

SCS Newsletter

8th December 2023



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Dear Families,

We have enjoyed the start of festive activities through the decoration of the school trees and Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children Charity.

Next week brings parents and carers a very interesting session with the NHS Occupational Therapy team. They will be supporting families with strategies for the holiday period. Please join from 10am on Tuesday, 12th December 2023.

We are thrilled to confirm one of the Festive Cards designed by a pupil has won a prize from Camden. This card was selected by the CEO of Camden Learning! The Festive Cards are all designed by our pupils- on sale now in reception and online. The EmployMEnt Pathway have also created a range of exciting pottery for sale at this festive time. Check it all out here:

<https://cardanddesign-sc.co.uk/products/festive-pack-school-competition-winners>

<https://cardanddesign-sc.co.uk/collections/enable-arts-pottery>

Holiday Food Appeal: Thank you to families that have sent items in to support our Local Food Bank. Please send any final donations by Friday, 15th December 2023 so that we can then deliver it with the Sixth Form pupils during the last week of term. We are supporting the Camden Foodbank to bring longlife emergency food parcels to local families in food crisis. Please see the attached flyer and bring any donations to the school reception. Our Sixth Form will be involved in delivering the donation from the Swiss Cottage School community. You can make direct donations to the Foodbank through the addresses or internet shopping details on the flyer. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Carer Dance Sessions: ICanDance offer dance sessions that provide opportunities to connect with other parents/carers of disabled children and young people. The monthly sessions start on Thursday, 25th January 2024, 8 - 9pm at Fitzjohn's Primary, NW3 6NP. More information can be found on the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

21st December 2023: Last day of the term, with the school day finishing at normal time. Local Authority transport are aware. Please email the school admin@swisscottage.camden.sch.uk if you are aware of planned absences for your child that week.

Wishing all families a fantastic festive weekend.

Sincerely,
Swiss Cottage School

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September to Thursday 21st December 2023

Monday 4th September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Tuesday 5th September: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Wednesday 6th September: **First day for pupils**

Monday 16th October: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Winter Holiday: Friday 22nd December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January to Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 8th January: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Spring Holiday: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024 (Easter weekend 29th March – 1st April)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April to Wednesday 24th July 2024

Friday 28th June: **Staff training day - no school for pupils**

Half-term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024: **Last day for pupils**



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Dance Sessions for Parent/Carers of Disabled Children and Young People

Where?

- Fitzjohn's Primary School - 86a Fitzjohn's Avenue London NW3 6NP.

When?

- Thursdays from 8-9PM: 25th January, 29th February, 21st March, 9th May, 6th June, 4th July

How much?

- Sessions are 'pay what you can' with a suggested payment of £5.

Sessions are led by Juliet Diener, an experienced Dance Movement Psychotherapist and Dance Teacher.

No dance experience required!






Connect with other parent/carers of disabled children and young people!

Contact info@icandance.org.uk or 07488 287 102 with questions. Places are limited.

[Click here for more information](#)

URGENT CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM CAMDEN FOODBANK
PLEASE HELP US TO FEED ADULTS & CHILDREN IN FOOD POVERTY

What food is needed and why?	How to donate money?																												
<p>Camden Foodbank make up longlife emergency food parcels to support local people in food crisis. In order to make up well balanced food packages we need any of the items listed below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Targeted food needed by Camden Foodbank at Christmas time:</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Tinned Meat</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Tea/Coffee</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Longlife Juice</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Tinned Fish</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Sugar</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Longlife Milk</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Tinned Fruit</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Cereal</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Cooking Oil</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Tinned Tomatoes</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Baked Beans</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Shampoo</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Pasta Sauce</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Christmas present for children</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Shower Gel/Soap</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Washing up Liquid</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Christmas Biscuits</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Toothbrush</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;"></td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Washing Powder</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Christmas Sweets</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Toilet Paper</td> </tr> </table>	Targeted food needed by Camden Foodbank at Christmas time:	Tinned Meat	Tea/Coffee	Longlife Juice		Tinned Fish	Sugar	Longlife Milk		Tinned Fruit	Cereal	Cooking Oil		Tinned Tomatoes	Baked Beans	Shampoo		Pasta Sauce	Christmas present for children	Shower Gel/Soap		Washing up Liquid	Christmas Biscuits	Toothbrush		Washing Powder	Christmas Sweets	Toilet Paper	<p>INDIVIDUAL GIVING THROUGH JUST GIVING for Camden Foodbank click on https://thekojut.justgiving.com/c/348518 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank. We would be grateful if you can also select GIFT AID which will increase your donation.</p> <p>FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF GIVING https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/</p> <p>EVERY £40 RECEIVED IN CASH DONATIONS PAYS FOR ONE EMERGENCY PACKAGE*</p>  <p>A well balanced 3-day emergency for 1 person could mirror the photo above. (Cost per package may vary according to availability*).</p>
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