

Weekly Bulletin – 15 January 2021



Felted candle holder created over Zoom, Class 7/8

*Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you for your patience and support as we reopened the school this term across both onsite and remote provision. Though our time and energy has been very much taken up with recent events, it is wonderful to be able to reflect back and share the following community messages of celebration and thanks.*

*We look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming community evening on Tuesday 26th January. All welcome. Zoom details to follow.
Love and light,
Sarah*

Dates for the Diary

26th January – Community Evening (update on school development and finances)

12th February – INSET day for staff, no school for all children

15th-19th February – HALF TERM

26th March – last day of the spring term

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Auction Success!

Cambridge Steiner School Community Auction was a huge success! It was a fun evening with old and new friends joining to bid for all sorts, from home decluttering sessions to yummy cakes, from pottery lessons to games programming lessons. We raised a whopping £4,150 and sold every lot!! Everything will go to support our dear school. It was so much fun and so good to share all our skills with the school community in this way that we might get PTA members to organise another auction again!

Message of thanks and love from Ute

Dear Cambridge Steiner School members, both young and old,
I think of you often and send you love and good wishes for the year ahead.

Thank you very much for my leaving gift, this painting. I think it is a cousin to school's picture outside Elderflower. This Michaelmas scene with its busy people, vibrant nature and colours (it reminds

me of the school's Michaelmas celebrations) will fill me with delight in the years ahead.



It was a joy to see some of you in the Christmas virtual concert and I am already filled with excitement about your very first open Harvest of Work in the future. I will be there.
You have an active PTA, that is great news. Congratulations to them for raising so much money. I wish you all the very best for a long and happy future in the heart of the school.
Dear children, may you be blessed to find something to feel amazed by, something to weep over and something to laugh at each day!
Mmm...and make sure you put on those indoor shoes.
Dear Teachers and Parents, may you find the courage and strength to create for your children during this challenging time.

Till we meet in person, with heartfelt greetings, Ute



Bazaar in a Bag – Thank you for your support!

Dear All,
Thank you for your wonderful support with our Advent Fair Fundraiser last term. The cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs and water bottles all seemed to be a great success, as did the Bazaar in a Bag scheme that we tried out to help bring a little of the Christmas spirit to you all. We don't have the final total yet, but it looks like we will have raised over a thousand pounds altogether. Further updates to follow when we have the final total. We are going to do a review of what went well and what we would like to change or improve and consider whether we would like to do some of the same things again next year. For instance, we felt that the project would ideally have had a longer lead in time to give everyone more chance to make their orders and share with friends and family. It would be really helpful to have your feedback, and any ideas you have would be greatly appreciated. Thank you again. We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes Rebecca and Yule

Staffing Update

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to our Teaching and Learning Support Assistant Kelly Scott. **Kelly** was a valued member of our SEND team and will be greatly missed by all. We wish her all the best in her new job.

We begin the new term with a number of changes in the Office team as colleagues take on different roles, leave us for a little while or are welcomed back....

Firstly, congratulations to **Charlotte** who will be taking on the role of Teaching & Learning Support Assistant following Kelly's departure. I know we all greatly appreciated Charlotte 's work in managing our front of house and now wish her all the best for her new challenge in the classroom. We are looking at how the Reception duties will be covered and will update everyone once these have been confirmed. For now, Charlotte will continue to support on reception, along with **Yule**.

Bridget will be going on maternity leave from 25th January. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed but I know she has our best wishes as she welcomes in a new addition to her family. In order to provide greater resilience across the office and managerial functions, SLT have decided to create an interim role of School Business Manager on a full time (5 day a week) basis. The role will be a job share between **Tara Livermore** and myself; I will be dropping down to 2 days, covering financial management and Tara will cover HR, payroll, H&S and premises functions, over the rest of the week. Many of you will

remember Tara, who was previously our School Manager, having left in 2018. We are very pleased to welcome Tara back with her knowledge of the School and backroom functions for what will be a year full of challenges as we continue our path to financial stability and school development. If you have any questions, please let me know and otherwise can I please ask you to be patient whilst the changes bed down.

Nilesh Jethwa

Upper School Initiative – Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our invitation to share your feedback on the Upper School initiative. To support our planning, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. We would very much value the feedback of all parents in the community:

<https://forms.gle/BxETzYbTtHR7qqZPA>

COVID-19 Info and Links

We encourage you to keep up to date with the latest developments and continue to follow government guidelines. Useful links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- NHS: [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

Please remember to **inform reception if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19**, and get tested (more info on testing [HERE](#)) – please let the school know immediately if your child tests positive for Coronavirus. Thank you.