

1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## Newsletter Number 3

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,



A HUGE thank you to everyone who came and worked together on Saturday. The fabric of the school matters very much but of course it is an old building and it needs constant attention, so the love you gave back to it is much appreciated. The quad garden looks much tidier and ready for the winter, and the school sign can be seen again from the top of Hinton Road, among other improvements. Thank you.

If you are keen to get involved in the work of the school, there are various ways in which parents and friends can contribute their time and experience. Drop me an email to find out more, please.

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### **SEND news**

I am very pleased to announce that Kelly Scott and Anna Wain have accepted the (shared) role of Acting SENCO. Sarah and I have already met with them both to discuss all the children on our radar and ensure we have appropriate provision for each child with additional needs. If you have a child with additional needs, whether recognized or unrecognized, and you have concerns you feel are not being met, please do make an appointment to speak with Kelly or Anna. Sarah and I will continue to be involved in these conversations wherever appropriate.

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Bridget and Catherine who joined our admin team this last week, and to Hitomi who joins the kitchen staff. Also to Phoebe who joined the kitchen recently. We know how very important our support staff are in making the whole school function.

## Café Canoe

There will be no café this week but we expect it to go ahead next week. We very much want to support this Class 6/7 venture, but last week it breached some Health & Safety requirements so we need to put some more robust measures in place before we proceed. Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the café – and your patience while normal service is interrupted.

## Community Children's Clothing/ Book Swap

Where? Community Room

When? Every Friday 8.45-9.15am

Who to contact for more information: Kelly Wawrzyniak

Kelly's email is kwawrzyniak@hotmail.co.uk

There is a real need for good quality clothing, especially for the older children. Books too very welcome. Thank you to Kelly for running this project with such enthusiasm and commitment.

## Greenwich Steiner School

Greenwich Steiner School warmly invites parents and students within the Steiner family to an Upper School Open Day on Saturday 12 October.

From September 2020, Greenwich Steiner School will begin Class 9 and offer a university-recognised qualification for students aged 15-18 – the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (NZCSE).

The open morning on 12th October is a chance to find out more about the Upper School curriculum and the NZCSE qualification, and to meet the teachers and ask questions.

To attend the open morning on Saturday 12th October, 2019, register at [www.greenwichsteinerschool.org.uk/open-day](http://www.greenwichsteinerschool.org.uk/open-day). The Upper School event starts at 11.15am and includes an informal buffet lunch for prospective students and parents interested in starting in September 2020. If you would like to receive news/announcements about our Upper School we have a blog ([www.greenwichsteinerschool.org.uk/upper-school-blog](http://www.greenwichsteinerschool.org.uk/upper-school-blog)) and a mailing list which we invite you to join.

## Home time

Reminder to all – it is not okay to go out and play in the garden after school

If children are making their own way home their parents need to have filled out a form, and children need to head straight out of school at the end of the day.



## Books with Love

Dear Parents,

Many of the books we have in school are getting quite old and well loved. We would like to refresh these and have an excellent selection of quality books available to the children. How can you help?

1. Donate any good quality books you may have at home.
2. Browse charity shops/boot sales for suitable books.
3. Purchase discounted new books to donate from websites like The Book People or Usborne books. The Book People is currently running a scheme that DONATES to your child's school when you buy books from them
4. Volunteer your time to help sort through new and old books.

Please don't forget: The books should be of good quality and 'Steiner' suitable. In addition to general fiction, we are particularly looking for: early reading books of different levels; books that represent people of different cultures; information books and dyslexia friendly books. Please let me know if you are buying new so we don't potentially get too many of the same books.

\*\*\*We are also looking for a few volunteers who can commit to regularly listen to individual children read \*\*\*

Please come and find me if you can offer your help or have books to donate.

Many thanks,  
Anna Wain (SEND dept. and mum to Holly and April)



## Some important points to remember please

### Car Park not for parents at drop off and pick up

The car park is not for use by parents at drop off and pick up. The car park is not large and is the only access for emergency vehicles.

Although it is a car park, it has to facilitate pedestrian use as well - please can we keep our children safe at all times, by holding hands and staying in view of cars.

I would suggest that if you are stopping to have a chat with friends, the grass area or the porch in front of the Community Room would be much safer than the car park.

### Climbing the Tree in the Car Park

Climbing the tree in the car park is not allowed.

### Safety in the Corridor

Adults and children please remember that running in the corridor is not allowed, so that we can keep everyone safe. Parents of younger Kindergarten children are asked to hold hands with their parents. Thank you.

### Morning Drop-off

School, for both kindergarten and lower school children, **starts at 8.30am** and children should be handed over to their teacher between 8.15am and 8.25am unless another arrangement has been agreed with your child's kindergarten teacher. Reception will not normally open until 8.15am, so if you arrive earlier than this, we would ask you to wait outside until that time. We appreciate your cooperation with this so we can ensure all children are safe when on school premises.

## TERM DATES 2019 – 2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	Work days - no school for all children
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	School Development Day - no school for all children
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	INSET Day - no school for all children
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	School reopens for Autumn Term
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Existing Rosebud and Elderflower Kindergarten start
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	New Kindergarten children start
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Last day of half term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Half term for all children <i>Enrichment week running 28<sup>th</sup> Oct–1<sup>st</sup> Nov</i>
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	School Development Day - no school for all children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	School Development Day - no school for all children
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	School starts for all children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Work day - no school for all children
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last day of term for kindergarten children
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Last day of term for lower school children

### Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	INSET Day - no school for all children
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	School reopens for Spring Term
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Last day of half term
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	School Development Day - no school for all children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Half term for all children
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	School starts for all children
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Last day of term
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	INSET Day - no school for all children
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	School Development Day - no school for all children

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	School reopens for Summer Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	May Day Bank Holiday - no school for all children
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Last day of half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	Half term for all children
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Work day - no school for all children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	School starts for all children
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Last day of term for kindergarten children
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Last day of term for lower school children
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Work days - no school for all children

## Policy Update

The new 2019 update of our Safeguarding Policy is up on our website.

## Vacancies

There are a number of part time roles in school as yet filled, all up on our website. If you know someone who may be interested in these, please do pass on our website address. Thank you.

Best wishes

Amanda

