

## Newsletter Number 24



*Children come and dance with me  
Both my hands I give to thee  
Right foot first, left foot then  
Round and round and back again*

*With my feet I tap tap tap  
With my hands I clap clap clap  
Right foot first and left foot then  
Round and round and back again*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Though we won't be joining one another dancing around the maypole tomorrow (or sharing delicious delicacies from our multi-cultural feast!) we remain connected as a community journeying on together through this period of unknown. Keeping the flame of our 'togetherness' burning through this time of separation is not always easy; let's keep reaching out to one another, and please do let your class teachers know if you have any more ideas or feedback on how we can help. Below you will find an update on the possible phased reopening of schools, as well as some other information and reminders. Attached is a letter from Simon Birch, outlining some key developments across the school, please do take the time to read this through.

Please continue to follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#). 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

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

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

Autumn Term start - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (Kindergarten have a staggered start)

## Whole School Messages/Community Updates

### **NEW: Possible phased school reopening**

All parents should have received a letter on Wednesday outlining our initial response to the government's announcement on Sunday. This letter, along with other updates related to COVID-19 can be found on our school website:

<https://cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk/wp1/coronavirus-info/>

Your class teacher may have already been in touch asking if you could please fill out this survey to help aid our planning for the possible reopening of schools:

<https://forms.gle/pnoEZWtyaSHg2RyE8>

If you could complete this by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May that would be really helpful. Thank you.

The Department for Education (DfE) continues to release more guidance day by day.

Guidance for parents and carers as schools and other education settings in England open to more children and young people can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

SWSF has issued a request to the DfE for clarification about the scope for implementing the Guidance of 11 May 2020 flexibly in Steiner Schools. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May SWSF are hosting a network meeting online for school leaders to discuss the current government proposals and guidance for school re-openings in England, but also to consider longer term planning for a safe return to school for our children and families across the UK. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates.

### **NEW: Recipes from the Kitchen No. 4 – One Bowl Banana Bread**

Simple recipes which you can enjoy making with your children - Recipe No. 4 attached.

### **Reminder: Feedback on Home Learning**

Thank you to everyone who has given feedback. There is still time to let us know your thoughts, please follow the link below to contribute. We look forward to hearing from you.

<https://forms.gle/FQoc8gFYMMS9uyM18>

### **Reminder: Spread the Word / Publicity Group**

If 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](mailto:rebecca.mitchell@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

**Reminder: Lockdown Blossoms** - Please upload any contributions the child wants to make to Google Classroom or email direct to: [lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:lockdownblossoms@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk). Multiple entries welcome.

### Please keep in touch

- General enquiries, Bridget Crabb: [reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:reception@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- Admissions, Rebecca Mitchell: [admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:admissions@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
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- Early Years, Beate Guertler-Green: [beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:beate.guertler-green@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)
- Lower School, Sarah Fox: [sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk](mailto:sarah.fox@cambridge-steiner-school.co.uk)

### 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](mailto: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: DfE announcement - Preparations for national thank a teacher day – on Wednesday 20 May** we are celebrating teachers, senior leaders, support staff and all those working in education settings who are making a difference to their schools and communities during the coronavirus outbreak.

The Department for Education is working in partnership with the Teaching Awards Trust which has produced a set of resources including a Thank a Teacher toolkit containing graphics, images and frames for social media that you're free to use.

The Thank a Teacher Toolkit is available here:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Thank-a-Teacher-Day-2020-Tool-Kit.pdf>

Information below has not changed since last week:

**Reminder:** 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.

**Online Safety /NSPCC Helpline:**

The NSPCC has updated the online safety content for parents and carers on its website to include new advice on talking to your child about online safety and upsetting coronavirus content online.

Visit the NSPCC website: [Online safety and coronavirus](#); [Upsetting coronavirus content online](#)

The NSPCC has also launched a government funded campaign to raise awareness of their helpline, which provides free support for anyone who's worried about a child. [0808 800 5000](#)

Watch the campaign video: [Still here](#)

Find out more about the helpline: [NSPCC helpline](#)

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

**Parenting in a Pandemic: Helping You Be The Parent You Want To Be Right Now** - For more info click [HERE](#).

**Audible** – stream stories for free <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

**Getting out and about:** [A Walking Guide to the Fulbourn Area](#)

**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