

End of Term Newsletter: December 2017

We are so privileged to work with you and your children. Thank you for supporting positive partnerships throughout this term. The commitment to develop your child's knowledge, understanding, and role within the school community is the focus of our end of term newsletter. A member of the community, Nini, contacted us recently to share her experiences of our students in this local area. She joined us at the school to understand what we do with such sensitivity and appreciation for their individuality, talents, and potential.

Nini very generously donated presents to our every student at the school, and did so through our philosophy of making any moment a learning opportunity. She had the presents delivered to the school. Pupils in the Sixth Form received her orders, wrapped the presents, learned how to label the presents, and helped pass them out across the school. They did so with a range of communication in groups, learning to support one another as they went to each class. It was a wonderful culmination of an exciting term.



Dear Swiss Cottage School Community,

I hope you and everyone at Swiss Cottage School are doing well. I got in touch with your school a few weeks ago after seeing some of your students in my local area. As a resident of Chalk Farm, I have over the last few months spotted many of your students on the 31 bus, at the Better Leisure Centre and most recently, being shown around the post office inside WHSmith. The relationship between the teachers and the students and their excitement at being shown the latest post office technology was what inspired me to get in touch.

I love the idea of community - of getting to know the people and businesses in our local area and in a world where everyone is in a hurry or constantly on their phones. It's hard to remember to look up and see what's going on around you. It was precisely on one of these busy, hectic days when I noticed your students and their excitement and happiness instantly dissolved any stress I had and replaced it with a big smile on my face. I am now in the process of working with you on a couple of projects and recently came in to see the school for myself. I was both overwhelmed and impressed at the scale, the organisation and the spirit of the school, staff and students. Each classroom radiated colour, warmth and happiness. The students I was lucky enough to meet along the way were full of charm and made me feel very welcome. I left with an immense feeling of positivity which is still with me as I write this letter.

I feel proud to belong to a community where such a strong and inclusive unit exists and I would like to thank you deeply for letting me be a part of it.

I would like to wish the staff, pupils and their families my very best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Nini K.



Nini joined classes in Lower and Upper School today, and brought our community her warmest wishes!

Wishing all of our families the best during the festive season of Saint Nicholas Day, Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Christmas, Three Kings Day, Epiphany, Kwanzaa, and Omisoka!

Spring Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday, 3rd January 2018 to Thursday, 29th March 2018

Wednesday, 3rd January 2018- No pupils in school:

Professional Learning Day for all staff

Thursday, 4th January 2018-Pupils return to school

Half Term: Monday, 12th February to Friday, 16th February 2018

Thursday, 29th March 2018-Last day for pupils

Spring Holiday: Friday, 30th March to Friday, 13th April 2018

**We want to wish all of our school community a safe holiday!
We will see you on Thursday, 4th January 2018!**