

Weekly Bulletin – 4 December 2020

*The smallest candle can be seen brightly burning
Through deepest darkness see the light is returning*

*The smallest act of kindness
Can bring both joy and light
And if we work together
We can brighten up the night*



Advent Spiral

On Tuesday our children had the opportunity to walk the Advent Spiral. This is a beautifully moving festival. The room is quiet and filled with a mood of wonder and anticipation as each child in turn slowly walks to the centre of a spiral path of evergreen boughs, interspersed with golden stars. They light their individual candle from the candle in the centre – symbolising the inner light we will need to draw from during the dark season ahead.

On the return each child places their candle carefully down along the edges of the spiral path, choosing their own place, lighting the way for the other children and when all the children have had their turn, the whole path is aglow, like a shining ‘Garden of Light’.

This demonstrated how we can each help to make the whole world (our garden) shine together if we each contribute our own light to it. This message feels particularly relevant at this time, and we can feel encouraged in our task is to meet each other as human beings and together to bring light into the darkness!

Christmas Crackers – Thank you

Thank you to everyone who purchased class 6's Christmas Crackers this year. Your support has enabled us to **raise well over £100** for the school. If there were more hours in the day, we would have made enough to satisfy the overwhelming demand so our apologies to those who missed out (though if it's any consolation, the jokes really were rubbish).



Bazaar in a Bag – orders by Tuesday 8th Dec

We would like to offer you a special treat for Christmas that will help us raise some funds for our beloved school. Our **Bazaar in a Bag** will give you a little flavour of our usual Advent Fair to take home with you.

For £25 per bag you will get a beautiful bag printed with our school logo, a pair of hand dipped beeswax candles made in a Camphill community in Scotland ([link](#)), a spice bag for mulled juice or wine, a beautiful transparency kit and a folded Advent Star for your window, felted acorn decoration for your tree or garland, a lovely illustrated children's book from Floris books and a little bag of festive sweet treats. There will also be some little surprises and a strip of raffle tickets for fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. You will also find any Christmas cards you ordered tucked in too.

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You can also order lovely Cambridge Steiner School T-shirts in a range of sizes that can be ordered separately and added to your bag.

Please order **by 5 pm Tuesday 8th December** so that we can process your order in time. Any late orders will probably not be able to be fulfilled. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to let us know, Rebecca and Yule.

Orders made to: rebecca.mitchell@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

We are also teaming up with some local sellers to create a special Advent Bazaar Newsletter which we will share next week.

Parking on Hinton Road - Clarification

Last we shared that concerns have been raised about parking up Hinton Road – to clarify, this is the stretch up the hill towards the main road. Please avoid parking here. Thank you.

Lost Property Reminder

We have a growing pile of lost property gathering at school. **Please remember to label your child's clothing.** If your child has misplaced something, please contact reception (copying in your class teacher) so we can help to re-unite items with owners! Thank you.

Online Community Auction - 19th December



On the **19th of December** the PTA will host its first fund raising event- an online Community Auction. Our community is rich with a diversity of skills and knowledge. We all have something to share and we are all so keen to learn from each other. We are **calling on all members of the community to offer up a skill** - something from the hands, head or heart - to be auctioned off.

No offering is too big or small! Deadline is Friday 11th of December. Please send your offerings to: yazminforeman@gmail.com
clara.panozzo@gmail.com
Or pop a note in the 'offerings box' located by the school car park gate.

This will be a great, fun date for the diary!

Still looking - urgent need for accommodation from December 2020 till May 2021 – KG volunteer

Eylem Elvan has joined us from Turkey on a voluntary internship following the completion of her degree in Early childhood education. She will be working in our Kindergartens until the end of May 2021 and is **looking for a room to rent**, ideally in cycling distance, preferably in Fulbourn or Cherry Hinton. If you are able to offer a room, **even short term for 4 weeks over the Christmas break** this would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Beate or Eylem directly via email. Eylem would happy to do a Zoom call if you would like to introduce herself and provide an opportunity for you to find out more about herself. Thank you very much!

Eylem: eeelvan.20@gmail.com

Beate: beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk



The children all enjoyed playing in the snow this morning!