

Newsletter Number 6



Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you again to all parents who made it along to the Community Evening on Tuesday. For those who weren't able to attend, **please do read the follow up letter** that went out on Wednesday. Thank you again for the support shown on Tuesday evening and to those who have followed up with us since then. Thank you also to everyone who has taken the time to share feedback via the Parent Survey. If you've not yet managed to do so, we would really appreciate hearing from you - [LINK TO SURVEY](#). Have a lovely weekend!
Warm wishes
Sarah Fox

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Dates for the Diary

Saturday 28th November - Advent Fair - plans for this year's fair are starting to come together, including some collaboration with *Fulbourn Arts* as they have their Winter Festival the same day. 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: rebecca.mitchell@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk.

Martinmas celebrations will take place across the school the week of the 11th November. More details will follow after half term.

Half Term dates: 19th-30th October, school resumes November 2nd

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the [school website](#).

Whole School Messages

Curriculum Talks

On Tuesday evening David presented a curriculum talk on the Middle School years. A recording of the talk will be available soon for anyone who missed it. He will lead another parent talk on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:30pm with a focus on the Upper School curriculum and development. Zoom details to follow.

Open Morning – Saturday 7th November (poster attached)

Please encourage friends and family to come along, especially any families who would benefit from the Lower School. Spread the word about our lovely school and our wonderful enriching education.

Late Afternoon Provision in Kindergarten

Since the beginning of September our Early Years Department has increased the provision to late afternoons from 3–5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children can join for either two or three days. At the moment, five children are attending on a regular basis. It is great that children from all three kindergartens, including some 2-year-olds from Buttercups, can come together.

We have established a good rhythm that seems to work well for the children. After washing hands, a nice hot porridge with stewed apples or honey helps the children to settle down. This is usually accompanied by happy chatting, wonderful rhyming or little stories. The free play that follows has shown the creative, imaginative capacities that the 2–6 year olds bring. The children often make their own props for play. After tidy time we get dressed to spend some time outside on the 'Crocodile' before singing our afternoon song and saying Goodbye.

From a teacher's perspective, the afternoon is usually a calm and happy time for the children, which enriches their experiences in many ways.

If you are interested in a place, please fill in the attached form or speak to me to find out more.

Beate Guertler-Green, beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Enrichment Week Update

Due to the low response for take up of our enrichment week sessions we are sadly unable to run any groups next week. We would really like to develop our arrangements for this week in the future as we appreciate the need that some families have in terms of childcare for this longer half term break. Please could all parents take a few minutes to complete this feedback form to help us as we plan ahead for the next academic year: [LINK TO SURVEY](#).

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

Fulbourn Nature Reserve Work Parties - Winter 2020/2021

Organised by the Wildlife Trust and run by the local Volunteer Wardens, the work party dates are:

Sunday 8 November Sunday 6 December

Sunday 3 January Sunday 14 February Sunday 14 March

As usual, meet at the entrance to the Reserve at the car park at the end of Stonebridge Lane at 10.00am. Please wear strong boots and gloves, and suitable clothes - the ground may be wet. Due to the pandemic, no refreshments will be provided, so please bring your own flask and snacks. Government guidelines on distancing etc will be adhered to, and all supplied equipment will be cleaned before being issued. Please also bring your own face mask and hand sanitiser for use as necessary to ensure safety in all circumstances.

Only 5 volunteers will be allowed, so it is necessary to book your place in advance. You will find a copy of the Wildlife Trust Volunteer Form attached to this email, which should be completed and sent to Peter Montgomery (pete.hazlett@gmail.com) ideally at least a week before the day.

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

Day of the Dead - online workshop

Puppet show and hands on activities with La Abuela Chavela. Abuela Chavela is a funny Mexican grandma that brings stories to children all around the world. This time she comes with her favourite tale: Dia de Los Muertos / Day of the Dead!!

Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition where we remember and honour our deceased loved ones, there is nothing spooky about it! It is pure love, joy and life. Come and discover the true meaning of this day whilst enjoying a story and a craft activity.

Book your place at embodiedtheatre.com@gmail.com

£12 per participant. For children aged 5 to 11 years old. Limited places to 12 children per workshop (minimum of 7) will run via zoom. Main material will be sent by post. There will be two separate workshops - one in English on the 31st of October and one in Spanish (for Spanish speaking children) on the 1st of November. Run by Mexican actor Gabriela Garcia (<https://www.embodiedtheatre.com/about.html>)

Other Reminders/ Links



Parent and Baby/Child Groups - Looking for Woodland

Our Parent & Baby/Child Groups have moved to the outdoors! Sessions are currently taking place at Wandlebury and Fulbourn Fen. There are still some spaces available for next half term, and there is the possibility of opening more groups, so please do spread the word. We are wondering if there might be someone within the community who has a piece of land with a wooded area that we may use without incurring a charge? If so please contact Emma at pandc@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Class 7/8 Projects - Seeking Mentors

Calling all ANIMATION producers, rock CLIMBERS and SONG WRITERS!

Class 7/8 MENTORS WANTED!!

In Class 7/8 the students undertake a large, year long, independent project in their chosen area of interest. The project requires them to learn a new skill or develop an area of interest. Each student should have a mentor with whom they can meet on a regular basis to help support and guide them. **If you think you could be a good mentor and know about any of the above areas of interest (or know someone who could), please get in touch with me: jody@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk**

Do you think you could spare an hour to inspire our future generations?

As part of our PHSEE curriculum and our investment in young people's futures, we would like to offer as much first hand knowledge about career paths and choices as possible. **We would welcome visitors who would be willing to talk to our students about their own career choices and jobs.** If you can spare an hour, please get in touch:

jody@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk - Thank you!

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.

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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