

## Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

A warm welcome back to each of you as the new academic year begins for Swiss Cottage School. We look forward to vibrant year of deep learning and development for your child. Our focus over the next few weeks will be on transitioning your child back to the school routines and classroom environment. Please use the 'Home-School Communication Book' to share any key reflections or considerations during this important period. It will inform our planning and timetables.

Over the next few weeks, you can expect the following information:

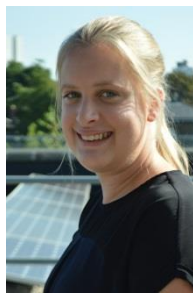
- 1) 7<sup>th</sup> September: You are receiving packs with your child's current class team, information on the school uniform, quick reminder page and other key facts
- 2) 14<sup>th</sup> September: You will be receive the Autumn Term 'Personal Learning Intentions Map' (PLIM) and Weekly Timetable
- 3) 18<sup>th</sup> September: You will receive Medium Term Plans for this half term
- 4) Week of 24<sup>th</sup> September: You will receive an invitation from the class teacher to meet your class team and the other parents during this week. We will make sure the invitation comes to you in advance so that you can attend.

We deeply value the impact of positive partnership and look forward to a strong relationship with each of you. Please feel free to meet us at any time. Our door is always open to you.

Best wishes,



Vijita Patel  
Principal



Becky Shaw  
Vice Principal



Monika Gaweda  
Head of School



Lucy Hall  
Leader of Inclusion & Safeguarding

### Important Information

Pupil Absence	Call the school on 0207 681 8080 State your child's name, class, and reason for absence.
Contact Details	Please ensure the school has your current: -phone numbers -emergency contact numbers -email address -house address -Doctor/GP surgery name, address, phone number
Medical Information	Please ensure the school has updated information on medicine and allergies.

How does Swiss Cottage School communicate with you? How can you communicate with us?

In Person	Book a time to see any member of the team through reception.
Home-School Communication Book	Daily communication between the teacher and family. A useful way to share information and daily updates.
Newsletter	Weekly newsletter summarising the school week which is sent by email, text, and available on the school website
Text to parents	Text to inform you of any events or unexpected school closures.
Website	General information on the school with class page for home learning updates from 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.
Phone	We will call you if there is an emergency or a need for information. Class teams are involved in teaching throughout the day. Any phone calls for class teams will stay with reception, and teachers will be able to call back after 4pm. If there is an emergency, the message will get to the class team immediately.

How can you meet other parents and get involved at the school?

Family Inclusion Team workshops	The Family Inclusion Team holds weekly activities which bring parents and carers together. The weekly activities can be accessed via this web link: <a href="http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/parent-carer-partnership/">http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/parent-carer-partnership/</a>
Class Parent Representatives and Parent Council  <a href="http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/pta/">http://swisscottage.camden.sch.uk/for-parents/pta/</a>	Each class has a Parent Representative. The Parent Representatives meet throughout the year as a '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). The first parent council meeting will take place on <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10am.</b>

## CBeebies at the Proms

The CBeebies casting team were at Swiss in July and we are delighted to inform you that the BBC 'Something Special' production team did filming over the summer with pupils they selected from our school. They filmed a BBC Proms episode of the 'Something Special' programme with Justin Fletcher and Mr Tumble. This episode will be shown on the CBeebies channel on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the morning, so please do not miss it!



## Makaton Training for Parents

Our colleagues in the Camden Speech and Language Therapy Team based at Kentish Town Health Centre are running a 4 week Makaton course which is open to all parents/carers of children who are receiving speech therapy. For more information or to apply, please contain [clare.parsons5@nhs.net](mailto:clare.parsons5@nhs.net) or phone 0207 483 6065.

The poster features three icons of people communicating: one with a hand sign, one with a hand sign and a speech bubble, and one with a hand sign and a speech bubble with a star. To the right is the 'Let's talk Makaton' logo, which includes a stylized 'k' and the text 'Let's talk Makaton'.

**4 week Makaton training course for parents and carers**

**Kentish Town Health Centre**

For an application form/queries: <a href="mailto:clare.parsons5@nhs.net">clare.parsons5@nhs.net</a> 0207 483 6065	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 0930-1200 Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 0930-1200 Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 0930-1200 Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 0930-1200	Run by the Camden Speech and Language Therapy Team
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- The course is free but participants are encouraged to pay the one off cost of £28 for accreditation and manuals (a limited hardship fund is available – please ask).
- Please note we cannot provide interpreters or crèche facilities for the course.

## School Nursing Coffee Morning 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30a

The poster features a smiling sun, a steaming cup of coffee, and a chocolate chip muffin.

**School Nursing Coffee Morning**  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 10:30am  
Sunshine Room Swiss Cottage School

Join us for a coffee morning to discuss the school nursing service. All are welcome.

**With Visiting Professionals:**  
Continence Specialist Nurse  
Children's Community Nurse  
Constipation Clinic Nurse

