

Newsletter Number 18



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a joy it was to see Pinetrees perform their play of 'The Lion and the Mouse' this week; a beautiful story of bravery and kindness. Well done Pinetrees, and John and Emily!

Below you will find some important school updates, including an update on the school's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and information about the further EGM which has been scheduled to take place on the evening of April 1st.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Sarah Fox

On behalf of the School Leadership Team

Quick dates for the diary:

March 30th (TBC) – 'The Little Prince' - details to follow

March 31st at 7:30pm – Parent Evening: 'Educational Eurythmy' led by Sara Hunt – all welcome – **details below**

April 1st from 2-3pm – Eurythmy Harvest of Work – all welcome

NEW April 1st 7:30pm - Further EGM – **details below**

Wednesday 6th May - Oslo City Steiner School Music Concert – more details to follow

Friday 8th May – BANK HOLIDAY – no school

Saturday May 16th – Multicultural May Fair – all welcome – more details to follow

Friday 22nd May 2-3pm – Harvest of Work – all welcome

Monday 25th May to Monday 1st June 2020 – Half Term – School resumes Tuesday 2nd June

Thursday 9th July – Last day of term for KG and Friday 10th July 2020 – Last day for LS

Date TBC – Eurythmy Performance by the West Midlands Stage Group – more details to follow

Whole School Messages/Community Updates

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

As you are all aware the information advice and status of this virus is changing on a very regular basis.

It is likely we will ask that parents pick up and drop off outside of the school building, with possible staggered timings, and will confirm arrangements for this in due course.

We have seen a lot of activity today where schools are preparing for a 2-week school closure added to the Easter break. Whilst this has not come formally from the DfE, it maybe that a change of advice is imminent.

We will keep you informed as this fast-moving situation develops but if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to ask.

In order to keep you informed of the unfolding Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and how it affects our school, we have created a '[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)' page on our website, which is accessible via a link on the homepage and under the 'Further Information' drop down menu.

We are receiving regular updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. These will be shared on the school website on the new 'Coronavirus (COVID-19)' page. We will also use this page to inform parents of any changes to normal school rhythms related to Coronavirus (COVID-19), such as a need to close temporarily (this would also be communicated via email).

“COVID-19 is in the news and on everyone's mind. Our children, unfortunately, are not likely an exception. Even when children are shielded from media, peers, siblings, and overheard conversations can give children just enough information to bring forth concern. Children are also incredibly intuitive to their family's emotions and will pick up on any fear and anxiety their parents or extended family may be feeling.” The following article picks this up and provides some helpful insights into how to talk to children about the Coronavirus <https://phillywaldorf.com/talking-to-children-about-covid-19/>

Craft Group

Craft Group runs every other Wednesday morning in school, next meeting on 25th March. No experience needed! Come for tea, coffee and a chat, meet other families and make new friends as well as keeping hands busy. Small children welcome.

For more information, contact Tina Tribe (mum to Amelie & Isabella, Classes 5 and 1) at craftgroup@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Changes to the Cambridge Steiner Community Clothing & Book Swap

Going forward the swap will be run on an ad hoc basis and during main school events, to ensure that it is open to all families in our community and at times that suit everyone. This 'ad hoc' basis will work in the following way:

If you have items to donate please do get in touch (i.e. do not leave items in the community room or by reception, without first letting me know) or if you would like to arrange a suitable time to look through appropriate age clothing etc, please contact me (Kelly) so that we can arrange a suitable time to meet in the Community room (by reception) on either....

Email: kwawrzyniak@hotmail.co.uk

Mob: 07989 102351

We have lots of lovely things waiting to be re used and recycled!

Remember you can leave a monetary donation if you don't have clothing items to donate, or you may owe points to the swap at a later date!

Next school event Clothing Swap: Saturday May 16th, Multicultural May Fair!

Organic Farm in the South of France – Message from Netty Smith, French Teacher

Hello,

I am delighted that one of our Cambridge Steiner School graduates is currently studying French at Hill's Rd 6th Form College (there have been at least 3 others to my knowledge). She has a French penfriend who lives on an organic farm in the south of France. The French family can offer camping on their land in exchange for supporting their crowdfunding project to construct a building for drying seeds, a poultry house and a donkey house. If you are interested please look at the following link: <https://bluebees.fr/fr/project/627-ferme-du-lamalou>

Men and Boys/Youth Camp 1-3 May

An initiative started by parents at St Michael Steiner School (poster attached).

Contributions to the Newsletter

If there are things you would like to contribute to the school newsletter, please contact reception: reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Coming up

March 31st at 7:30pm – Parent Evening: ‘Educational Eurythmy’ led by Sara Hunt – all welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,

You are warmly invited to a talk on Educational Eurythmy given by our Eurythmy teacher Sara Hunt. There will be an overview of the curriculum in each class and why it is considered to be one of the fundamental subjects in Steiner schools. There will also be an opportunity to experience some of the exercises from the lessons.

The following day the children will be showing some of the work they have been doing during the term and again you are warmly welcome.

Sara recently completed a marathon which was in aid of raising funds so that we can host a performing Eurythmy group in the summer term. Any further donations would be most welcome on the evening or after the children’s performance.

April 1st - 7:30pm - Further EGM

As you will recall at the end of the last EGM on February 10th, we committed to a further update on a number of school business matters before the end of term.

We are now writing to advise you that we will be holding this meeting on April 1st at 7.30 pm.

David Harrison will present to you a draft proposal on changes to the governance model of the association and its relationship with the trustees, feeding into the non executive and executive management of the school. There will be the opportunity for further discussion in groups on this important matter and at the end of the meeting an agreed forward plan.

There will also be an update on the financial health of the school with proposals for changes from September. David and the trustees look forward to seeing you there.

Obviously, the holding of this meeting (and others mentioned above) may be impacted by any CVD conditions in place at that time.