

Newsletter Number 26



Dear Parents/Carers,

The cooling rain has been a signal for change this week; our quiet school is slowly returning to life as we prepare to welcome back more children. Like the gentle rain, there is a cautious but joyful mood to our preparations. We have a few other community announcements, so please do take the time to have a read through these below.

Warm wishes
Sarah Fox

Term Dates

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: Welcome Charli and Thank You Kelly!

Charli Waller has now joined our team as SENDCo. Over the coming weeks, Kelly will be handing over, and Charli will be working together with the Class Teachers to review and develop our SEND provision. We'd like to take this opportunity to say a **huge thank you** to Kelly for all she has given to the role as Acting SENDCo; her care for the children and commitment to supporting them, both in school and through this lockdown period, has gone above and beyond! Kelly will be supporting our onsite provision this term and plans to remain connected with the school in the future, so this isn't goodbye just yet!

New: Online Diversity Group

Dear Parents and Staff,

We feel it is important to deepen our communication within our school community and to try to understand and listen to the present challenges for minorities in our current climate. We are setting up a *diversity group* at CCS in response to a need to actively represent the diversity of our parent community and wider society in our school.

Questions may be raised by parents: Does the whole community see themselves reflected in our school festivals, plays, books, curriculum and resources? Does everyone feel included and welcome at our school? How can we adapt during the time of the corona crises and hear the voices of our vulnerable children, parents and staff?

The first meeting of all those interested will take place on:

Thursday, 18th June 2020 at 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Everyone from our school with an interested in inclusion and diversity is welcome. Please get in touch if you would like to join our meeting or find out more.

I look forward to hearing from you - anne.patel@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

NEW: Update from Publicity Group

Dear All,

We are very lucky to have a group of amazingly skilled parents who have generously agreed to be part of the publicity group and lend their support and skills to helping us create a really positive marketing campaign. We have already met and had a fantastic enthusiastic meeting. More to follow soon and we will let you know what we are planning. Thank you for all your wonderful offers of help.

With best wishes, Rebecca

NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen No. 6 – Grilled Veggie Skewers

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 6 attached.

Reminder: Feedback on Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who has given feedback. Your insights will help us as we continue to plan our remote learning provision. Thanks for your support and encouragement.

Reminder: Lockdown Blossoms - 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
- SEND, Charli Waller: charlotte.waller@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>

Community Messages:

Summer Childcare

Wondering what you are going to do for childcare through the summer holidays? Suzie Webb is a registered childminder, OFSTED think she's outstanding. This summer holidays she has space for extra children on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and possibly Fridays between 8.30 and 5.30. She will be on holiday with husband Iain and daughters Alice (Class 5) and Jody Peach (Rosebuds) from 3rd to 14th August but apart from that would love to have your darlings (moonbeams and older) round to play. contact her on 07970128826 or suzieiloart@yahoo.co.uk.

Summer Club with Andor

Andor plans to run a holiday club over the summer. More info to follow – please send an expression of interest to Andor to help with planning: andor.vince@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Other Reminders/ Links:

NEW: A Year and a Day magazine - Beautiful new Waldorf-inspired magazine for children



The aim of the magazine is to lead children into the realm of traditional stories and out into the natural world, via artistic and academic activities. The three day rhythm many Waldorf practitioners will be very familiar with is also embedded into the magazine.

You can get the free first issue and order the second issue by going to the 'shop' on our website: www.ayearandaday.co.uk

Some people may simply wish to join our Facebook group, as we also share inspirations and activity ideas on the group: www.facebook.com/groups/friendsayearandaday

All the profits from this magazine will go to the Eskdale Community Trust for Education, which is the foundation of the Moorland Waldorf School. Our school is very small, and has suffered greatly over the last few years from the separation of the Camphill Village Trust from the body of co-workers based in the Esk Valley Camphill Community. Our future as a school is uncertain and we are unable to do our normal fundraising via events at the moment. In the days of many schools closing or under threat, we feel it is more important than ever to do what we can to remain open, to develop new initiatives that will support the school and to also find ways of communicating the magic of the Waldorf approach to a wide audience.

If anyone would like to support this initiative by making a donation, our fundraising page is here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/wn7s7-a-year-and-a-day>

NEW: Waldorf Wave – June Edition

From our friends at the School of Sophia: you can download your copy [here](#).

NEW: How to Make a Willow Nature Crown with Your Child

Lovely set of instructions from Backwoods Mama – Raising Outdoor Kids – click on the photo to follow link:



Information below has not changed since last week:

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.

Online Safety /NSPCC Helpline:

- [Online safety and coronavirus](#)
- [Upsetting coronavirus content online](#)
- [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