

Weekly Newsletter 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

General Updates

This week we have celebrated 'Jeans for Genes Day' on Friday 22nd September. Staff and pupils wore jeans to raise money for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. The money raised on 'Jeans for Genes Day' funds a range of initiatives that improve the quality of life of children and families affected by genetic disorders.



Class Timetables

This week you will receive the class timetables which outline the weekly provision, including swimming, PE sessions and any other activities that your children take part in every week. If you have got any questions related to the timetables, please contact the class teachers.

Coffee Mornings

During the week of 25th September and 2nd October, all class teams will be inviting families to visit the school. This will be a great opportunity to all parents and families to meet the class teams, discuss learning priorities for the term and join in with activities and sessions. The class teachers will send out the invitations with specific dates and times.

Cold weather and illnesses

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that all pupils are wearing appropriate clothing to school. We understand that this is something that some of our pupils find challenging, therefore if you are experiencing any difficulties, do let us know. We have also noticed that more pupils are getting unwell. When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them at home. If you are unsure what to do, please call the school for advice. Children with diarrhea and/or vomiting should definitely stay at home until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

Parent Council

We are inviting parents to become parent representatives for each class and join the parent council. If you are interested in becoming a parent representative for your child's class please contact the class teacher or any member from the senior leadership team. The role of a parent representative is very important to us at Swiss Cottage. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact any member of the senior leadership team (Vijita, Becky, Monika, Lucy or Rebecca). I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

After school Cubs

We have been working hard to try and maximise our provision for children and young people after school and we know that many families have been affected by changes to services across Camden. We are hoping to be able to offer activities to more children across the year through new partnerships with a number of different organisations. There is a new team working together to do this made up of school staff, Greenhouse Charity, Play-Zone and external providers. New activities will begin on the 2nd October and these will include tennis, multi-sports and creative activities. Our plan is to build a programme slowly across the year so that we can get things right for more children and families. Letters for activities will be sent out next week for targeted groups of children.

At this stage we are not able to offer additional transport (unless you already have a Play-Zone bus place) but we are looking at how we might be able to increase transport provision after Christmas. We will be sending out letters to targeted groups of children – but if you are interested in afterschool clubs do let us know, so that we can start to plan phase 2 of the programme for after half term.

Weekly Parent Activities from September 2017

Activity	Date/time	Frequency
Parents Drop In	Tuesday 10-1pm	Weekly
Family Learning Courses	Wednesday 11-1pm	Termly
Resource Making Group	Friday Morning 10-12.30pm	Weekly
Yoga for Parents	Friday 9.45- 10.45am	Weekly
Somali Parent Group	Monday 10 -12pm	Monthly
Bengali Parent Group	Thursday 10 -1pm	Monthly
ESOL	Wednesday 10-12pm	Weekly
Knitting group	Thursday 10 -11.30am	Weekly
Parent Fundraising Group	A day event for a pop-up	Annually
Triple P	Monday's	Weekly
NVR	TBC	Weekly
Early Bird	Friday's	Weekly
Adolescent group	Monthly	Jan - July 2018

Best wishes,



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Head of School