

9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Newsletter Number 4

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

It's a beautiful October Wednesday and I hope you and your families are all well and able to enjoy the weather and the season. No doubt the coughs and colds will hunt us down soon enough...

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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### Music

We are currently looking into the feasibility of extending the Music Programme at Cambridge Steiner School, so it would be really helpful to know what parents (and children) think we need in particular. Please do drop me an email or write me a letter, and I undertake to consider every suggestion (and reply to all).

### Café Canoe

As I write this, the café is due to open again in a few hours' time. Please do go along and support the children of Class 6/7 and enjoy tea and cake.

### Harvest of Work – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm in the Hall

At 2pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October we have our first 'Harvest of Work' of the year. These usually take place on the last school day of each half term. The children of the Lower School will present/demonstrate examples of their work as a 'harvest'. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome – and prospective families too.

## Menu Change after Half Term

We sent out a letter this week informing you of a change to the menu on Mondays and an opportunity for you to alter your booking for your child's lunch. After this, alterations to bookings will only be able to happen before the start of term and not throughout the year.

## Cyber Security

Please take extra care when emailing fellow parents, staff or external contacts and make sure you haven't revealed the email addresses of others included in the thread. We have had a spate of emails recently from parents where they have cc'd in a whole heap of other people, which breaches Data Protection.

We have an obligation to protect your information, and we try very hard, so if you ever feel we have ourselves breached this, please do let us know.



## 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.

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)

### **Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October**

You should by now have received from the trustees an invitation by email to a meeting next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you do not have this email, it suggests you might have dropped off our contacts list, so let us know please.

### **First Aid**

Well done to all those staff, volunteers and parents who qualified recently as First Aiders. It's good to see how many confident First Aiders we could call upon, should the need ever arise (although of course we hope it never will!)

### **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 unfilled, 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

