

## Newsletter Number 30



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is a sneak preview of our wonderful Community Hive, with additions from across the school. This is a beautiful reminder that every member of our school community brings something unique and of value, contributing to the whole, and that even within the current circumstances, we can find a sense of unity and togetherness. Huge thanks to Kelly and Stef for their support with this project (and for carefully sewing the pieces together!) and to everyone who has contributed. Once complete we will find a special place to hang it up in school.

Yesterday the government published new guidance outlining their plan for all schools to fully reopen in September ([LINK](#)). This guidance could be subject to further change. We will be working collaboratively, with support from SWSF and other advisors, as we plan towards fully reopening the school safely in September and will share more on this as things develop.

There are other updates, along with some end of year messages, thank-yous and goodbyes, that we would like to share before the end of term, so please look out for those next week. A general staffing update will be included.

Have a good weekend!

Warm wishes

Sarah Fox

## Term Dates

Last day of the summer term: since we are only in school Monday to Thursdays, the last day in school for both Kindergarten and the Lower School will now be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please note: due to the current circumstances, our End of Year Celebrations will of course need to take a different form this year, as we will not be able to welcome parents on site or have any large gatherings. Celebrations will take place within our learning bubbles and Class Teachers will be in touch to confirm details.**

Autumn Term start - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Kindergarten have a staggered start)

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the [school website](#).

## Whole School Messages/Community Updates

### Reminders: Distancing in the Car Park

Please note: if a child or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus then all members of their learning bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days, along with anyone else who has had contact with that person (in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance). During the school day we are taking great care to ensure the learning bubbles don't cross paths, and we really need your ongoing support in ensuring that this is not compromised within the carpark. **Please remember to head straight off once your child(ren) have been collected.** Thank you.

### NEW: Handwork Bags – a Gift for Class 1



This is the second year of a new CSS tradition: the class 4 children embroider a handwork bag as a welcome gift for the class 1s (and we added two for Pinetrees children who started this year). We would normally have presented them at a harvest of work, but last term's hurried ending didn't allow for that. So, this week we gathered on the patio in our bubbles as each class 1 child received their beautifully made gift. The joy on their faces was just delightful!

The class 4s enjoyed the project immensely and created unique beauty with such care and enthusiasm for each child.

### **NEW: Parent Craft Group gift to Snowdrops**

Dear All,

Despite the recent halt on our being able to meet in school, The Parent Craft Group has completed our final project of the year. Our original plan was to present this on the last day of term but as that is not possible, we will do it through the School Newsletter.



It is our pleasure to give to the Cambridge Steiner School's Parent & Child group, led by Emma Marshall, this needle felted seasonal tree and creatures. This was one of many things on her P&C wish list. We are proud to pass it on to grace the room when P&C is allowed to start up again. This has been made by a group of parents who had mostly never done any needle felting before and has become a skill that they really enjoy.

Parent Craft Group is a great way of meeting people and welcoming people to the school. It has provided the support needed for the Children's Craft activities at our wonderful Advent fair and it created the Waldorf 100 Trees & Bees Wall Hanging that graces reception. Since I joined and eventually led the group we have wet felted, needle felted, made cute pompom hedgehogs, made little 'wee Folk' like those on the wall hanging, sewn the wall hanging together, learnt crocheting, painted silk, painted peg people.....the list goes on!

It has been my pleasure to run the Parent Craft Group for the last 3 years at the Cambridge Steiner School. I would like to take this opportunity to call for someone to take on the role of leader for the Parent Craft Group, once it is allowed to start up again. When I first started

attending the Parent Craft Group it was run by Hellen Wilhurst. It was so nice to join with baby Isabella, to chat and to meet people who have become really good friends, and to have that cup of tea. It continued through Abi Harter leading before I finally took up the reins. Now the time has come to pass the reins on to someone else, so if there is a parent out there who would like to run the Parent Craft Group, please come forth!

The next leader can add their own skills and knowledge to the group and the community.

With best wishes,

Tina Tribe

#### **NEW: School Association AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The AGM of the School Association will now be held on the evening of 11th August as a Zoom meeting. (We had of course hoped that we would be able to hold this in person but there are certain formal administrative elements that need to be completed by the end of August. Whilst some charities have taken to cancelling their AGMs due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we understand that a recently held zoom AGM at one of our sister schools was quite successful. We hope you will be able to join us - wherever you may happen to be at the time! More information will follow.

#### **NEW: PRELUDE – The Foundations of Steiner Waldorf Education – Introductory Online Course 2020-2021**

In the coming school year the UK teacher training courses will collaborate to offer a completely new venture: a weekly online course offering an introduction to Steiner Waldorf Education, featuring many widely known speakers. This can precede a full training, or simply offer an opportunity to get to know where we come from, what we do and where we are going. There is a flyer attached, and you can get more details on programme, cost and contributors by clicking here: [www.aswte.org](http://www.aswte.org)

We are in touch with the course organisers about a group booking and establishing a local learning community of participants. Please contact me if you are interested in exploring this further: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

#### **Reminder: Next Open Morning on 11<sup>th</sup> July – flyer attached, please share widely**

We will be holding another open morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July (flyer attached). If you know anyone who may be interested in attending or finding out more about our school, please do share the flyer or put them in touch with Rebecca: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

#### **Reminder: Call Out for Support in the Garden over the Summer**

We have plans to develop our outdoor space (across the school) and would love to gather a team of people who would be interested and able to help support with this. If this is something you would be interested in getting involved with and can give some hours over the summer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [andor.vince@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:andor.vince@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk) to express an interest, if possible by the 6<sup>th</sup> July so we can start to plan.

#### **NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen – Recipe No. 10 - Cheesy Pasta**

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 10 attached.

### Reminder: Diversity and Inclusion Group

The Diversity and Inclusion group will continue to meet over the summer, please get in touch if you are interested in joining - Anne, [anne.patel@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:anne.patel@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

### Please keep in touch

- General enquiries, Bridget Crabb: [reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- Admissions, Rebecca Mitchell: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
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- Lower School, Sarah Fox: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- SEND, Charli Waller: [charlotte.waller@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

## Community Messages:

### Bike and Helmet needing a Home

The bike and helmet (pictured below) are looking for a new home in exchange for a small donation to the school. Please contact reception if you are interested: [reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)



### 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](mailto:suzieiloart@yahoo.co.uk).

### **Bushcraft and Craft Holiday Club with Andor – Going ahead - Places still available**

Andor's summer bushcraft and craft holiday club is **going ahead** from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. It will be run on the grounds of the school from 08:30 to 15:00. The cost is £35 per child per day with £25 for subsequent siblings. The children will engage in bushcraft activities and crafts using different natural materials including wood, willow and clay. The holiday club is open only to children who are attending our school and their siblings from ages 8 to 14. **Places still available** - Please e-mail [vinceandor@outlook.co.uk](mailto:vinceandor@outlook.co.uk) or send a message to 079 52635317 to book a place. Thank you. Please note that there are concessions available for families on low income.

### **Other Reminders/ Links:**

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.

### **COVID-19 Information 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>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- 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.