

SCS Newsletter

29th September 2023



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds all families well and enjoying the start of Autumn. The first four weeks of the school year have offered families the opportunity to join information sessions about the school provision, curriculum pathways, and Evidence for Learning. We have also held training on Communication Systems and Makaton, alongside the Wellbeing yoga session. It is great to see so many of you, and the space you get with other families.

Class Parent/Carer Representative: Each class is invited to have a parent/carers representative. The role of the parent/carers representative is to link with senior leadership once a term. The focus of the termly meeting involves updates about the school and ideas for parent/carers workshops. Please inform your class teacher through the home-school book if you are interested in being the Parent/Carer Representative for your child's class by Wednesday, 4th October 2023.

Parent Governor – Sixth Form: The school's Governing Board has three parent governors. One is from the Lower School, one from the Upper School, and one from the Sixth Form. The Governing Board has a vacancy for the Sixth Form Parent Governor role. A letter will be sent to parents within the Sixth Form next week explaining the role of the Governing Board and the application process. All governors are volunteers.

3rd October 10am Coffee Morning: The Tuesday coffee morning will be an opportunity to meet some of the NHS Multi-Disciplinary Team and find out more about their services. The team includes NHS health and NHS therapy professionals such as Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Nurses and Dietician. The coffee morning will also include a second session of Makaton training. Please arrive in reception for the 10am start, there is no need to register in advance.

10th October 10am Coffee Morning: Our new Vice Principal Andria will be joining the coffee morning to meet parents/carers.

17th October 10am Coffee Morning: Rebecca Coleman the Service Manager of Children and Young People Disability Service and Short Breaks will be joining to meet with parents/carers.

Highlighting 'icandance': 'icandance' offers creative, therapeutic support to families with disabled children. Their free parent therapy group sessions offer a reflective, confidential space to share experiences of parenting a disabled child. The sessions aim to improve wellbeing, explore creative responses to challenges and gain a deeper understanding of your child's needs. Check out the two flyers that highlight two parent therapy groups and booking information.

Wishing all of our families an enjoyable weekend.

Yours 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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Sessions are facilitated by experienced psychotherapists.

Sessions for parents of primary school aged children are at 10-11:15am on the following dates:

- 3rd October 2023 (in person)
- 7th November 2023 (online)
- 5th December 2023 (online)
- 16th January 2024 (online)
- 20th February 2024 (online)
- 19th March 2024 (in person)

Parents are asked to commit to all sessions.

If interested, please contact Juliet at juliet@icandance.org.uk or 07931 533955.

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Sessions for parents of secondary school aged children will be held on Wednesday evenings from 8-9:15pm on the following dates via zoom:

- 4th October 2023
- 1st November 2023
- 6th December 2023
- 10th January 2024
- 21st February 2024
- 6th March 2024

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