17 Jul	● 4:30 – 7:20pm	Performing arts @ Mulberry UTC (Year 3 and 4 Attending)
Wed 18 Jul	● 4:30 – 7:20pm	Performing arts @ Mulberry UTC (Year 5 and 6 Attending)
Thu 19 Jul	● 5 – 6:30pm	Year 6 Leavers Evening
Fri 20 Jul	● All day ● 10:30 – 11:20am	Term Ends at 1.30pm End of Year Service



Prayer Spaces in Schools Week was a big success and children enjoyed exploring prayer and reflection in an interactive way.

300 Years Event

We're holding a commemoration service on the playground for children, parents and carers on Thursday 5th July, 2018 to mark the anniversary of the 300 years since Sir John Cass died.

Please wait at the start of the day and join in with the service if you can. It will last around 15 minutes.

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 4PM
ON TUESDAY 3rd JULY.
PLEASE ARRANGE OTHER
CHILDCARE.**



We enjoyed a super day at Parliament Hill Athletics Ground last week. We're giving out awards on Monday's celebration assembly

City School Art Exhibition: Year 1 are exhibiting their art work from the year at the City of London Schools Art Exhibition at the Guildhall on Wednesday 4th July, 2018 from 6pm-8pm. The Exhibition entrance is via the West Wing Reception.



Sir John Cass's
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Parent
Forum

Are you a parent with a child at Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School or the Cass Child and Family Centre?

We're starting a new Parent Forum- led by parents- to feedback views, comment on the school's strategy and hear interesting presentations about education.

At each Forum we'll be joined by a member of the senior leadership team at school.

Our first meeting is on Friday 6th July, 2018 at 9.00am. Refreshments will be provided.
Please come along!