

10 January 2020

## Newsletter Number 12

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I very much hope that 2020 will be an OUTSTANDING year for Cambridge Steiner. The new year offers us an ideal opportunity to work together to increase what we offer every child, value every contributor and develop fresh ideas and initiatives. Let's make this a year of positive impact.

My new puppy Florrie had a fantastic Christmas chewing wrapping paper, knocking over the tree and opening other people's presents, and since I do get asked about her, I have included another photo of her – for those of you who are not interested, my apologies...

Amanda



### Welcome

..to new families who have joined us this term. We hope you and your children will be very happy at Cambridge Steiner School.

### Camera request

Does anyone have an old working digital camera that is not being used at home please, that they would consider donating to the school? Ideally, we would have one in each classroom, but we are not there yet. Thank you

## Important message: Tapeworms

There have been reported incidents of tapeworms in school. Tapeworms usually live in the intestines, causing tummy aches, diarrhea and discomfort. More seriously they can leave the intestine and make cysts in other organs including the brain. These cysts can cause seizures and serious health issues. Although cysts are rare, one should not be complacent with tapeworms.

You can purchase over the counter medication in pharmacies, but they have to be taken not only by the child, but by all members of the family at the same time. In addition, all bed clothes and towels have to be changed. Medication has to be taken every two weeks and the dosage adjusted if the parasite persists. If they persist for long enough, it is advisable to visit the GP.

Finally we would urge you to review your child's understanding of personal hygiene regarding hand washing. Children have to be made aware both at home and at school of proper hand sanitation, nails have to be short and brushed. And the WC has to be chlorinated after usage.

Please check your children for any evidence of these parasites and treat your whole family at the first sighting. Thank you.



## Choir

Choir started this week. It runs 8am Wednesdays (students only) and Thursdays (ALL welcome). Alto, sopranos, tenors, squeakers, warblers and growlers all welcome.



### Beginner Violin for Adults

Violin Group Lessons for Adults will be offered through the Mawson Road Community Orchestra in 2020. MRCO will be offering group violin lessons for adults on Sunday afternoons before the weekly orchestral rehearsal. These lessons lead directly into the MRCO orchestral program and will get you playing in no time! Lessons begin 12th January at 4:30pm. The lessons will be taught by Francine Maas. For more information or to book, please contact Francine

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### Fees

There are still a few outstanding fees invoices, and it's always better to come and chat to us if you think you may have difficulties covering your commitments. If you have any fees queries please do get back to Andrea Jarvis, Finance Officer [andrea@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:andrea@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk).



### Swim Lessons

We have an opportunity for swimming lessons at next door's pool on a Monday night at 5-6pm. The half hour swimming lessons are with a qualified instructor. You can come back to school for 5pm but there may also be an option to stay in school 3-5pm for After School Club (tea and games) depending on take up.

Swim £10 per session (booked for the term in advance)

Club and Swim £25



### Lunches this term

This term we are offering TWO options each day so that really there should be very few children not able to take up the hot lunch offered here every day. Please encourage your child wherever possible to share in school lunches with their classmates. By including a second option each day we hope to allow children to explore making food choices independently. **Signing up for lunches** will be allowed up to Thu 16 Jan at 3pm. If we don't hear from you we will assume your lunch choices remain unchanged from last term.

### Dates and events this term:

#### All parents invited (more info to follow):

January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm - Curriculum Talk – 'A Child's Journey from Class 1 to 8' led by David van Marle – all welcome

January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm- Raising Early Adolescents Series – with a focus on physical and sexual development of adolescents from age 10 to 14, led by Andor Vince – all welcome

February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm – Parent Evening 'The Challenge of Raising Children in the Digital Age' led by David van Marle – all welcome

February 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm – Harvest of Work – all welcome

April 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-3pm – Eurythmy harvest of work (please note change from 31<sup>st</sup> March) – all welcome

#### For the children (see festival schedule, more info will follow nearer each event):

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Candlemas – celebrated by Class 1-3 in their classes

February 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Week

February 25<sup>th</sup> – Carnival!

March 5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

### **SEN team**

Our SEN team is still growing and this week we welcome Ginnie Sullivan and Bethany Hart to the team. We are committed to reviewing the potential support needs of every child. Just now we are still working with the new timetable, and settling into the new term. Please do make an appointment to meet with me to discuss your child if you have any concerns.

### **Books with Love**

We really do need some extra support to keep the library progressing so please contact me if you have time (and a love of books) to offer. We'd like to see the shelves filled to overflowing with books and enthusiasm. Does this sound like something you can help us with?

### **Breakfast Club**

When I got here in September I was told the school was crying out for extended hours and so we offered an early start from this month. For now, we haven't had enough interest in Breakfast Club to make it viable. But if interest develops we will be very happy to re-consider.

As for an after school club, running Monday to Friday, we would need to hear from a considerable number of you before even running a trial. But it would still be helpful to know if it's something you were wanting or have been considering. In the meantime, please see my note (above) about Swim Lessons...

### **Maths club**

We would like to launch a Maths Club for those students who are enthralled and fascinated by all things mathematical. It won't be a catch up class for anyone who is struggling behind a little, but a club for enthusiasts. We would love to hear from any parent keen to help with this. Please talk to your child's Class Teacher if you have a mathematician needing a challenge.

### **Up for Debate?**

If there is any interest, I would be happy to run a 6 week series of All Age debating sessions starting in mid-January. The idea is that children (probably aged 10 plus) can join with

parents and other adults to talk about topics that affect us all. It would need some sensitive direction to keep the discussion age appropriate, but a challenge worth tackling where there are questions to be answered. Topics for debate would be agreed by the group. Drop me an email if it's something you'd like to do. I have had some interest already...

## **Volunteer needed**

We are in need of a volunteer for our Outdoor Programme, assisting Andor to deliver our fantastic Outdoor Education to the children. Hours: 1030-1515. Someone with a clean driving licence would be especially helpful. For more details or any offers of help please contact Sarah Fox or Andor himself. Thank you

## **Let us know**

With every new venture, there will be uncertainty. We can't know if our projects such as improving the library, trialling a Breakfast Club, swim lessons, and starting a Choir, are what you all want unless you tell us. So please do respond to the newsletter if you have something to say or suggest. Catch me in the corridor or book a time to come and see me, or email me if you prefer. Many thanks.

Best wishes

Amanda