

Newsletter Number 6

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. While you were on holiday some important maintenance took place. The kitchen has had a new coat of paint, to prevent the risk of flaking paint in a food preparation environment. We have had a refurbishment of the girls' toilet cubicles. Anna has started our new Library, and she and Kelly have been working hard to create a more welcoming environment for those children coming out of lessons for SEN support.

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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Excitement in the Car Park



During half term there was some excitement when two fire appliances and two teams of fire fighters turned up to run a practice drill with staff (and using dummies) from the Pool next door to us. Just in case any of you passed by and wondered what was happening...

Car Park

Please remember that our parking spaces in the car park are only for staff. Driving into the car park to drop off children in a relatively confined space adds considerably to the risk for pedestrians.



Warm Feet Appeal

We have been in touch with Jimmy's Shelter in Cambridge and for our Christmas Appeal we will be collecting gifts of NEW socks for homeless people using the Cambridge shelter over Christmas. Please do join us in this by purchasing warm socks (thermal are perhaps most useful at this time of year) and sending them in. The children will be encouraged to wrap the socks and send a message of kind wishes to the recipient. If you decide to wrap socks at home, please add a small label identifying whether the socks are for men or women and the shoe size. Socks are easily affordable at Pound shops and similar, so this should be an appeal we can all get behind. We will need all socks in and wrapped by Monday 9th December at the latest please.

Harvest of Work

On Friday 18th October we had our first 'Harvest of Work' of the year. What a wonderful expression of the beauty of Steiner education. Thank you to all the Classes for sharing with us your very busy half term of work.

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

Our library is starting to look loved and cared for again. Huge thanks to Anna Wain but also those parents who have offered their help. 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 will make our library exciting and joyful again.

Sara Did It!



A huge congratulations to Sara, our wonderful Eurythmy teacher, who ran the formidable Beachy Head Marathon last Saturday raising money to bring a professional Eurythmy performance to the children of our school. So far we have raised £200 and it would be amazing if we could reach our target of £300!! Please follow the easy link below to make a donation! THANK YOU!!!

https://www.gofundme.com/f/eurythmy-cambridge-steiner-school?pc=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=cd6de386801c4b7ab009fc7afb2f51e3

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.

Emails

We are aware that some parents consider we are sending too many emails and we really want to get this right for you all. Other parents have complained at us sending out printed letters, or not sending out a printed version and expecting you to find a printer if there is a form/slip for you to complete. If you could please bear with us while we try and find the best solution that will suit at least the majority.

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

