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Newsletter Number 9

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Others,

It was lovely to see the school so full of visitors and school families on Saturday. The Advent Fair has raised £3250.70 so far, which is a fantastic boost to school funds. Thank you to everyone who sold, bought, told stories, dipped candles, visited the gnomes' grotto, listened to the Open Mic performers, munched hot dogs or any of the other things on offer on the day. It was a wonderful reflection of the Steiner community getting together, and welcoming visitors.

There are still some Floris books, and crafts available, as well as some of Class One's jars of mincemeat, so you have another opportunity to buy...



Craft, honey and book sale

Monday 2nd December 3pm, Community Room.

This is a chance for parents and staff to browse our Parent Craft Group crafts, look at some remaining books from the Advent fair, honey and pure beeswax . Everyone welcome

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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Choir

Well done to the String Orchestra Club

On Saturday 23rd November the String Orchestra Club performed their debut concert at the Advent Fair. The string orchestra club began in September as an opportunity for the new string students to play together and develop their performance and ensemble abilities. The children rehearse from 3:30-5pm every Thursday afternoon and have worked extremely hard this term. Their performance included several of the pieces they have been working on throughout the term, as well as Silent Night and Jingle Bells which they learned especially for the occasion. Many students also performed solos on various instruments which were very good. I am very proud of how far the children have come in their music, especially since they only began learning in June. Well done everyone!

Student Choir

The school would like to offer a choir for interested students. The proposed rehearsal times are 8-8:30am on Wednesdays, and potentially, also 8-8:30am on Thursdays (if there is interest). The choir will be an opportunity for students to learn songs and sing together regularly, prepare for and perform at school events, develop their vocal, ensemble and note reading skills, and have fun. The choir will be directed by Francine Maas. There is no fee for the choir club.

Please email Francine at francinemaas@gmail.com for further information or to sign up.

Adult Choir

We are additionally looking at the prospect of beginning an adult choir beginning in the Spring term. This would be open to all staff, parents and other members of the Cambridge Steiner School community. We are looking for input from the community to see (1) if there is interest; (2) which day and time would suit most people, and (3) what sort of music people would like to sing? Please email Francine at francinemaas@gmail.com to give your feedback.

Best wishes,
Francine

Fees

There are still a few outstanding fees invoices, and we really do need to settle the term's accounts. If you have any fees queries please do get back to Andrea Jarvis, Finance Officer andrea@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Parent and Child

We are very glad to see Emma back with us this week. Looking ahead to next year, we would really like to build our Parent & Child programme. Are there any families you know who might like a free taster session? We have leaflets at Reception and we will be promoting it on Facebook, as well as giving a greater focus on it on our website. Many families with children in school today started their Steiner journey at Parent & Child, and we would like to see 2020 as a year of growth for these sessions.



Warm Feet Appeal

For our Christmas Appeal we are collecting gifts of NEW socks for homeless people using the Cambridge shelter over Christmas. Please do join us in this by purchasing warm socks and sending them in. The idea is to wrap the socks and send a message of kind wishes to the recipient. Donations of paper and ribbons would also be welcome to make sure every gift looks special. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

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. **We will need all socks in and wrapped by Monday 9th December at the latest please.**

Winter Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club - sign up now for January!!

In response to parents' requests, we are happy to run a trial Breakfast Club in January. However, it won't happen if you don't book.

Porridge & fruit - Monday to Thursday
Eggs and toast - Fridays only
Supervised games and activities in the hall
0730-0830
£9 per session for January 2020

If you are interested in a place for your child at Breakfast Club we need you to sign up for it so we can see if it is viable. We will trial it for the month, and take a decision based on take up and feedback. **Please email andrea@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk to register interest**

If there is sufficient interest we will also look to launch a Teatime Club 3pm to 5pm in the Spring.



Kitchen market on Fridays in December

CSS Kitchen Specials now available to order: order Mon to Wed for Friday collection. Our initial offering will be

Cakes: two sizes, three options

Decorated Birthday cakes: two sizes, three options

Crumble - a CSS favourite, two sizes

Vegetarian Lasagne

Supercharged Cookie Bags

Make your family weekend (or party) a little easier by ordering some CSS Specials in advance - and help school funds. Price lists will be out later this week



We are running this *initially for December only* so your support of this venture will really help decide its future.

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, 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