

16th October 2019

Newsletter Number 5

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

Half term is nearly upon us and I certainly hope you all enjoy the break.

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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Thank You

Thank you to all those of you who turned out last night to the Community Meeting. There was an opportunity to hear my Report on work achieved so far and our plans going forward, updates from Beate and Sarah, and then those all-important questions. If you were unable to attend the meeting and still have questions, please email me or book a time to meet with me.

Music

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

Harvest of Work – Friday 18th October 2-3pm in the Hall

At 2pm on Friday 18th 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.

New Projects to get your teeth into

If you haven't yet found a way to share more fully in the life of the school, perhaps one of these opportunities appeals...

SEN resource making – if you are interested in getting together with like-minded friends of the school, we would love your handwork attention turned to the SEN department and resources we could be making. Please contact Kelly Scott (Joint SENCO)

Maths Club – if there is sufficient interest in a Maths club, I will see what we can arrange to meet the needs of those children who are tantalized by Maths and want to go further than lesson time allows. This would not be a club for those struggling with numeracy though: we would expect to meet their needs in lesson time.

Furniture scouts – we have a need for some traditional desks and a couple of other items, which means scouring the second hand shops, and we have some pieces of furniture to give back to the wider community. If anyone is able to help orchestrate this that would be hugely appreciated. Van not required.

Chess Club – We have been asked to explore the resurrection of the Cambridge Steiner Chess Club. Does anyone out there have an interest in running this, please? We are also making enquiries...



Books with Love

We have already had a few offers come in, thank you. 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 come and find me or Anna Wain if you can offer your help or have books to donate. Sharing stories is something to be treasured for a lifetime. With your help we can make our library exciting and joyful again.

Letter from Sara Hunt

Dear Parents, Pupils, Colleagues and Friends,

I have been training hard over the last few months preparing myself to run The Beachy Head Marathon. This is one of the toughest marathons in the UK as it is off road and full of magnificently big hills!! The views are going to be amazing but it is going to be a very gruelling run I am sure.

To keep me motivated along the way I am asking if you would donate something to Cambridge Steiner School so that during the coming year we can fund a Eurythmy performance for the children. Eurythmy is fundamental to the Steiner curriculum and all the children have a weekly lesson, but to support this further it would be wonderful for the children to see Eurythmy in all its glory as a performing art. There are professional artistic touring groups whom I would love to perform at the school but this needs to have financial support.

It would be incredible if we could raise £300 so any donation would be greatly appreciated.

To donate please use the following link (gf.me/u/v3f95t) or hand in donations to the front desk where there is a sponsorship form.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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With all best wishes

Sara Hunt

Eurythmy Teacher

Oberufer Shepherds Play Needs a Cast

We are seeking out teachers, parents and friends of the school to participate in this year's performance of the **Oberufer Shepherd's Play on Friday 13th December 14.00hrs.**

It is our special gift to the children as we draw near to Christmas. The performance of this play is a wonderful tradition upheld in many Steiner schools across the world.

If you want to join us in acting, singing, playing an instrument, doing the lighting or helping us out with costumes, we would love to hear from you! No former experience is required!

Please email stef.faloon@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk to pass on your interest, or speak to Stef, David or Sarah directly if you would like to know more about getting involved. If you would like to see a copy of the script of the play, please ask at Reception. We will start rehearsing after the October half term break.

We will need Mary, Joseph, Angel, Shepherds, Innkeepers – and a Star singer. Some parts are singing and are bigger, others like the innkeepers and the 4th shepherd, very small parts.

We try and keep the preparations for the play a secret from the children, to heighten their anticipation and add to their surprise on the day; we would appreciate your support in this. Taking part in the Shepherd's Play is a fun and social experience and the joy it brings to the children makes every rehearsal worthwhile.

Stef Faloon (Class 4 Teacher): stef.faloon@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Enrichment Week

You may have noticed in the school calendar that we have an 'Enrichment Week' planned for the second week of the half term (week commencing 28th October). The idea behind this programme is to provide a holiday club, based at the school, for the children of families requiring childcare during the longer half term break.

Planning for this initiative has proved challenging, as we have struggled to get adequate staffing in place. We have therefore reached out to some external providers and we are pleased to share that we have something exciting to offer. Apologies for it being so very last minute. There is a letter going out with this newsletter.

Vacancies

There are still some 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

