

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

This week we bring you news of:

- Claudia – our youngest fundraiser!
- Caterlink lunches
- Report back from Parent Council – 29th November
- Autism Friendly Film Screenings
- End of term festivities
- Reminders: Dentist at Swiss Cottage and Flu Vaccination
- Activities for Parent Groups led by the Family Inclusion Team

Claudia

Claudia is 11 and a friend of one of our learners. To celebrate her Bat Mitzvah in March 2019 she is undertaking a fundraising project. She has thought long and hard about something she could do which would feel like she was making a difference. Claudia loves reading and, with the money she has raised for our school so far, she has bought books for our new Sensory Library which was opened on 16th November by our former Vice Principal, Maisie Sammon. Claudia visited us last week to donate the books – what an amazing young girl!



Caterlink Lunches

We have been working closely with Caterlink, the school's meals provider, to improve the provision of school meals and create a positive learning environment. From this week Caterlink have been serving lunch across the school offering a variety of foods

laid out separately and clearly labelled. This supports our learners in the development communication skills around choice making, expressing preferences, likes and dislikes and independence skills.



Report back from Parent Council: Wednesday 29th November

Parent Council met this week and discussed various items: fund raising opportunities for parent representatives to get involved with, the sensory room launch, festive celebrations timetable, library opening and after school clubs. We had a very productive session and all parents/carers are welcome to join us for the next meeting on January 10th at 10.00am. We will be going on a learning walk around the school to look at the library and newly launched sensory rooms.

Autism Friendly Film Screenings

This December there are a number of scheduled autism friendly films hosted by Cineworld, Showcase and Odeon. More details can be found at Cineworld:

<https://www.dimensions-uk.org/families/autism-friendly-environments/autism-friendly-screenings/cineworld-autism-friendly-cinema-screenings/>

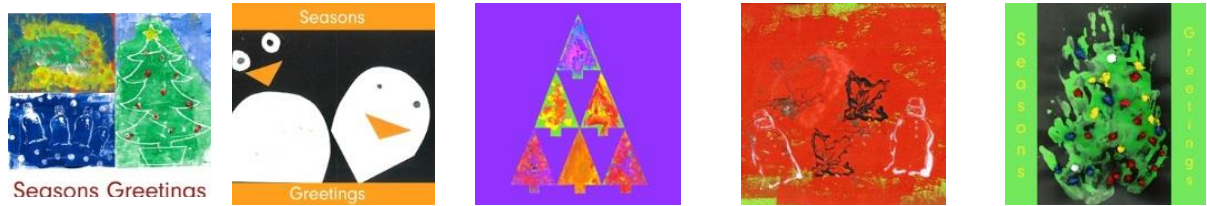
and also at Showcase: <https://www.dimensions-uk.org/families/autism-friendly-environments/autism-friendly-screenings/showcase-autism-friendly-cinema-screenings/>

Alternatively parents can sign up to receive the latest Autism Friendly Screening news at Dimensions, an organisation set up in 1976 to support people with learning disabilities, autism and complex needs: <https://www.dimensions-uk.org/families/autism-friendly-environments/autism-friendly-screenings/>

End of term festivities

Classes are busy planning activities and celebrations during our last full week of term, 12 – 15 December. Teachers will be contacting you during the next week to invite you to events for your child's class.

Cards designed by our learners are on sale, available at Reception priced £3 for 5 assorted cards. They will also be available at the forthcoming Festive Fair.



Reminder: Dentist at Swiss Cottage School

The dentist will be visiting Swiss Cottage on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December. They will be seeing children in classrooms. If you have not returned a consent form and need a spare, please contact the school nurses on 020 7681 8080 extn 112.

Reminder: Flu vaccination catch up session

The immunisation nurses will be running a catch up session for the flu vaccination on the afternoon of Wednesday 8 December. If your child has not yet received their immunisation, please contact the school nurses for a consent form. Immunisation will not be given without a completed consent form.

Activities for Parent Groups led by the Family Inclusion Team (FIT) are shown on the back of this newsletter.

Best wishes,



Monika Gaweda
Head of School

Weekly Activities for Parent Groups led by the Family Inclusion Team (FIT)

Parents Drop In	Every Tuesday 10.00 – 13.00	Information, Advice and Guidance
ESOL Classes	Every Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00	Opportunity to learn English
Family Learning Courses	Wednesdays Winter half term 10.00 – 12.30	Learn new skills to use with families
Knitting/Crochet Group	Every Thursday 10.00 – 12.00	Learn to knit and crochet together. Talk and share with other parents. Contribute to fund raising events
Resource Making Group	Every Friday 10.00 – 12.30	Designing and creating a map for parents of the green spaces in Camden.
Yoga for Parents	Every Friday 09.45 – 10.45	Yoga sessions to de-stress

Monthly Activities for Parent Groups led by the Family Inclusion Team (FIT)

Somali Parent Group	Last Monday of every month 10.00 – 12.00	Information and advice. Training for parents. Talking and sharing among parents.
Bengali Parent Group	One Thursday each month term time 10.00 – 12.00	Information and advice. Talking therapy.