

1st May 2020**Newsletter Number 22**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue our journey through this period of uncertainty, I find comfort and joy in seeing new buds on the trees, the blossoms coming into flower with the promise of future fruits. This symbol of hope is reflecting in the feedback we have received from families, inspired by fresh insights into the underpinnings of the Steiner Waldorf pedagogy and curriculum that they have received from teachers during this time. I hope that we will experience the fruits of these discoveries as we continue to develop new ways of sharing and growing together as a community.

On plans for reopening schools, Secretary of State Gavin Williamson has said that the Department will work with the sector to decide when the time is right, and there's no set date for this yet. We are putting together implementation plans for various possible scenarios for reopening, which we will share in due course. You may be aware that proposals are being made for a 'staggered' start for schools reopening. Although we cannot say anything for certain until the government's plans are formally announced, with the appropriate measures in place to safeguard our pupils and staff, due to the size and nature of our education (in particular our access to the outdoors) we would hope to re-open the whole school from the outset. We will of course be in touch with any updates on the matter as soon as we know anything more.

Please do continue to keep in touch; we really value your feedback on what is working well for you, or if there are things we could be doing better or that you would appreciate support with or further information about.

Please continue to follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#) (recently updated). Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Best wishes,
Sarah Fox

Dates

Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 25th May til Monday 1st June – school resumes Tuesday June 2nd

Last day of the summer term: Kindergarten Thursday 9th July; Lower School Friday 10th July

Autumn Term start - Thursday 3rd September (Kindergarten have a staggered start)

Whole School Messages/Community Updates

NEW: Letter from Simon Birch - attached

NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen No. 2 – Tahini Chocolate Biscuits

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 2 attached.

NEW: Spread the Word / Publicity Group

We are planning a publicity drive for the school and would love for all families to get involved. If, however, you feel you'd like to take a more active role and join our publicity group (or even if you just have some ideas you'd like to share), please contact Rebecca Mitchell: rebecca.mitchell@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Reminder: Lockdown Blossoms – A Spring Collection

The school will be creating a book, which we will print and bind when we are all back together. Children across the school are being asked to make and share creative works.

The theme is SPRING. Work can include:

- Drawings
- Paintings
- Stories
- Poems
- Puzzles
- Flower pressings
- Descriptive observations of the changes they perceive as they go for their walks
- Comics
- Anything else they think of

Please upload any contributions the child wants to make to Google Classroom or email direct to: lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk. Multiple entries welcome.

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

COVID-19

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/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Other Reminders/ Links:

NEW: Meaningful May – action calendar from ‘action for happiness’ – attached

NEW: NHS Information Page – [What parents need to know about COVID-19](#)

NEW: Parenting in a Pandemic: Helping You Be The Parent You Want To Be Right Now

School of Sophia are hosting a 6-week online course to speak so your children will listen, feel safe & supported, & return your home to the sanctuary it's meant to be -even whilst juggling work & "school" from home. For more info click [HERE](#). Early bird pricing if you sign up before 7th May and use discount code **BIRTHDAY50** for a further discount.



NEW: Audible are offering a collection of stories free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet, during the school closure. Explore the collection and start listening at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

NEW: [A Walking Guide to the Fulbourn Area](#)

NEW: Local News - Food Hub Cherry Hinton

St Andrew's Church and the Cherry Hinton Residents Association, who are jointly running the 'What will Help' Cherry Hinton Covid 19 Emergency Response, have been asked by the City Council to get a 'food hub' into Cherry Hinton. **Wednesdays and Saturdays 2-4pm** The Community Fridge at St Andrews will be open to all, no referrals needed and will be stocked with an admittedly random selection of whatever is surplus in local shops or catering businesses. We will almost always have some bread and fresh fruit and veg, and will also try to stock basic toiletries. We will be stocking frozen ready meals for those who have difficulty cooking. Bring your own bag please!!

With this hub we will also be able to receive direct donations of popular dry goods or toiletries (within sell by date) which can be delivered to the back Church Centre door from 1-2pm on Wed and Sat.

Want to do your bit to help those who are struggling? Financial donations to this local cause can be made via the Resident's Association website: www.cherryhinton.com.

5 Golden Keys, by Helle Heckmann: Sleep, Movement, Food, Rhythm and Love – here is a [link](#) to some parenting workshops by Helle Heckmann exploring these themes.

Floris Books blog: - <https://www.florisbooks.co.uk/blog/2020/03/24/resources-for-parents/>

Simplicity Parenting [HOME PAGE](#) and [PODCAST](#)

Stories for Children in Times of Trouble - [The Little Prince](#) installments

[Talking to Children about COVID 19](#)

Post pictures and stories to the residents at Home Close, Cow Lane, Fulbourn CB21 5HB

Online Safety:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Our IT specialist John Timperio has offered to help families set up parental controls for a small fee, please contact him directly to arrange this: john@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk

Please keep in touch

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