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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

Last week our choir met for the first time. Our thanks to Francine, Kelly and the enthusiastic participants. Further new members very welcome.

This week we had a very helpful visit from Simon Birch, former Interim Head at St Paul's Steiner, and with further experience working with Michael Hall and York Steiner in School Improvement. Simon has very valuable expertise in Behaviour Management. I am of the view that inviting external advisors into school is a sign of strength, and being ready to learn and improve. We found Simon's input really helpful and encouraging. We are expecting him to join us again in a fortnight for further support and advice.

If you have skills or ideas to offer the school, please do get in touch at Amanda.kemp@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk



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



Choir

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

Craft Group

The Cambridge Steiner School Parent Craft Group meets once a week (currently Wednesdays) from drop off to 11.00am, in the Handwork room. We have recently lost a few members to other school commitments on a Wednesday so we are also open to changing the day...

All parents welcome regardless of craft ability! 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



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

The kitchen understands and respects the school's ethos for offering organic and vegetarian meals. However we cannot guarantee every meal is 100% organic because we can be let down by suppliers at the time of delivery and find the organic cucumbers, for example, have been substituted for non-organic ones. This has always been the case historically: we are keen to make sure we have been fully transparent about this.

We are also limited by poor uptake: with many families opting for less than 5 meals a week it is very difficult to achieve a fully-organic menu within our budget.

Our soups are thick and hearty and most definitely constitute a main meal, prepared with the same quality ingredients as our stews. You do not have to choose between the two options now: your children will be able to choose between the soup and the other option every day. You only need to book the days.

Dates and events this term:

All parents invited (more info to follow):

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

January 27th 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 10th at 7:30pm – Parent Evening 'The Challenge of Raising Children in the Digital Age' led by David van Marle – all welcome

February 13th from 2-3pm – Harvest of Work – all welcome

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

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

February 3rd – Candlemas – celebrated by Class 1-3 in their classes

February 10th – 14th – Safer Internet Week

February 25th – Carnival!

March 5th – World Book Day

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

Reduce your plastic

Twelve on Fulbourn High Street has started selling products to refill your plastic containers. They will refill shampoo, conditioner, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, fabric conditioner, liquid hand wash and toilet cleaner.

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

