

Newsletter Number 23

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the greatest joys of my role is having the privilege of visiting the different classes and seeing the children engaged in such a wonderful array of learning activities. Whilst this is not a possibility at this time, it has been really lovely to see the children's work that has been posted onto Google Classroom, showcasing what they have been getting up to at home. Since I am part of all the classrooms, I receive a constant stream of updates (I've had to turn off notifications!) of star constellations, nature drawings, clay creations, herbarium journals, pages of sums, as well as a beautiful display of form drawings, paintings and illustrated written work. I know that some of our kindergarten children have been busy with various springtime crafts, learning finger rhymes and connecting as families. Every family is finding their way through their own unique situation and I just wanted to take the opportunity to say again what an amazing job you're all doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It is a sad reality that some families within our community will have experienced the death of a loved one in recent weeks. Please do get keep in touch with your class teacher if this is the case; we are here to support you in whatever way we can. Below you will find a few links to websites offering information and advice on supporting children and young people through grief and loss, as well as those who may be experiencing anxiety at this time.

Please do continue to follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

I hope that amid whatever your family is facing right now, you are able to find snippets of peace, joy and precious family time over the bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,
Sarah Fox

Dates

Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 25th May til Monday 1st June – school resumes Tuesday June 2nd

Last day of the summer term: Kindergarten Thursday 9th July; Lower School Friday 10th July

Autumn Term start - Thursday 3rd September (Kindergarten have a staggered start)

Whole School Messages/Community Updates

NEW: Robin hatchlings update from Stef

The robin eggs on our school patio have hatched. Little, tiny, brand new life.... joyful sight. Robins are symbols of peace, transformation and renewal. They teach you how to focus and trust yourself. Sorry for poor quality of photo, didn't want to get too close!



NEW: Feedback on Home Learning

To help us make sure we're providing the right support for you and your child, we'd like to know your thoughts on our approach to home learning.

This will help us to find out what we're doing well and where we could do better and make sure we're meeting your needs and the needs of your children.

Please take the time to complete this survey by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/FQoc8gFYMMS9uyM18>. It should take you just a few minutes to complete.

Your replies will be treated in the strictest confidence. Your feedback is very important to us. Thank you.

NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen No. 3 – Vegan Paella

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 3 attached.

NEW: Multi-Cultural May Fair – Sharing recipes/stories/games from your home country

“There were flowers, pretty music, dancing, changeable May weather and delicious food from lands far and near. The small wide-eyed children were taken to Maggie’s puppet land as the taller ones laughed over David’s story; strains of joyful music floated down the corridor as the band practiced while parents laboured under the weight of tables and chairs and arranged food and drink. And at the back of the hall hung a mysterious white sheet. We counted more than 24 nations represented in our welcoming circle on the green at 12md where we greeted one another in these different languages, enjoying a few national costumes and many colourful clothes - and even an Israeli dance. How privileged we are to be part of such a multi-national, multicultural school.” - Recollections from last year’s fair.

Though we will not be celebrating together in person this year, it would be lovely to mark the day by sharing recipes, stories or games from our home countries with one another. If you would like to take part, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/ggTyeS1qZB4Xjr2J6>. We will circulate whatever is shared with next week’s newsletter.

Reminder: Lockdown Blossoms - the school is creating a book, which we will print and bind when we are all back together. Children across the school are being asked to make and share creative works. Theme is: SPRING. Please upload any contributions the child wants to make to Google Classroom or email direct to: lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk. Multiple entries welcome.

Please keep in touch

- General enquiries, Bridget Crabb: reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk
- Admissions, Rebecca Mitchell: admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk
- Fees or finance, David Harrison: finance@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk
- Early Years, Beate Guertler-Green: beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk
- Lower School, Sarah Fox: sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Spread the Word / Publicity Group

We are planning a publicity drive for the school and would love for all families to get involved. If, however, you feel you’d like to take a more active role and join our publicity group (or even if you just have some ideas you’d like to share), please contact Rebecca Mitchell: rebecca.mitchell@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

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

COVID-19

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>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Other Reminders/ Links:

Reminder: If you're worried about your **child's anxiety**, YoungMinds is a charity dedicated to children's mental health. They've opened a [parents' helpline](#) for confidential, expert advice. You can reach them at 0808 802 5544. They can also give advice on supporting children and young people through **grief and loss**, click [HERE](#) for more details. [Winston'sWish](#) and [HopeAgain](#) are two other organisations which can offer support. For younger children, a therapeutic story may help, Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varney, is a lovely example.

NEW: Online Safety /NSPCC Helpline:

The NSPCC has updated the online safety content for parents and carers on its website to include new advice on talking to your child about online safety and upsetting coronavirus content online.

Visit the NSPCC website: [Online safety and coronavirus](#); [Upsetting coronavirus content online](#)

The NSPCC has also launched a government funded campaign to raise awareness of their helpline, which provides free support for anyone who's worried about a child. [0808 800 5000](#)

Watch the campaign video: [Still here](#)

Find out more about the helpline: [NSPCC helpline](#)

NHS Information Page – [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

Parenting in a Pandemic: Helping You Be The Parent You Want To Be Right Now - For more info click [HERE](#).

Audible – stream stories for free <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Getting out and about: [A Walking Guide to the Fulbourn Area](#)

5 Golden Keys, by Helle Heckmann: Sleep, Movement, Food, Rhythm and Love – here is a [link](#) to some parenting workshops by Helle Heckmann exploring these themes.

Floris Books blog - <https://www.florisbooks.co.uk/blog/2020/03/24/resources-for-parents/>

Simplicity Parenting [HOME PAGE](#) and [PODCAST](#)

Stories for Children in Times of Trouble - [The Little Prince](#) installments

[Talking to Children about COVID 19](#)

Post pictures and stories to the residents at Home Close, Cow Lane, Fulbourn CB21 5HB