

Newsletter Number 4

*'Brave and true
Will I be
Each good deed
Sets me free
Each kind word
Makes me strong
I will fight
for the right
I will conquer the wrong'*

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week across the school, with our hard-working and heart-warming Michaelmas festivities as our focus (see more below).

St Michael, who is described as the Guiding Spirit of our era, invites us to acknowledge the darkness and fear (dragon) and take courage and awaken our inner strength and light (to face and subdue the dragon).

Have a good weekend!

Warm wishes

Sarah Fox



*Community Evening 13th October
Advent Fair planning - could you help?*

Michaelmas Time

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Other reminders/general information

Dates for the Diary

Our **Community Evening** will take place on **Tuesday 13th October at 7:30pm** Please save the date. The evening will be hosted by the trustees and school leadership team and will provide an update on our school development plans. The meeting will most likely take place on zoom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday 28th November - Advent Fair - we will need to get creative this year, to make sure that we adhere to covid-19 guidelines and keep everyone safe. If you have any ideas and/or would be **interested in being part of a team to work on this**, then please do get in touch: sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk We are exploring teaming up with *Fulbourn Arts*, as they have their Winter Festival the same day.

Half Term dates: 19th-30th October, school resumes Nov 2nd - [Term Dates for 2020-2021](#)

Whole School Messages

Michaelmas Time

Under leaden skies our Michaelmas festival turned a little inward this year, but was no less full for that, with the children making dragon bread and fire smoked soup, autumnal wall hangings and Michael cards and striving courageously through the chair and bench forest in pursuit of the water and seeds they needed. They heard the story of brave Princess Potentilla, sang their stirring Michael songs and, for their Michaelic deed wrote cards of kind words for the people in our local residential home. Awakened to the beauty of autumn and to the power of working together, we enter the approaching winter dark with courage and optimism.

Paul White, Class 6 Teacher



In kindergarten we celebrated Michalemas by working together in the garden, preparing the earth, planting bulbs and vegetables that the parents kindly offered, sieving the compost...Both Rosebud and Elderflower kindergartens shared the wonderful Michaelmas Circle Time and puppet show, made vegetable soup and dragon breads, then ended the day sharing a yummy apple crumble.

Renata Stenczel, Rosebud Class Teacher



News from Admissions

We held our first Open Day of the year on Saturday 26th September. The day was fully booked and we did small group tours in line with government guidelines. All the visitors were very impressed with the wonderful provision we are able to offer and we have already received a number of applications from families who are keen to join the school. Some would very much like to join after half term so do keep an eye out for them so we can make them feel as welcome as possible. We will continue to safely welcome prospective families over the coming months, with plans including another Open Day on Saturday November 7th. I will be sending out publicity materials to share with friends and family over the coming few weeks.

We are also delighted to be working on a virtual tour film, which will give families from further afield an opportunity to see the incredible range of learning experiences that the school has to offer. A special thanks to Simon, who helped to make it happen, the brilliant production company who worked so well with us, and all the children, staff and parents who provided some amazing content for the film. The parent interviews were especially wonderful, and I hope that we can do more of these in the future to use on our website and social media. They would give prospective parents a great insight into the many positive experiences that our families have. If there is anything in particular you feel you would like to contribute, please don't hesitate to let me know. All your feedback is most welcome.

Pick up and Drop off - Road safety

Just a reminder: please don't park on the double yellow lines on the road outside school, and take care at the junction. Thank you.

Reminder: Flu Vaccine

If you would like to take this up, please remember to 'opt in'. There is absolutely no pressure for your child to receive the vaccination and if you'd prefer not to formally 'opt out' and provide the required details, it is absolutely fine to simply not respond.

Covid-19 Reminder

Please inform the school if you or your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). You are advised to get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Contributions to the Newsletter

If there are things you would like to contribute to the school newsletter, please contact reception: reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Community Messages

Bikes for Sale



Bakfiets family Cargo Bike



Isla Bike aged 3-5 years

Contact Lima Rose (parent to Laike and Lotus): 07788 795827 limaloverose@gmail.com

Messages below have not changed since last week:

Other Reminders/ Links

Online Parent Conference/Tell Me A Story - November 5th-8th

[Re-Imagining Education Through Storytelling Creativity & The Art of the Imagination - Come Join Us!](#)

A 3.5 day transformational learning experience online, exploring how storytelling, creativity & the art of the imagination can empower the next generation with the resilience, creativity and well-being they need to thrive, even in uncertain times. Let's create a new narrative for education, together.

Seeking possible drivers for the School Bus

We are exploring various options to support families needing transport to and from school. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in driving the bus for the morning and home run, please get in touch with reception so we can follow up. Thanks.

Support Links

If you're worried about your **child's anxiety**, YoungMinds is a charity dedicated to children's mental health. They've opened a [parents' helpline](#) for confidential, expert advice. You can reach them at 0808 802 5544. They can also give advice on supporting children and young people through **grief and loss**, click [HERE](#) for more details. [Winston'sWish](#) and [HopeAgain](#) are two other organisations which can offer support. For younger children, a therapeutic story may help, Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varney, is a lovely example.

Covid-19 Information and Links

We encourage you to keep up to date with the latest developments and continue to follow government guidelines. Useful links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- NHS: [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

Please remember to inform reception if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, and get tested (more info on testing [HERE](#)) – please let the school know immediately if your child tests positive for Coronavirus.

Please keep in touch

If you have any questions or concerns directly relating to your child, please do contact your class teacher in the first instance.

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